

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Fenemore, Chairman
Cllr Martin Hornsey, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Pat Swinburne
Cllr Trisha Lightfoot
Cllr Sara Churchfield
Cllr Robin Stuchbury, County Councillor
Cllr Patrick Fealey, District Councillor
Samantha Chandler, Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Members of the public

16 Apologies

Alan Watson resigned from position of Councillor. Councillor vacancy to be advertised.

17 Declarations of Interest;

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interest.
- b. To declare any Personal Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None
- c. To declare any Prejudicial Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None

18 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 5th January 2017

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey

Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot

Approved

19 Matters Arising:

Open Forum Item 6, July 2016 Meeting: Meeting minutes of subcommittees publicly released, in particular the Rec Ground Committee. Cllr Roy suggested that at the next meeting the working party will be asked to consider whether they want to release the minutes or notes taken, however there have been no meetings recently and again, no further updates.

Item 148: Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Roy suggested that if people expressed an interest in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan it would be desirable to get people from other villages who have been through the process to come and advise on what is involved. Cllr Roy submitted an advertisement to the Tingewick News on behalf of the PC with the deadline for those interested to come forward by the January meeting.

It was clarified that there are already 4 members of the public willing to participate.

6 people have put their names forward to participate. Cllr Roy has spoken with a representative from AVDC, who has said they are happy to provide a speaker to explain the process to our working group members. Cllr Roy recently met at a conference, the coordinator for Planning Aid, which is an organisation staffed by planners who volunteer their services, the coordinator said they are willing to come along or send another representative to speak with the Working Group. Haven't yet gotten anyone from other village who's gone through process; looking at Great Horwood and Marsh Gibbon. Cllr Roy will circulate an email to the 6 members and the Parish Councillors to coordinate a date for a meeting.

Meeting scheduled for 16th February.

Item 12, Councillors Reports, Playgrounds

Cllr Hornsey received a call from a man who reported that he witnessed a woman walking a dog at the rec ground and when he politely reminded her that dogs are not permitted in that area, she responded that County Council law states that it is ok for dogs on leads. Cllr Hornsey remarked that he is not sure on County Council law. Cllr Fenemore advised that dogs are banned from the rec ground area in total, including the play area and football pitch, due to the issue of dog fouling becoming so great the decision was made to ban all dogs. However he is also unclear on whether Parish Council policy overrides county or district council law/policy?

Cllr Hornsey told the man who reported this, to pass on his details on to the woman if he meets her again. There is no known BCC policy about dogs on leads being allowed in areas otherwise marked as dog-free and there are no dogs allowed at Tingewick Rec Ground, leashed or otherwise.

Item 13, Correspondence, Village Hall Wifi

List of questions again submitted by Village Hall Management Committee. Clerk to respond with answers to questions. Cllr Hornsey to send Cllr Lightfoot details of local expert from whom information was received. Cllr Lightfoot to present all information to the Village Hall Management Committee and request final decision to be made regarding broadband/wifi installation, as the cost will need to be included in the PC budget for 2017/2018 financial year.

Final decision was made and wifi will be installed, the cost of which has been included in the budget and precept request for 2017/2018.

A technician from BT has attended and it was discovered that a new street pole will be required as the one located near the Royal Oak is too far away, BT is currently looking into options for the new location.

20 County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Stuchbury spoke to county highways officer regarding proposed Water Stratford Road development, he was informed that that department is objecting to the proposal on account of drainage for the area. Cllr Stuchbury reminded the officer of points raised by residents and the officer agreed that he was worried they can't meet footways requirements within the development.

Cllr Stuchbury advised that he met with Cllr Appleyard regarding Bucks Care. It was discovered that the organisation has folded due to financial losses. Losses identified in first year of operation of approximately £600,000 and discovered further losses in the second year of approximately £900,000. For various reasons, including the resignation of 3 main directors. Full report in the blue book to come.

