

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd APRIL 2014

PRESENT: Cllr Smith
Cllr Fenemore
Cllr Swinburne
Cllr Maxwell
Cllr Roy
Cllr Hornsey
Cllr Stuchbury
Cllr Fealey
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public

37. Apologies

None

38. Declarations of Interest

None

39. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 6th March 2014

Minutes Proposed by Cllr. Maxwell. Seconded: Cllr Roy Approved.

40. Matters arising from information and reports only

Item 100 - School playground surface. A sealant has been identified which will bind the two surfaces. The sealant has been tested and appears to be holding. It will be considered whether to use it on a larger scale. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Item 25 Footpaths- The footway in Stowe View has been reported but it is not a priority for BCC at the moment.

Item 25 Footpaths- Advice has been taken from the NFU who suggested that the landowner be contact and further information sought.

Item 25 Footpaths - Old White Hart footpath - It is considered that the structure does not pose a risk to walkers. However the landowner has been advised to check it regularly.

Item 25 Special Projects - Tingewick has been entered into the 'Best Kept Village' competition.

Item 27 The area behind the basketball post has been refilled with surplus gravel from the trim trail track.

41. County Councillor's Report

The Council is working to help children transfer from education to work.

The meeting was updated as to the recent changes in the cabinet's membership and structure.

BCC has selected the roads that will be prioritised as nominated by County Councillors. Some additional funding has also been received from central government to repair roads.

Cllr Stuchbury has been working to resolve the transport problems due to the bypass road works.

There are also drainage problems in the area. It is hoped that they can be repaired at the same time as the road works to avoid future disruption.

There are a number of school transport appeals. It was noted that there may be further appeals when the proposed changes to the school transport policy is implemented.

It was confirmed that the Customer Service Centre will be retained at Buckingham Library for the moment.

An update was received regarding the development of 'The Hub'.

42. District Councillors Report

The next round of the New Homes Bonus closes in September; this may be of interest to the Recreation Ground Committee and the Village Hall. This information will be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

Action: Clerk

Details of Local Development Orders (LDOs) such as extensions to permitted development will be published in 'The Bulletin' which Councillors should consider carefully.

Question: The Parish Council had suggested that the effect of LDO's would be monitored but there did not seem to be reference to that. Information was provided to Cllr Roy and Cllr Fealey will assist with any further queries.

Open Forum

It was reported that there were still traces of asbestos on the footpath by the Old White Hart. This will be discussed with the land owner.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

The nature of the Annual Village Assembly was clarified. To publicise the event a note will be placed in the Tingewick News.

Action: Clerk

43. Planning

14/00698/APP-Tingewick-The Coach House, Grove Hill Farm, Tingewick. No Objections

14/00693/APP-Tingewick-4 New Street, Tingewick. No Objections

14/00807/APP-Tingewick-Wood Cottage, Barton Road, Tingewick - No Objections

44. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transaction Report:

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell. Seconded: Cllr Fenemore. Agreed

Budget Report:

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Roy. Agreed

45. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lights

Various street lights have been reported and repaired.

Footpaths

Full information has been received from BCC as to the Footpath Partnership Agreement. It was noted that the contractor engaged to carry out the work must have an NPTC certificate. This is a certificate of competence to use pesticides in public areas. It is a two day course and is costly. It was noted that the Parish Council does not use pesticides in maintaining public footpaths.

It was therefore proposed that the Parish Council does not authorise the use of pesticides on the parish footpaths.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Hornsey. Agreed

The agreement will be signed and returned to BCC.

Action: Clerk

Cemetery and Grass Cutting

Grass cutting will only be carried out six times this year as opposed to ten times in previous years.

Playgrounds and Ponds

The trim track requires weeding. This will be considered under the recreation field report

The rungs on the climbing frame ladder have not as yet been replaced however they have been commissioned.

There are no concerns regarding the pond.

Special Projects

Nothing to report

Roads and Footways

The 'gully sucker' has undertaken some work in the village which should reduce some flooding issues.

Cllr Maxwell met TfB at the recent LAF meeting to discuss the areas road problem.

A report was received regarding the poor visibility of the yellow lines at Stockleys Lane which has led to cars parking there and causing a danger. This has been reported to TfB and will be followed up.

Planning

AVDC has given the following Permissions:

14/00026/APP-5 Old Forge Close, Tingewick -First floor front extension

14/00017/APP-9 Back Lane, Tingewick-Single storey rear extension

14/00062/APP-Land adjacent to Sandpit Hill –Erection of agricultural building

There were no objections raised by the Parish Council to these applications.

14/000183/ACL-Congregational Chapel, Church Lane-Certificate of lawfulness in respect of solar panels issued.

The owners of the land adjacent to Wood Cottage, Upper Street have appealed against the refusal of planning permission. AVDC has passed all relevant information to the planning inspectorate, this contains all the concerns that the Parish Council raised when objecting to the initial application.

Following recent government proposals a Local Plan is to be developed by AVDC. There will be a full consultation in advance of proposed implementation in 2016.

AVDC are preparing a briefing note on Neighbourhood Plans after the withdrawal of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan.

46. Correspondence

2014/04/01- Resident - Concern at the location of dog bins-The current dogs bins are being tested and consideration will be given to further bins if necessary from the next budget.

2014/04/02-Historial Society - Thanks received for agreement in principle to assisting with the World War One commemorations.

2014/04/03-L.P.Finn Memorials - Request to place a memorial tablet in a kerbed grave - No objections.

2014/04/04-Thomas Cakebread - Request for memorial permit - Agreed

2014/04/05-AVALC - Request for a donation of £15.00.

It was proposed that a donation of £15.00 be made to AVALC

Proposed: Chairman Seconded: Cllr Roy. Agreed

2015/04/05 - Resident - Request for permission to place a memorial picnic bench by the pond - No objections

2014/04/06 - Western Power - Confirmation of replacement of poles by the allotment footpath that carry electricity lines.

2014/04/07- AVDC - Advice to landowners regarding riparian duties.

47. Review of Cemetery Fees

The current fees were compared to Buckingham Town Council's cemetery fees.

As there is no current financial need to increase fees this year it was agreed that there would be no increase.

48. Review of Financial Regulations

The Financial Regulations were reviewed and it was agreed that no changes to procedure were required.

49. Recreation Ground Report/Development

The contractor's report has been received and will be circulated to the Parish Councillors to be discussed at next month's meeting.

It was proposed that the weeds be removed from the Trim Track At a cost of £85 plus vat

Proposed: Chairman Seconded: Cllr Fenemore Agreed

The Recreation Ground Working Party is still awaiting costings from BCC regarding the lease/acquisition of the field.

50. Village Fete and Beer Festival.

Preparations are going well.

There will be an evening event which will be publicised in due course.

The opening time will be brought forward to 12.30 to allow John Bercow to open it.

51. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on the 1st May 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.35pm