

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT: Cllr Smith
Cllr Fenemore
Cllr Swinburne
Cllr Maxwell
Cllr Roy
Cllr Stutchbury (County Councillor)
Cllr Fealey (District Councilor)
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr Thurlby
Cllr Hornsey

2. Declarations of Interest

None

It was noted that the Chairman, Cllr Roy, Cllr Swinburne and Cllr Fenemore are members of the Recreation Field Working Party, however they have no prejudicial interest in respect of the items on the agenda.

3. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2014

It was recorded at 'Open Forum' that it was the land owner who was being contacted as opposed to the land agent. The correction was made.

4. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 100 - School playground surface. A sealant has been identified which will bind the two surfaces. The sealant has not yet been laid due to the wet weather. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Item 105 - Playground Repair - A replacement ladder is being obtained however there is some delay as the supplier no longer provides that particular piece of equipment. **Action: Clerk**

Item 105 - Cemetery - It was confirmed that there is an average of 18 years capacity left. It was agreed that there is no requirement for further action at this stage.

Item 113 - Community First Responders - There has been no response to the further article in the Tingewick News.

Item 123 - Footpaths - There has been a meeting with the owner of the footpath behind the Old White Hart. It was confirmed that the asbestos has been removed. The spoil will be removed when the surface is able to take the equipment to move it. The overgrowth by the gate in Back Lane will be cleared. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Item 128 - It was confirmed that the sewage issue raised by the Environment Agency is in Gawcott. The Environment Agency has been advised accordingly.

Item 128 - Lunch Club Funding - The Chairman has spoken to the Lunch Club and they feel that the offer of funding would be better used by lunch clubs with less funding.

Item 129 - The dog bins have been installed and are being used.

5. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Stutchbury attended a meeting at Parliament to discuss educational provisions. A report will be presented to cabinet in February to address the issue of educational failure in Buckinghamshire. The County Council's budget has been set. It was noted that greater funding will be required for highways.

Cllr Stuchbury visited the Older Persons and Care Centre in February. It is hoped that a similar facility will open in Buckingham later this year.

The Environmental Scrutiny Committee has produced a robust report on the TfB contract. There will also be an indicative report on fracking later in the year as BCC requires a document to deal with any prospective applications.

Schemes will be nominated for road repairs later this year once details of funding have been released. Transport appeals are busy

Cllr Stuchbury confirmed that he will assist in obtaining action on the cleaning of blocked gullies in the village.

It was noted that if the Buckingham Plan is approved; there will be a new cemetery which may be of some use to Tingewick in due course.

6. District Councillor's Report

The highway repairs are not sufficient and are of poor quality.

The East/West rail link has commenced. It is anticipated that it will partly open in 2017. At capacity, eight trains per hour will run through Winslow, three freight and five passenger trains.

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan was refused. The inspector considered that AVDC had not spoken to neighbouring councils but at the time of preparing the plan the neighbouring areas had not agreed their housing figures. AVDC has accordingly decided to withdraw it. VAP 2 is to be commenced and a meeting with Ministers is to be arranged to resolve practical matters. It is of concern that speculative developers may take advantage.

AVDC have agreed their budget and it was agreed there will be an increase in council tax of 1.99% and funding will be used to encourage business into the area, providing more employment.

The proposed Sainsbury's store in Buckingham has gone to committee. There is no decision yet regarding the old Focus building. Work has commenced on the Sainsbury's Local.

Open Forum

It was asked whether a note could be put in the Tingewick News providing the Councillors details and responsibilities. This information is already on the website. However it is understood that not all residents have computer access. The preferred mode of contact is via the clerk to ensure that all correspondence is logged, referred and actioned. There is no objection however to contacting individual Councillors in respect of their responsibilities. A list of the Councillors, their areas of responsibilities and contact details will be published in the Tingewick News

It was confirmed that permission is required to replace a hedge in the village conservation area.

7. Planning

14/00027/APP-TINGEWICK-9 Back Lane, Tingewick - No objections

14/00026/APP-TINGEWICK-5 Old Forge Close, Tingewick -No objections

14/00062/APP-TINGEWICK-Land Adjacent to Sandpit Hill - No objections

8. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transaction Report:

Proposed: Cllr Roy Seconded: Cllr Fenemore Agreed

Transactions approved.

Budget Report:

Proposed: Cllr. Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

Budget Report approved.

9. Councillors Reposts and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lights

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Gorrell Lane is slippery due to weather and vegetation. This will be cleared. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Cemetery and Grass Cutting

Nothing to report.

Playgrounds and Ponds

As set out above, steps are being taken to repair/replace the rope ladder to the climbing frame in the recreation field playground.

Special Projects

Nothing to report.

Roads and Footways

Written report received.

The hedges by the roundabout have been cut by BCC.

Cllr Stuchbury will assist to try and get the gullies cleared in Upper Street and other locations to alleviate flooding problems.

Further potholes have been reported. However, the repairs that have been carried out are of a poor quality.

Planning

The Development Control Regulations have been reviewed after six months. It has been confirmed the arrangements will stay in place for the next six months. Parish Councils will be notified by email of applications they wish to speak on. There will be some training on the working of the planning system and planning officers will attend meetings and offer training if required. A FAQ sheet will also be published.

The Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan consultation has closed. The outcome is awaited. There was concern that it may not be valid due to the VAP being withdrawn. However it has been commented that it may still be able to proceed in the absence of strategic policies.

10. Correspondence

2014/02/01 - Finmere Parish Council - Concerns at potential development of the airfield.

2014/02/02 - Resident - Expression of opposition to any development at land off back Lane.

2014/02/31 - Buckingham and Winslow CAB - Letter of thanks for donation.

11. Local Services Directory

The Editor of the Tingewick news would wish to produce an updated Local Services Directory.

It was proposed that the Parish Council donate £32.00 towards the production of an updated Local Services Directory.

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell. Seconded: Cllr Fenemore Agreed

12. Clerks Hours

Information from NALC regarding the recommended basic hours was provided along with an annual completed time sheet.

It was proposed that the clerk's hours are raised to 30 hours per month, effective from the 1st April 2014, to reflect the significant increase in duties.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Swinburne Agreed

13. Buckingham Local Area Forum Priorities

It was noted that the specific questions are primarily in respect of Buckingham.

14. Village Fete and Beer Festival.

The Fete will take place on the 21st June 2014. This date was considered the most appropriate date to avoid other local and national events.

The fete committee has a reasonable cash reserve but does have high upfront expenses.

It was proposed that the Parish Council agree the provision of a short term loan of £1,000 to the fete committee to be repaid immediately after the fete.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

15. Recreation Ground Development.

BCC have confirmed that they are appointing a land valuer whose report may take some time.

The pre-application planning permission has been received. The planners suggested a lower roof to the Pavilion which is not objected to and will reduce the costs.

The full planning application is however on hold until the tenure of the field is resolved.

Due to the wet weather conditions the decision as to whether the pitch is playable is taken at the time of proposed use.

The grass on the pitch appears yellow. It was confirmed that it has not been sprayed and is likely due to the rain.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on the 6th March 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30pm