

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 1ST APRIL 2010

PRESENT: Cllr Smith - Chairman
Cllr Poil - Councillor
Cllr Swinburne - Councillor
Cllr Thurlby - Councillor
Dawn Rogers - Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public

57 Apologies: Cllr Collins, Cllr Fenemore

58 Declarations of Interest

None

59 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2010

Approved. Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Poil

60 Matters Arising for information and reports only

Item 43 - The light by the pinch point has been replaced but is still not working. BCC will be asked to repair it.

Action: Cllr Thurlby

Item 15 - The signs will be placed on the salt bins

Item 30 - The comments on the draft Parking Policy have been collated and submitted.

Item 36 - The Diocese were asked to reconsider their position and a response is awaited.

Open Forum - The results of the speed checks are awaited.

Action: Clerk

Item 48 - Street Lighting - The light on Strangers Lane has been repaired.

Item 48 - Footpath - The preparation of the leaflet is ongoing and photographs from the footpath walk are awaited for inclusion.

Item 48 - Recreation Ground - Two quotes for security doors and windows were considered. Gadsden Engineering was the most competitive and it was agreed that they will be instructed.

Action: Clerk

Item 49 - The tools to facilitate societies to update their pages are still awaited. Information was received regarding other website designers.

Action: Clerk

Item 51 - The Chairman is to speak to a prospective Parish Councillor to discuss what is entailed in the role.

61 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Cadd reported that he had recently attended a meeting regarding potholes in the area and that he was advised that Parish Councils will be consulted. It was noted that potholes are being filled according to their depth. There was concern from the meeting that potholes are being reported but not repaired.

Cllr Cadd was advised by the Parish Council that notice had been received that there is some highways work proposed and that the resurfacing of Main Street has been included.

It was agreed that the depth of the worst potholes would be measured and that this information would be communicated to Highways on Call.

Action: Chairman

A copy of the correspondence to Highways on Call will be sent to Cllr Cadd and Cllr Rowlands.

Action: Clerk

It was reported that there will be wide consultation regarding the proposed HS2 Railway.

Cllr Cadd now sits on the committee dealing with overview of the health authorities.

62 District Councillor's Report

None

Open Forum

It was noted that temporary road surface signs are presumed to have been placed to advise residents that a more substantial repair is planned.

Information was received regarding the trees on Gorrell Lane footpath. Their ownership remains disputed. AVDC has stated that they do not own them and are thus not responsible for them. The trees were dated some time ago as being in excess of 50 years old, thus they must have been planted prior to the current development at Gorrell Lane. The developer of the land denies ownership. It was suggested that information may be obtained from the original sale to the developer.

The Parish Council is awaiting results from a search with the Land Registry.

Action: Clerk

The Parish Council will seek information from AVDC, as to whether there is a procedure regarding trees where no ownership is established.

Action: Clerk

63 Planning

10/00275/APP-Tingewick - Rectory Farm, Water Stratford Road - No Objections

10/00435/APP-Tingewick - Deepdown, Water Stratford Road, Tingewick - No Objections

10/00460/APP-Tingewick - The Wing, Little Tingewick - No Objections

10/00512/ACL-Tingewick - 11 New Street, Tingewick - No Objections

64 Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transactions approved.

Proposed: Cllr Thurlby Seconded: Cllr Swinburne

65 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lighting and Street Furniture

A report was received that a yellow bulb has been wrongly placed in one of the lights in Water Stratford Road and is causing a resident problems. This light is the responsibility of BCC and that they will have carried out the replacement. Highways will be contacted with details of the complaint.

Action: Cllr Thurlby

Footpaths

It was agreed that the prizes for the photography competition will be £15, £10 and £5. The consent of the photographers will be sought to enable the photographs to be used on the Parish Council's website.

A report had been received that the litter bin from the recreation field had been moved onto the footpath by the cemetery and was being used a dog waste bin. The bin will be replaced and will be fixed in place to prevent further removal.

Action: Cllr Thurlby

The resident who raised this matter will be thanked for dealing with this and bringing it to the attention of the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

Cemetery and Grass cutting

Nothing to report

Recreation Ground

The northern boundary hedge has been planted by the Vale Volunteers. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Vale Volunteers and to the District Council who co-coordinated the project.

Action: Clerk

Playground and Pond

Nothing to report

Special Projects

The dates for the Play around the Parish have been agreed.

66 Playground Inspections

School Playground

It was noted that there were no priority issues or high risk concerns

The raised screws on the seat will be removed

Action: Chairman

It is not possible to secure the picnic table to one area as it belongs to the school and they move it around.

It is not possible to make the gate self closing.

It was noted that the routine inspection of the playground includes a check for dog waste.

The recommended signs will be obtained as the last one was stolen.

Action: Chairman

Disability Discrimination Act Inspection - School Play Area

There is a dedicated disabled parking space in the adjacent Village Hall car park.

It is not possible to paint the gate in a high visibility colour as it belongs to the school and is in a conservation area.

Recreation Field

It was noted that there were no priority issues or high risk concerns

The drainage issue, kissing gate and surfacing of the recreation ground are being addressed as part of the ongoing development project

A sign as recommended will be obtained.

Action: Chairman

Regular inspection includes monitoring for dog waste

Disability Discrimination Act Inspection - Recreation Field Play Area

There is parking within 50 meters of the play area facilities

The kissing gate, eroded soil, and surface are being considered as part of the development plan

A copy of the inspection will be passed to the recreation ground development committee to consider.

67 Correspondence

2010/04/22 - AVDC - Turn up for sport - Agreed.

Action: Cllr Swinburne

2010/04/27 - Resident - Trees by Gorrell Lane footpath - Received

2010/04/29 - John Bercow - High Speed train link - Received. Clerk to respond and thank.

2010/04/30 - BCC - Proposed Road works - It was noted that works to Main Street will commencing during April/May 2010

2010/04/31 - Neighbourhood Watch - NAGs -The Parish Council will attempt to send a representative.

2010/04/32 - Memorial Permit Application - Prosser - Agreed

68 Village Roads

Information has been received from BCC that planned work to Main Street, Tingewick will take place between 7th April and the 28th May 2010

69 Review of Risk Assessment and Inspection Regime

Received

70 Review of Effectiveness of Internal Auditor

Reviewed and agreed

71 Review of Insurance Policy

The policy schedule was reviewed. It was agreed that the buildings cover would be raised to £150,000 to reflect the current rebuild values of the buildings.

It will be specified that the general contents consist of two mowers and the value will be stated.

The current premium will be paid and the additional sum to be paid when notified.

Action: Clerk

72 Village Assembly

The Village Assembly will take place on Thursday 20th May 2010 at 8.00pm.

The village societies will be notified and a notice will be placed in the Tingewick News.

Action: Clerk

73 Recreation Ground Development

The weather has not as yet permitted the clearance of the trench or the digging of the ditch to ascertain the drainage situation.

74 Allotments

A response is awaited from the Diocese.

75 Affordable Housing

Negotiations with the landowners have still not been concluded.

A report was received that one of the houses in the former development at Field Close is being occupied by individuals other than the current owners. The information will be passed to the developers.

76 Village Design Statement

Progressing

77 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on the 6th May 2010 however due to the General Election it will now take place on the 13th May 2010 at 8.00pm in Tingewick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm