

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT:	Cllr Smith	Chairman
	Cllr Fenemore	Councillor
	Cllr Swinburne	Councillor
	Cllr Maxwell	Councillor
	Cllr Hornsey	Councillor
	Cllr Roy	Councillor
	Cllr Fealey	District Councillor
	Dawn Rogers	Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public

205 Apologies

Cllr Cadd, Cllr Thurlby

206 Declarations of Interest

None

207 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd January 2013

Proposed: Cllr Roy Seconded: Cllr Fenemore Approved.

208 Matters Arising for information and reports only

Item 166 – Recreation Ground – Enquiries have been made regarding safety matting to be placed under the baseball post. A potential supplier was approached but the supplier only supplies in large quantities. A similar requirement arose at a local site; enquiries will be made **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Item 183 – Street Lighting – The new lights have been lit and the old columns have been removed.

Item 199 – Roundwood School has agreed to pay half of the costs of the safety barriers that were placed to fence off the damaged area of school playground.

Item 200 – The updated schedule of the valuations of the Parish Council's fixed assets has not yet been received from the insurance brokers. **Action: Clerk**

209 County Councillor's Report

Apologies received from Cllr Cadd

210 District Councillor's Report

AVDC has voted to increase the Council Tax by 2% on the basis that the New Homes Bonus will be made available to the Towns and Parishes that have accepted the homes as opposed to being used to offset council tax as has occurred in the past two years.

ADVC is aware that parking is an issue in various villages and is looking at options for increasing availability.

Funding may be available from the Housing Trust to assist community projects. Cllr Fealey has further information.

There are three enforcement investigations in Tingewick in relation to construction work which may not have been approved.

It was asked whether the New Homes Bonus is retrospective. Further enquires will need to be made.

Open Forum

Garages at Stowe View

The parking situation at Stowe View was raised. Photographs of the parking were provided to the Parish Council. It was accepted that the properties were built before householders had many cars and with the increase in car ownership a problem has emerged.

The Housing Trust has served notice on the current tenants of the garages. No suitable alternative has yet been offered. It was established that the responsibility for the repossession and demolition of the garages is the Housing Association not AVDC.

The letter from David Parker Architects was reviewed. It was noted that it stated that any reduction in parking resulting from removal of the garages would be addressed in any forthcoming proposals. When proposals are available they will be provided to the Parish Council for discussion, as will any planning application. Cllr Fealey has visited the area and discussed the issue of parking and possible expansion of parking.

The Parish Council has received concerns from residents in the past regarding the paving over of grass to facilitate parking.

There are council owned garages in Stowe View and enquires could be made as to them being made available for use for parking by residents.

*The Parish Council will ask the architects whether there is any further information available yet, what the current proposals are and timescales for any further action. **Action: Clerk***

Once further information is available the Chairman and Cllr Fealy would be happy to meet with the architect to discuss further.

Bottle Banks

The bottle bank has been removed from the car park of the Royal Oak due to the imposition of costs which would need to be met by the Royal Oak. It was noted that with the introduction of the new doorstep recycling waste collection residents have access to direct recycling.

211 Planning

13/00032/APP-TINGEWICK-Wood Farm Bungalow, Preston Road, Tingewick-No Objections

13/00150/APP-TINGEWICK-17 The Maltings, Tingewick-No Objections – It was noted that Redrow has acknowledged ownership of the tree in question. There have been issues as to the ownership of trees in that area and Redrow has previously disputed ownership. The previous correspondence will be reviewed and the agents contacted. **Action: Clerk**

13/00179/ATC-TINGEWICK-Tingewick Hall, Church Lane, Tingewick - No Objections

212 Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

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

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

213 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lighting

The two new columns have now been lit.

Footpaths

A request has been received from BCC to install two metal kissing gates on a footpath. BCC has advised that they are prepared to provide the gates and have asked whether the Parish Council is prepared to install them. It was questioned whether the Parish Council would have the authority to install kissing gates on footpaths over private land. Enquiries will be made.

BCC have also indicated that they would like to work in partnership with the Parish Council and asked whether there are any other sites where the Parish Council and BCC could work together. Cllr Hornsey will consider whether there are any sites requiring new gates.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

A picture of the proposed gates will be obtained and enquires made as to whether the Parish Council can use their own contractor to carry out the installation.

Action: Clerk

Enquiries will be made as to the likely cost of the installation of a gate for further consideration at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Cemetery and Grass cutting

Mr Styles will be asked to clear and spray the moss on the path to the cemetery.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Playgrounds and Ponds

The repairs to the school playground are in progress.

Special Projects

Play around the Parishes is to be organised.

Roads, Footways and Street Furniture

Salt has been ordered to refill the salt bins.

Concern was noted that some residents are using the salt for private drives. BCC have advised that such use could lead to prosecution.

Various pot holes have been repaired, the remainder are being followed up.

It will not be possible for the whole of Buckingham Street to be resurfaced this year.

Planning

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan has not yet been submitted to the government for reasons previously provided.

Cllr Roy will attend a Neighbourhood Planning workshop.

BCC wishes to establish a list of significant and important buildings in parishes. Tingewick has been invited to contribute. The information was passed to the Historical Society which has confirmed that it would be interested in this and their interest has been passed to BCC.

A request has been made via the website for clarification of the development area set out in Tingewick towards 2030. A response was issued confirming that there were no development plans submitted with the Parish Council's response to the consultations.

214 Correspondence

2013/01/01-Village Hall-Request for replacement of tree and refurbishment of bus shelter. An estimate in the sum of £964.00 has been received for the replacement of the tree in the Village Hall car park, including a metal tree guard and installation costs. The various types of available trees will be considered by the councillors and a decision will be made at the March meeting.

The Chairman reported that Rev Carter had very kindly offered the Parish Council wish to the contributions to his retirement fund, approximately £400.00, towards the cost of the replacement of the tree for the benefit of the village.

It was proposed that the kind donation of Rev Carter be accepted.

Proposed Cllr Fenemore Seconded Cllr Swinburne. Agreed

Action:

Clerk

It was also suggested that a commemorative plaque recording the donation be added to the tree.

Bus Shelter – The Parish Council has agreed to undertake its refurbishment. Enquiries will be made of the Community Chest fund to ascertain whether they provide grants for such projects.

Action: Clerk

215 LAF Local Areas Priorities

The Parish Council noted that it is aware of the LAF budget and priorities and has nothing to add.

216 Annual Fete and Beer Festival

The Fete will take place on Saturday 13th July 2013

The fete Working Group will not require an immediate temporary loan as they have in previous years, due to funds from the successful fete last year but may require assistance later with funding during the preparations.

It was proposed that a temporary loan in the sum of £1,500 be made available to the Fete Committee should they require it

Proposed: Chairman Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Agreed

217 Recreation Ground Development/Report

The questionnaires have been printed and are in the process of distribution.

218 Affordable Housing

Hastoe has carried out a site inspection to consider, among other issues, the matters raised by the Parish Council.

There is a substantial sum held by Hastoe on retention until all matters by the contractors have been completed.

219 Date of Next Meeting

The Next meeting is to take place on the 7th March 2013 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm