

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2015 AT 8.00PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public

15. Apologies

Cllr Stuchbury (County Councillor)
Cllr Fealey (District Councillor)

16. Declarations of Interest

None

17. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2014

Minutes Proposed by Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Approved

18. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 170 - Hedge cutting- The hedge was cut but not to a satisfactory standard. It has now been recut.

Item 9 - Footpaths –The footpath by the bypass requires maintenance and will be discussed below. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

19. County Councillor's Report

Apologies received

20. District Councillor's Report

Apologies received

Open Forum

Concern was raised regarding the problems with the MVAS statistics. The Parish Council is aware of the problems.

It was asked what the Parish Council intends to do with the statistics. It was confirmed that over time the statistics would be compared and conclusions drawn. However, the main purpose of the MVAS is to be an advisory notice to motorists not to speed, as recommended by the police. The MVAS itself was purchased via BCC and at the time its limitations were not known. This is to be discussed under item 26.

It was questioned whether the opportunity should be taken, as in other rural communities, to define the one remaining village pub as 'an asset of community value' under the Localism Act. This would mean that should it come up for sale (and potentially change to another

er use) it could be delayed for up to six months to enable a buyer to be found who could retain the current use. It was stressed that this would not be undertaken to the detriment of the current tenants nor does it cast any doubt on the continuation of the pub. Further information will be brought to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Roy**

21. Planning

15/00099/APP-TINGEWICK-Mentmore Cottage, Main Street, Tingewick, Buckinghamshire, MK18 4NL (Single storey rear extension, addition of ridge roof and two side facing dormer windows over existing detached garage to create residential accommodation)-No Objections

15/00269/COUAR-TINGEWICK-Grove Hill Farm Woods, Buckingham Road, Tingewick, Buckinghamshire (Determination as to whether prior approval is required of transport and highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and local considerations for the conversion of one agricultural building into one dwelling (under Class MB(a)) and in relation to design and or external appearance of the building (Class MB (b))- To be deferred to the next meeting. Clerk to seek extension to date for responding. **Action: Clerk**

15/00183/APP-TINGEWICK-Oaktree Stables, Preston Road, Tingewick (erection of equine unit) Insufficient information. To be deferred to the next meeting. Clerk to seek extension to date for responding. **Action: Clerk**

22. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Fenemore Agreed

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr. Thurlby Agreed

23. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lights

Faulty lights have been reported for repair.

The light by Eagle House, Main Street will be reported as the light is very dim.

Footpaths

The footpath by the bypass requires pumping to clear standing water. The assistance of BCC will be sought.

Footpath by Grove Hill to be cleared

It is believed that the footpath from Barton Road, by the industrial units, parallel to the bypass, is sometimes obstructed at weekends. The route of the footpath will be clarified and action taken as appropriate.

Cemetery and Grass Cutting

The gates to the cemetery have been removed for repair and a suitable latch.

Playgrounds and Ponds

Pond - All in order

The school playground has been resurfaced. The school has however raised some concerns regarding the edging to the surface and the gully. Cllr Hornsey has corresponded with the contractors who laid the surface. The contractors have confirmed that they will

return to rectify the problem however this will require careful consideration to ensure that the surface is adequately bound to the concrete. It was suggested that a 10% retention be made to the payment until remedial works are completed
The school will be updated. **Action: Clerk**

Special Projects

Nothing to report

Roads, Footways and Street Furniture

A written report was received.

All the salt bins have a supply. However to ensure supply in the event of inclement weather they have been reported for refilling. They are refilled by Transport for Bucks on a rota basis.

Pot holes continue to be repaired.

There is fly tipping on Gawcott Road.

All residents should be aware that they should not park on Main Street during the resurfacing. The date of commencement the work will be ascertained. **Action: Clerk**

Planning

The archeological survey is to commence on the Catesby site

Permission has been given to fell 2 trees on the school field.

The North West Bicester Eco Town Plan is open for consultation. The Parish Council has previously considered this and did not consider a comment was required.

The Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan is open for final consultation prior to submission to AVDC. The Parish Council has previously considered this. No further comments are recommended.

A request has been received from Buckingham Town Council for information regarding development in parishes. This will be completed by Cllr Roy

24. Review of Risk Assessment

The Clerk presented an updated Risk Assessment

Thanks extended to the clerk for the revision of the Risk Assessment document.

It was proposed that the Risk Assessment be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Roy Approved

25. Review of Asset Inspection and Maintenance Schedule 2015

The Clerk presented an updated Asset Inspection and Maintenance Schedule. Appropriate amendments made.

It was proposed that the Asset Inspection and Maintenance Schedule be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Swinburne Approved

26. MVAS

The Parish Council is aware that there is a limitation to the data collection from the MVAS due to the lack of retention of data upon battery change. It was proposed that the Parish Council writes to the coordinator of the bulk purchase, Paul Hodson, copying in Warren Whyte (LAF and County Councillor with responsibility for Highways). It is to be suggested that the unit should be brought up to the necessary working specification without cost to the Parish Council, or a refund or a replacement offered. **Action: Clerk**

Correspondence from a resident received and considered. The Parish Council is aware of the limitations of the system, which were not known at the time of purchase, and will take the action agreed above to obtain the statistics required for comparison.

Second item of correspondence received from residents enquiring whether funds could be obtained from the forthcoming Catesby development to install speed restriction measures, possibly a chicane at the West of the Village. It was confirmed that S106 money cannot be used for this purpose as it can only be used for the promotion of leisure. The requirement to move the pinch point at the East of the village as part of the development is a Highways requirement necessary to obtaining planning permission and is unrelated to other traffic management. It is also not possible to obtain funding directly from the New Homes Bonus. This is a payment from the government to Local Authorities which is divided between BCC and AVDC. There is no statutory requirement for this money to be given automatically to the village accepting the development. Only a proportion of the money is released and village projects can only apply via a bidding process.

It is envisaged that matters such as this will be considered in the 20mph review that the Parish Council is bidding for and will be considered further if the bid is successful.

27. Correspondence

AVALC-Proposed bus route to Northampton- It was noted that there are no services North from Buckingham, as Buckingham continues to grow it requires adequate transport. The Parish Council would be supportive of the proposed service provided that it stopped at Buckingham. It was proposed that the Parish Council support the petition.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Roy. Agreed

BCC-National Conference in Buckingham - Received

Preston Bissett Parish Council - Planning Matter-It has been established that the matter is being investigated by AVDC and that enforcement action is likely to commence.

Rectory Farm-Notification of intention to apply for a 'Brown Sign' - Received.

28. Recreation Ground Report/Development

General maintenance is in order. The hedging will be cut and the field sprayed.

The liner to the litter bin at the recreation field requires replacing.

It was proposed that a new litter bin be purchased.

Proposed: Cllr Thurlby Seconded: Cllr Swinburne

Suitable bins and costs will be circulated for approval at the next meeting.

The valuation of the field has been received. The Chairman and Vice Chairman met with the valuer and have been advised that clarification should be sought as to the basis of the 'Red Book' valuation and whether all relevant aspects were considered when establishing the initial offer. The valuer has recommended that legal advice be sought regarding the existing lease.

It was proposed that the Clerk identifies a suitable solicitor and the legal advice required be obtained.

Proposed: Chairman Seconded: Cllr Fenemore. Approved

It was proposed that the valuer, Brown and Co, be authorized to commence negotiations with AVDC

Proposed: Chairman Seconded: Cllr Fenemore. Approved

29. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on the 5th March at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm