

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st MAY 2015 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Smith
Cllr Fenemore
Cllr Swinburne
Cllr Roy
Cllr Hornsey
Cllr Lightfoot
Cllr Churchfield
Cllr Fealey (District Council)
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public

59. Election of Chairperson

It was proposed that Cllr Smith be appointed as Chairman

Proposed: Cllr Roy Seconded: Cllr Fenemore. Agreed

60. Election of Vice Chairperson

It was proposed that Cllr Fenemore be appointed as Vice Chairman

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Smith. Agreed

61. Acceptance of Office

Cllr Smith accepted office as Chairman

Cllr Fenemore accepted office as Vice Chairman

62. Apologies

None

63. Declarations of Interest

None

64. Co-Opting of Parish Councillors

It was proposed that Sarah Churchfield be co-opted to the Parish Council as a Parish Councillor.

Proposed: Cllr. Smith Seconded: Cllr. Fenemore Agreed

It was proposed that Tricia Lightfoot be co-opted to the Parish Council as a Parish Councillor.

Proposed: Cllr. Smith Seconded: Cllr. Fenemore Agreed

65. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd April 2015

It was proposed that the minutes be accepted and a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Roy Seconded: Cllr Fenemore Approved

66. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 38 - The litter bin has been installed at the recreation field

Item 48 - The playground safety inspections have been received and will be placed on the agenda in June for consideration there being no immediate action required. It was noted that no concerns have been raised regarding the safety surface at the school playground.

Item 55 - The footpath walk is to take place on Saturday 23rd May 2015

Item 55 - A response has not been received regarding the inappropriate fencing of a grave in the cemetery. This will be followed up. **Action: Clerk**

Item 56 - Bovis, who have bought the site at the east of the village from Catesby, declined to attend a village meeting advising that they would consult residents using other methods.

67. County Councillor's Report

No report received.

68. District Councillor's Report

The elections have taken place which have changed the political composition of the District Council. Individual roles within the council are now being allocated.

Neighborhood Plans have been identified as protective of villages. It is felt that the process will be less onerous than it initially was.

The business case for a unitary council is being considered.

The New Home Bonus should be investigated and application dates noted. It was confirmed that to be eligible a village should be 'affected' by development, not necessarily being where the development it.

It was asked whether there were any limitations to the use of the New Homes Bonus. It was confirmed that there are criteria but is more flexible than s106, it must however be related to the impact of the housing.

Open Forum

A welcome was extended to the new Parish Councillors. Should the Parish Councillors wish to provide a short introduction they could do so in the Tingewick News. Information to be provided to the editor.

In respect of the new development at the east of the village a resident raised three concerns. Firstly, it was suggested that the access is not what highways recommended. Secondly, drainage, sewage, and flooding is not addressed. Thirdly, it is noted that there are a great deal of five bedroom houses which will lead to an increase in traffic. As the closing date for responses to this application is not until 11th June it was agreed that the Parish Council will consider the application at their next meeting in June when there will be time for full discussion.

69. Planning

15/01218/AOP-TINGEWICK-Land North of A421 Tingewick Road Buckingham

(Application for outline planning permission with access to provide up to 400 residential dwellings (including affordable housing), open space including play areas and sports and related facilities, landscaping, new vehicular and pedestrian access, engineering (including ground modeling) works, infrastructure works (including drainage works and utilities provisions) and demolition (including site reclamations) car parking and lighting. No Objections.

15/01218/AOP-TINGEWICK-Land South of A421 Tingewick Road Buckingham

Application for outline planning permission with access to provide allotments, cemetery and associated buildings, landscaping, new vehicular and pedestrian access, engineering (including ground modeling) works, infrastructure works (including drainage works and utilities provision) demolition, car parking and lighting - No Objections.

15/00745/APP-TINGEWICK-Land Adj Sandpit Hill, Tingewick (Erection of hay barn for storage of hay) - No Objections.

70. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Agreed

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Agreed

71. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lights

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

The Footpath Walk will take place on Saturday 23rd May 2015.

Cemetery and Grass Cutting.

The gates are to be re fitted in the next couple of weeks.

An email has been sent to Anglian Water to ensure their contractor returns to make good the damage to the churchyard so that grass cutting can recommence.

This will be followed up.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Playgrounds and Ponds

The playground safety inspections have been received. No concern has been raised regarding the safety surface at the school playground. The school playground safety inspection has been forwarded to the school for the consideration of the School Governors.

Special Projects

Tingewick has entered the 'Best Kept Village' competition.

Roads, Footways and Street Furniture

A list of outstanding issues has been submitted to Transport for Buckingham.

Planning

Three village planning applications have been approved 14/03575/APP - 1 Maytree Cottages; 15/00821/APP - 26 The Maltings and 15/00245/APP - Hill Farm.

A planning application has been submitted for 50 dwellings in Finmere. Finmere Parish Council has been consulted.

72. Planter

A request has been received from the Village Cafe to place and maintain a planter in the village. The Parish Council has no objections.

73. Neighborhood Plan

Consideration was given to whether Tingewick should commission a Neighborhood Plan. It was noted that Neighborhood Plans are now a more viable option for smaller villages due to improved processes, reduction in cost and funding. AVDC is also progressing their draft plan and any plan developed by the village may run parallel to this.

It was stressed that the preparation of a Neighborhood Plan will required the lengthy commitment and dedication of a team of residents to more the project forward. If there is not sufficient support in the village it will not be possible to proceed. It was agreed that an advertisement will be placed in the Tingewick Village News seeking committed and dedicated residents who would give the required commitment to the project.

Action: Clerk

74. Correspondence

Heritage-Request for additional inscription on a memorial tablet. Approved

Finmere Parish Council - Mere Lane - Request regarding boundaries in Mere Lane, Finmere.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will assist as requested. A letter will be sent to Tingewick Parish residents in Mere Lane enquiring whether they have any information regarding the ownership of the lane.

Action:Clerk

Western Power- Request to prune trees by the recreation field where they are obscuring electrical cables. Approved.

MVAS- The Clerk presented the statistic for April and May to date. It was agreed that a summary of the statistics will be added to the website twice a year, the first summary to be added in October 2015.

Resident- The use of S106 Money. It was confirmed that the use of s106 money is agreed in consultation between AVDC and the developer. In the case of the development at the east of the village it did not include any money for road traffic calming proposals. There are cases where s106 monies can be used for traffic calming where a development will have a significant adverse impact on the existing road system. However in this specific case the discussions between the developer and BCC suggested that there was no case for traffic calming beyond the development and as such it has not been included in the s106 agreement.

Resident-Concern regarding the entrance to the new development at the east of the village. The Parish Council noted that the proposed entrance was agreed by the respective parties at the outline planning stage, it has already been adjudicated upon and thus the Parish Council has no power to make further representations. Nor, in any event, would it be possible for entry to be gained from Gawcott Road as the land adjoining the road is not owned by the developer.

75. Fete

Preparations are proceeding well. The beer and cider has received good sponsorship. There will be varied activities and bands will play during the afternoon and in the evening.

76. Recreation Ground Report/Development

The path will be sprayed and the field will be cut in the week prior to the Fete.

Action: Cllr Fenemore

Allocation of Roles

Street Lighting: Cllr Lightfoot

Footpaths and Pond: Cllr Churchill

Cemetery, grass cutting and Special Projects: Cllr Swinburne

Recreation Ground: Cllr Fenemore

Planning: Cllr Roy

Playgrounds and street furniture-Cllr Hornsey

77. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on 4th June 2015 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50 (The Annual Village Meeting took place between 8.00pm and 9.15pm).