

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL 2015 AT 8.00PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public

45. Apologies

Cllr Thurlby
Cllr Hornsey

46. Declarations of Interest

None

47. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March 2015

Item 38 Planning - 'Parish Council' to be deleted and 'individual or non-statutory organisation' will be added at the end of the sentence.

Minutes Proposed by Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Swinburne Approved

48. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 9 - Footpaths - BCC has been requested to clear the footpath by the bypass.

Item 23 - School Playground - Remedial works have been carried out as requested. The school has not confirmed their position after their Governors' walk around. This will be followed up by the Clerk. The Wickstead safety inspection has been booked. **Action: Clerk**

Item 35 - Details of the proposed area for the speed review is to be submitted.

Item 38 - The litter bin in the recreation field had been delivered.

Item 41- MVAS- SWARCO has installed the chip into the MVAS free of charge.

Groundscrew - The contractor has agreed to replace it free of charge. The post will be left in situ thereafter to ensure that there is no further damage.

49. County Councillor's Report

No report due to the Council being in purdah.

50. District Councillor's Report

No report due to the Council being in purdah.

Open Forum

The Village Cafe would like to spend some proceeds on a planter to decorate the village to be maintained by themselves. Formal permission was requested from the Parish Council. This will be added to the next agenda.

Some trees and bushes have been cleared from the field at the end of Field Close. Residents were worried that this may be a precursor to development. The Parish Council has no information that this land is to be used for development.

Preparations are well underway for the 2015 Village Fete to take place on Saturday 20th June. There will also be an evening event.

51. Planning

15/00821/APP-TINGEWICK-26 The Maltings, Tingewick (Single storey rear extension and extended porch over front door and garage)- No objections.

15/00183/APP-TINGEWICK-Oaktree Stables, Preston Road, Tingewick (erection of equine unit - revisions to initial application)- The Parish Council does not consider that the amended revisions make any difference to their initial objections – Objections

52. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

53. Annual Return - To Approve Accounting Statements 2014/2015

The Annual Accounting Statements were considered

It was proposed that the Annual Accounting Statements be approved.

Proposed: Cllr. Roy Seconded: Cllr. Swinburne Approved

54. Annual Return - To Approve Annual Governance Statements 2014/2015

The Annual Governance Statements were considered

It was proposed that the Annual Governance Statements be approved.

Proposed: Cllr. Fenemore Seconded: Cllr. Roy Approved

55. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lights

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

The announcement of the footpath walk was delayed. The footpath walk will now take place on the 23rd May 2015 at 10.30, walkers to meet in the Royal Oak.

A notice will be placed in the Village Magazine.

Action: Clerk

Gorrell Lane has been cleared.

Cemetery and Grass Cutting.

The spoil remaining from the water installation at the church requires removal before mowing can recommence

Action: Cllr Hornsey

A grave has been fenced round contrary to the cemetery rules. The Parish Council appreciates that this is a sensitive matter but it must uphold the cemetery rules to ensure the maintenance of the area. The next of kin has been contacted.

Playgrounds and Ponds

Playground inspection reports received. Pond in order.

Special Projects

The village will be entered for the 2015 'Best Kept Village' competition.

Roads, Footways and Street Furniture

A tile has been lost from the bus shelter.

The village was missed in a litter bin collection; this was reported to AVDC who immediately rectified the problem.

The village lights for which BCC are responsible have been repaired.

Various potholes reported, two have been repaired.

Various granite sets are loose. These have been reported.

TfB are available for a walk around. As we have a full list of matters to be dealt with this will be forwarded to Clerk to pass to TfB. **Action: Clerk**

Planning

No planning applications to report upon.

Cllr Roy provided feedback as to a recent Neighbourhood Planning Seminar which he and the Chairman attended. It was noted that the cost of producing Neighbourhood Plans is reducing. The feeling was that the Plans should be led not by the relevant council but by a representative steering group. There is evidence that Neighbourhood Plans are being considered in planning applications.

It was agreed that Neighbourhood Planning will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion as to whether it would benefit the village.

56. Correspondence

Heritage - Application for a memorial tablet – Approved

AVDC - Review of Licensing Policy - Received. It was noted that it was substantially concerned with licensed premises in town centres especially the number and proximity, and their closing times. It is not believed to affect the Village Hall, the village pub or events for which the Parish Council occasionally seeks an occasional licence. The Parish Council accordingly has no comments to make.

Catesby Development - Catesby has sold the development land to Bovis. Bovis has contacted the Parish Council to arrange a meeting to set out their plans for the development. They intend to submit an application late April 2015. The Parish Council has no statutory powers regarding the application until it has been submitted for consultation. It was agreed that the Parish Council will facilitate a village meeting on 22nd April at 7.30 in the Village Hall. This will be confirmed with Bovis who will be asked to provide 550 flyers confirming the time, date and place and details of the presentation.

57. Recreation Ground Report/Development

The hedges have been cut back and the contractor has been instructed to commence the annual cutting regime.

It has been confirmed that s106 money can be used to purchase land but not to repay a loan. 50% is to be provided at the commencement of the development and the remaining 50% after 50 houses have been built. The actual sum cannot be confirmed until the final plans have been approved but is likely to be in the region of £270,000. AVDC will confirm with the Clerk when the funds have been received. The Parish Council has already sub-

mitted a list of possible recipients including the Village Hall and the Church. The monies will benefit various village organisations.

It was agreed that it would not be prudent to obtain a loan and pay interest on a loan to purchase the recreation field when sufficient monies are likely to be available in the near future for a cash purchase. It was agreed that the purchase of the recreation field will be deferred until the availability of the s106 monies. The valuer will be instructed to proceed with negotiations but that the purchase will be deferred until receipt of the s106 monies.

The Parish Council may also be able to bid for funds from the New Homes Bonus.

58. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on 21st May 2015 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Village Assembly at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15.

Councillor Carol Thurlby

The Parish Council wishes to offer its sincere appreciation to Cllr Thurlby who has formally stood down as a Parish Councillor after thirty years of dedicated service. Cllr Thurlby has been a stalwart of the Parish and has made a very important contribution not only to the Parish Council but to many other village organisations, including the school, pre-school, the Village Hall and Tingewick Diamonds.

The Parish Council will greatly miss Cllr Thurlby's contribution: her knowledge and judgement have been invaluable and the interests of the village have always been at her heart.