TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th FEBRUARY 2016 AT 8.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Smith

Cllr Fenemore Cllr Swinburne

Cllr Roy Cllr Lightfoot Cllr Churchfield Cllr Hornsey

Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk) Cllr Stuchbury (County Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public

13 Apologies

Cllr Fealey (District Councillor)

14 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

15 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2016

It was proposed that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Roy Approved

16 Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 88 - School Playground Surface - The school has confirmed that they will provide the contribution to the safety surface as previously agreed.

Item 101 - S106 funding for village organisations. Information regarding proposed projects has been received from the Church and the Village Hall.

Item 9 - White line painting at Main Street has been reported to BCC. They are aware of the situation and it will be completed in due course.

Item 10 - A quotation is awaited for the chapel door.

17 County Councillor's Report

An update regarding budget setting across the various departments was received.

Cllr Stuchbury attended Growth in Buckinghamshire and reported on the problems placed upon the County's services. Consideration is being given to planning and infrastructure to ensure that it is adequate.

Cllr Stuchbury also attended the Education Select Committee and is his continuing his work with Children's Social Care.

18 District Councillor's Report

Apologies received.

Written report received confirming that AVDC has agreed their budget with a Council Tax increase of 1.99% which is 5.5p per week or £2.71 for the year.

The Parish Council was asked whether concern had been raised that vermin may be taking advantage of the food that is being fed to the ducks. This is not an issue that has been raised with the Parish Council. This was noted by the Parish Council. A member of the public will ensure that this is raised in Pond News and ask that uneaten food is removed.

Confirmation received that the Christmas tree lights have been safely stored.

As Anglian Water have previously advised that they will not increase the capacity of the culvert could consideration be given to limiting the water flow into the pond? It was noted that it would be difficult to consider how the flow could be limited. The Parish Council would welcome ideas as to steps that could be taken to achieve this.

19 Planning

There were no planning applications to be considered.

20 Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

In addition it was agreed that £4.00 be paid to Mrs Stuchbury, the Parish Council's representative to the Transport Users Group, by way of reimbursement of travel fees to attend a recent meeting.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Fenemore Agreed

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot Agreed

21 Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lighting

The ivy will be removed from the power point to the light at the entrance at Main Street. Once this has been undertaken the source of the problem of the faulty light will identified.

Footpaths and Pond

The pond is in good order and the flow is clear.

Footpaths in good order.

Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Project

Nothing to report.

The contractor will be asked to undertake general maintenance to the Garden of Remembrance if required.

Action: Cllr Swinburne

Playgrounds, Roads and Street Furniture

Playgrounds and equipment are in good order.

Street furniture is in order.

The footpaths at Stockleys Lane and West Well Lane will be looked at and any remedial work that is required requested.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Recreation Ground

Vandals have damaged the roof to the toilet block. This will be repaired.

There is a fault to the showers which is to be repaired.

Action: Cllr Fenemore

Planning

The application for planning permission at West Well Farm has been approved and a Lawful Development Certificate has been issued regarding St Mary's Court

The work at Stowe View will commence in February.

Cherwell District Council is consulting regarding a review of their Local Plan and the development proposals that will follow. There is nothing to respond to at the moment.

Consultation as to the distribution of the New Homes Bonus, which is proposed to be reduced and the funds diverted to Adult Social Care. The Parish Council should consider an application to the fund in the current period.

22 School Playground Licence

It was proposed that in principle the Parish Council agrees to the renewal of the licence to the school playground in the same terms as the previous licence and meets the legal fees of Buckinghamshire County Council for the preparation of the same at £250.00 plus VAT.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot. Agreed

23 Dog Fouling

There is concern regarding dog fouling in the village. It was noted that the most affected areas are by the school, the Village Shop and locations along Main Street.

It was agreed that notices would be placed around the villages and in The Tingewick News and The Link. Enquires will be made of AVDC as to whether they have any standard notices that the Parish Council could use.

Consideration will be given as to whether dogs bins could be more centrally located. The cost of purchasing and maintaining the dog bins was noted.

Leafleting was discussed however it was considered that an advert in Tingewick News should be considered at this stage.

It was proposed that a full page article be placed in the next two issues of Tingewick News.

Proposed: Cllr Churchfield. Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot Agreed

The notices will be issued and the situation monitored.

Action: Cllr Churchfield

24 Resignation of Clerk

The Parish Council received and accepted the resignation of the Clerk.

The Clerk will remain in post until a replacement is identified

It was proposed that an advertisement be placed in the Tingewick News, The Link, the Website and the Buckingham Advertiser.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Hornsey. Agreed

25 Correspondence

Clean for The Queen - The Scouts have been contacted as to whether they would be prepared to take the lead with the project, a response is awaited.

Resident - Lighting at Stockleys Lane - This has been discussed on three separate occasions, there have been site visits and it was the view of the Parish Council that the light is adequate. The matter can only be reconsidered if significant new information is received. It was noted that the correspondence raises no new issues and it remains the view of the Parish Council that the lighting is adequate and in keeping with the rural character of the village. The ancillary issue regarding the pavement at Stockleys Lane has been reported to BCC and will be followed up.

Action: Clir Hornsey

Resident - Street Party for the Queen's 90th Birthday-It was suggested that if residents are willing to organise a party the Parish Council will consider making a donation to the same.

26 Recreation Ground Report/Development

The Parish Council is still awaiting receipt of the S106 movies before the project can commence.

27 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on 3rd March at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Advance apologies were received from Cllr Lightfoot who will be representing the Parish Council at the LAF meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.