

## **TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Cllr Smith, Chairman  
Cllr Fenemore  
Cllr Swinburne  
Cllr Thurlby  
Cllr Maxwell  
Cllr Roy  
Cllr Hornsey  
Cllr Stutchbury (County Councillor)  
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 24 members of the public

It was proposed that Open Forum be taken after Item 100 due to the large number of residents who had attended the meeting this evening. Agreed.

#### **97. Apologies**

None

#### **98. Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **99. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November 2013**

Proposed: Cllr. Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Roy Approved.

#### **100. Matters arising for information and reports only**

Item 56 - School playground surface. Cllr Hornsey is looking at possible repairs.

Item 86 - Play in the Parishes - AVDC has advised that they are only able to send four members of staff not two. Due to the cost this is not a project that the Parish Council can fund

Item 90 - There has been no reoccurrence of the parking problems at the auction room

#### *Open Forum*

##### *Land at Sandpit Lane.*

*Residents expressed substantial concerns regarding the possibility of an application to develop land at Sandpit Hill. A number of questions were raised, amongst them:*

- 1. Did the Clerk respond to Land and Partners and what was said? The Clerk did respond stating that the Parish Council can not comment until full details have been provided by way of consultation from AVDC's planning department. It was however confirmed that the Village Design Statement and the Parish Council's localism response was that the community had restricted development to infill only and would not support any development outside of the village envelope except in exceptional circumstances and after public consultation.*
- 2. Has there been any further discussion by Parish Council with Land and Partners? The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to Land and Partners to investigate a rumour that the land had been sold. Land & Partners' representative said that he was unaware of any sale.*

3. *Is the Parish council aware of Land and Partners' business model? The Parish Council is unaware of the same. A resident set out what they understood to be their business model.*

*The following concerns were noted:*

*A vista that has been identified as important will be blocked.*

*The existing access is not sufficient and will be dangerous.*

*Existing residents will lose parking availability.*

*The lane has no pavement thus unsafe for pedestrians.*

*A potential flood risk to any new homes built which may also impact on existing homes*

*Loss of open space and existing public amenity*

*Loss of nature and the countryside.*

*Contrary to the village consultation responses.*

*Loss of footpath.*

*The Parish Council agreed to write to Land and Partners stating that the Parish Council is aware of public opposition to the development proposal and that a substantial representation was made against any further development. Cllr Stuchbury, County Councillor, agreed with the Parish Council that it is difficult to comment at this stage as there is no actual application to respond to. It was suggested that the residents should be vocal and active in their opposition to the proposed development.. Cllr Stuchbury will contact the local MP. Cllr Fealy, District Councillor, should also be approached and he will take a view as to how he can best help.*

#### *The Old White Hart*

*Concern was raised by a resident arising from the proposal to demolish the barn and build a new two story dwelling.*

*In principle, demolition of the barn and a new property being built are not objected to; the objection relates to the perceived invasion of privacy of the neighbouring property by the proposed positioning of the upper story window.*

*The Parish Council has not received notice that a request may be made to move the existing footpath over the land. It was noted that the re-routing of a footpath is a very costly and lengthy process.*

*It was asked whether bio diversity had been considered when making the application as it is not detailed in the application. It was noted that there were no concerns by the bio diversity officer.*

#### *Salt Bin*

*It was asked whether there was a possibility of a salt bin at Back Lane as opposed to Strangers Lane. This will be placed on the next agenda and investigations will be made in the interim.*

**Action: Cllr Maxwell**

### **101. County Councillor's Report**

The County Council is considering the responses to the budget consultation.

Cllr Stuchbury is working on education to increase the future standard of education for children in Bucks.

A report is shortly expected from the scrutiny committee looking at the contract for highways.

As Open Forum was a lengthy session Cllr Stuchbury confirmed that he was happy to answer questions outside of the meeting.

## **102. District Councillors Reports**

None

## **103. Planning**

13/02952/ACD-TINGEWICK-White Hart, Main Street, Tingewick (Demolition of existing outbuilding) - The Parish Council has no objections, but recommends that comments made by the Biodiversity team are followed.

13/02952/APP-TINGEWICK-White Hart, Main Street, Tingewick (Erection of two storey detached dwelling) - It was noted that the proposals may result in a neighbour being overlooked. The Parish Council does not object to the provision of a new building on an infill site but has concerns regarding its current position impacting on the privacy of the adjoining property to the west.

13/02836/APP-TINGEWICK-Land Adj to Wood Cottage, Barton Road, Tingewick (Erection of storage barns and stables) - No Objections

## **104. Accounts**

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transaction Report:

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell      Seconded: Cllr Fenemore.      Agreed

Transactions approved.

Budget Report:

Proposed: Cllr Roy      Seconded: Cllr Swinburne.      Agreed

Budget Report approved.

## **105. Councillors Reposts and Items for Future Agenda**

### **Street Lights**

Aylesbury Mains have confirmed that they will meet the quotation provided by E-On for the statutory inspection and testing.

It was proposed that as Aylesbury Mains repair the street lights and provide a good service that they be contracted to inspect the village street lights.

Proposed: Cllr Thurlby.      Seconded: Chairman.      Agreed

**Action: Clerk**

### **Footpaths**

Noting to report

### **Cemetery and Grass Cutting**

Nothing to report

### **Playgrounds and Ponds**

The rungs on the climbing frame at the recreation field require repair. Mr Styles will be asked to carry out the repair. **Action: Cllr Swinburne**

### **Special Projects**

'Music in Quiet Places will be taken forward by Reverend Carter.

### **Roads and Footways**

Written and oral report received.

The bins have been emptied regularly after a recent complaint

The salt bins are filled ready for the colder weather.

It is concerning that various pot holes are not considered as urgent despite the size of them the reason given that their depth is not sufficient.

The lights that require repair by BCC have been reported.

### **Planning**

Examination of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan Core Strategy commences next week. The timetable was set out. There will be discussion in respect of the objections received regarding the designation of the airfield as a strategic employment site. Finmere Parish Council will be notified. **Action: Clerk**

Buckingham Town Council has published their draft Development Plan for consultation before submission. The seven week consultation ends on the 13th January. Copies are available on the Town Council's website and in the library. The plan provides for 639 houses on five main sites predominantly on the west side of the town. There will be no development before 2016 with most taking place after 2021. Two sites have been identified for a potential community centre. A new cemetery, car park and allotments have been provided for. There is a proposal for the A421 to be routed around town instead of through. Individuals are able to make their own representations.

### **106. Budget**

The clerk presented the draft budget. The budget was considered to be appropriate however there was discussion concerning the precept request. The budget will be re-presented at the next meeting.

### **107. Precept**

It was confirmed that this year AVDC will provide a grant of £1,200 to compensate for the loss of precept that the Parish Council will suffer due to central governments changes in the way Council Tax relief is provided. It is possible that this grant will be available for the following financial year but unlikely after that. If the Parish Council does not increase its precept over the next two years whilst it is being provided with a grant it will suffer a large reduction in its precept in the near future when there is no grant available. This would then mean that there may be a need for a large increase in the precept request which may be subject to capping and referendum requirements.

It was proposed that the precept be increased by 4%

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Swinburne. Agreed

### **108. Correspondence**

2013/12/01-Heritage-Permission for additional instruction on a memorial tablet. Approved  
2013/12/02-AVDC-Review of Scheme of Officer Delegated Powers - it was considered that there was too little evidence to form a view.

2013/12/03-BCC-Feedback regarding Local Area Technician. **Action: Cllr Maxwell**

2013/12/04- Letter of thanks received from the Tingewick Diamonds

2013/12/05-Request for donation to the Citizen's Advice Bureau. It was proposed that a donation of £25.00 be made. Proposed: Cllr Maxwell. Seconded: Cllr Thurlby. Agreed

### **109. Clerks Hours**

NALC has provided guidance as to the appropriate hours for part time clerks. A Clerk working for a council and attending one meeting a month should be contracted at 26 hours. This is more than the Clerk is contracted for at the moment. It was agreed that this would be reviewed. The Clerk was asked to provide an estimate of hours worked during an average month. The guidance will be copied and circulated to Councillors.

**Action: Clerk**

### **110. Graveyard Resources**

The Cemetery will have no further space in approximately ten years. The Parish Council will start to consider alternative options as it may be a lengthy process.

### **111. Litter Bin**

AVDC has started to empty the bin by the Village Store on a regular basis which appears to have resolved the over-filling problem. It was suggested that the purchase of a new bin be deferred to monitor whether regular emptying resolves the matter.

### **112. MVAS Village Consultation**

The consultation is complete. There was one negative response, the remainder positive. The Parish Council will monitor the effectiveness of the MVAS and will rely on residents to bring any concerns to the Parish Council.

The MVAS will be ordered.

**Action: Clerk**

### **113. Community Responders**

Information obtained. It was confirmed that training is carried out over two days, usually at weekends. There is a refresher every six months. Training is fully funded by South Central Ambulance Service at no cost. Information was passed to the Tingewick News for publication.

### **114. Dog Bins**

Three dog bins have been ordered. Consideration was given to where they should be placed.

The following locations were agreed:

1. Wood Lane
2. The entrance to the footpath to the allotments (Water Stratford Road)
3. Barton Road at the entrance to the airfield

A map confirming the location of the bins will be forwarded to the clerk.

**Action: Cllr Maxwell**

### **115. Recreation Ground Development.**

There is a meeting on Friday 6th December with BCC's legal team to discuss phases one and two of the re-development and the legal issues arising. The Working Party will meet again on Monday 9th December.

### **116. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to take place on the 9th January 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.