

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 2012

PRESENT:	Cllr Smith	Chairman
	Cllr Thurlby	Councillor
	Cllr Hornsey	Councillor
	Cllr Maxwell	Councillor
	Cllr Roy	Councillor
	Dawn Rogers	Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public

174 Apologies

Cllr Cadd, Cllr Fealey, Cllr Fenemore, Cllr Swinburne.

175 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman, Cllr Fenemore, Cllr Maxwell, Cllr Hornsey and Cllr Roy declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 182 Budget and Precept for 2013/2014 in that they own properties in the Parish to which the precept will apply. Dispensations in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 were sought by the Councillors from the Clerk and were granted as without this dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in the decision to set the precept for the Parish would be so great a proportion of the Council as to impede the transaction of the business.

176 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th November 2012

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved.

177 Matters Arising for information and reports only

Item 166 – Footpaths -The details of the owner of the land that the footpath crosses will be passed to the clerk and they will be asked to remove the electric fencing that crosses the public footpath. **Action: Clerk**

Item 166 – Footpath – The wood cuttings will be removed. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Item 166 –Recreation ground – The hole below the basket ball net continues to wear. It is suggested that safety matting approximately 10' x 12' feet be laid to reduce maintenance and keep the area safe. A source of supply for the matting is required. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Item 166 – Street Furniture – The bins are being emptied regularly.

Item 168 – Approval for the planting of the Oak Tree in the Churchyard is awaited from the Church.

Item 168 – The hedging trees are to be planted along the northern border of the field.

Item 171 – The Christmas tree has been erected. Thanks extended to Cllr Smith, Cllr Fenemore and Cllr Maxwell for their assistance.

178 County Councillor's Report

No report.

179 District Councillor's Report

No report

Open Forum

Item 1

The prospective purchasers of the auction house, cottage and its adjoining land explained their proposals for the property and presented draft drawings. Stage one will be the restoration and extension of the cottage for residential use subject to planning permission. Stage two would be the development of the adjoining land in due course. It is proposed that an appropriate wall will be built in front of the auction house adjoining the cottage to tidy the area. It was suggested that Anglian water be contacted to ascertain the location of the culvert in relation to the property.

180 Planning

12/02611/APP-Woodmans Yard, Little Tingewick-No objections. However, it will be noted that the site is extremely prominent from the bypass and work could be intrusive to the landscape when viewed from the south and east. Landscaping conditions will need to be considered by AVDC. AVDC may need to consider whether conditions may be appropriate to avoid disturbance to neighboring residents at unsocial hours.

181 Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transaction Report: Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Thurlby - Agreed
Transactions approved.

Budget Report: Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Hornsey - Agreed
Budget Report approved.

182 Budget and Precept for 2013/2014

The draft budget was presented.

After negotiation, taking into account the income from the letting of the recreation field and the fact that the Parish Council felt that it would not be appropriate to increase the precept it was proposed that the budget presented to the Parish Council, attached, be approved.

Proposed: Chairman Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved

It was proposed that the precept request be made to AVDC in the sum of £25,252.00

Proposed: Chairman Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved

It was however noted that as AVDC have not as yet announced the changes to the Council Tax base calculation due to the change in the Council Tax benefits system the budget will be reviewed in January to ensure that it remains tenable once the relevant figures are available.

183 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lighting

A response from Aylesbury Mains is awaited as to the two new lights which require lighting and the two lights which require repair. A report to be obtained from Aylesbury Mains as to the safety issues of the old style lanterns. **Action: Cllr Thurlby**

If the lights are found to be unsafe they will be removed pending approval for alternative lighting.

Footpaths

Nothing to report

Cemetery and Grass cutting

Nothing to report.

Playgrounds and Ponds

The pond has been inspected daily during the recent wet weather and all is in order.

The playground surface at the school has been partially repaired and completion is awaited shortly.

Special Projects

Nothing to report.

Roads, Footways and Street Furniture

A written report was received.

Repairs have been made as requested.

The salt bins are all full ready for the cold weather.

Some areas in the Parish did flood due to the rain in November, in particular the roundabout at the eastern end of the bypass. This is largely due to litter at the roadside.

It is envisaged that AVDC and BCC will deal with this accordingly.

The remaining matters will be followed up.

Concern was raised that the AVDC contractor was not providing the service that the Parish requires.

Action: Cllr Maxwell

Negotiations in respect of the signage at West Well Lane/West Well Close are ongoing.

The missing road sign from the corner of Barton Road will be either reinstalled or replaced by the contractors of the affordable housing.

Planning

Nothing to report

184 Correspondence

2012/12/01-Archdeacon Russell Solicitors-Bequest- It was confirmed that to the best of the Parish Council's knowledge the Tingewick Sports and Social Club no longer exists however this cannot be confirmed as a certainty.

2012/12/02-David Parker Architects-Rural Development Sites-Stowe View-It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to see further proposals as they become available. The Parish Council is comfortable with the replacement of derelict garages with affordable housing but does have concerns that the provision of parking as per the plan will not address the resulting need for parking.

2012/12/18 -BLAF-MVAS- Agreed to participate in the joint purchase scheme.

2012/12/19-Heritage-Memorial Permit-Stokes-Approved

2012/12/20-Heritage-Memorial Permit-East-Approved

2012/12/21-Woodland Trust-Entry in Record and further trees-It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to place it in the record that they have received the trees and that they are being used for the development of the Community Park. It was agreed that a further 105 hedging trees be applied for to infill the boundary at the recreation field with the possibility of donating some to the school to infill their boundary hedges.

2012/12/26-AVDC – Chairman's Civic Service-Received

2012/12/27-AVDC-Flood Consultation-It was agreed that the document was comprehensive and a response to be issued accordingly.

183 Review of Insurance Valuations

Current valuations received from our insurers. It was noted that there are inaccuracies and an up-to-date schedule to be obtained. **Action: Clerk.**

186 Recreation Ground Development/Report

The drainage has coped with the recent wet weather.

The working Group met on the 3rd December 2012. A draft of the community consultation questionnaire was agreed. It will be circulated to the group for finalisation and distributed in January. It will be collected by hand and the responses analysed.

The options regarding the lease of the field are being examined and a provisional request is being made to extend the lease for 125 years. The next meeting will take place on the 14th January 2013.

187 Affordable Housing

The drainage is almost completed. The contractor has been cleaning out the ditch to its original condition leading to a large interceptor storm drain which is connected to the surface water main with an equivalent connection further down the road to the foul sewer. Concerns raised regarding the condition of the site and matters requiring remedial action to be passed to the developer. **Action: Chairman**

189 Date of Next Meeting

The Next meeting is to take place on the 3rd January 2013 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.05