Cllr Stuchbury advised, regarding the current education situation, 237 teachers missing in Buckinghamshire. Junior teacher positions decreased in recent years. Absentee figures have doubled since last year (expelled / suspended) and are to be investigated.

Cllr Stuchbury advised he is soon to be meeting with Transport for Bucks, negotiated some areas with definite failures in carriageways. He would like them to look into some footways, including Stowe View in Tingewick.

21 District Councillor's Report:

Cllr Fealey advised that Hs2 and EastWest Railway have met regarding a new train line and EastWest Railway will be taking care of the Bicester section.

Cllr Fealey advised that people are using technology more and in an effort to reduce the number of telephone calls, the public can now webchat for enquiries through the AVDC website. Cllr Fealey encourages everyone to sign up to My Account on AVDC website.

Cllr Fealey advised that the Unitary Council bid has gone in, the Leader has been to see the Minister but hasn't met with county council yet.

Cllr Fealey advised that the budget was set last night and whereas previously there was a 1.99% increase to council tax, there will now be just a £5 annual increase.

OPEN FORUM

A resident pointed out that the BCC Elections are being held on May 4th so the PC meeting date needs to change for the May meeting.

New dates have been set and will be published on the PC website.

Annual Parish Meeting - May 11th

Annual Parish Council Meeting - May 18th

A resident suggested that members of the public who will be speaking at the meeting objecting to the Gladman proposal should be coordinated to not say the same thing over and over as time allotted is limited. It was decided that those wishing to speak at the meeting will be asked to contact John Clucas as he has volunteered to coordinate this. He can be contacted on 01280 847822. It was noted that the date of the meeting is still TBD.

22 Planning; To consider the following planning applications received;

16/04239/APP – TINGEWICK, Village Hall Main Street

Alterations and extension to form new toilet, kitchen and bar facilities including replacement of all fenestration and doors.

NO OBJECTION

17/00036/APP – TINGEWICK, Finmere Airfield Barton Road

Demolition of one shed, two aircraft hangars and a field shelter followed by the erection of two aircraft hangars, the extension of an aircraft hangar, the erection of a combined tractor shed and stabling and the reconfiguration of existing hardstanding

NO OBJECTION

17/00052/APP – TINGEWICK, Little Tingewick House Sandpit Hill

Erection of triple bay garage and log storage.

NO OBJECTION

23 Accounts

See appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Second: Cllr Swinburne Approved

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Second: Cllr Churchfield Approved

24 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

- Lighting: Cllr Lightfoot

Only one maintenance issue, Westwell Lane on the grass triangle toward Upper Street – should be done next week.

- Footpaths and Pond: Cllr Churchfield

New plans issued for footpaths across Tingewick Park, access will remain the same, just one small diversion through the middle of the estate which was originally proposed.

Starting to tarmac footpaths in Bovis Estate, end near Gorrell Close, resident complaint that they have raised it up from main landscape and pedestrians could see over resident fences. Cllr Churchfield investigated and believes the complaint seems unfounded, footpath on equal footing to ground, lots of planting, rows of native hedges and some young trees – also have posts for a fence which looks to be about 6ft. She believes Bovis have done all they can to avoid this issue.

Mr Styles has trimmed the paths requested. Gorrell Lane still produces problems, receiving complaints. Large branch fallen off tree, on the path. Request lodged online with BCC to come and clear. Constant complaints about mud and leaves, may request Mr Styles to clear away in next round of works.

Wood Lane, left hand side along the lane while exiting the village. Heavy felling and clearing. The Maltings Estate have their own management company / contractor and they own the land all the way to the bridleway.

Church Lane – BCC have cut back the hedge.

- Cemetery, Grass cutting and Special Projects: Cllr Swinburne

Duck pond signs – BCC have come and have a look, but have deemed it not a priority. Existing signs may not be official signs, it's possible they could have been placed by residents. It was noted that the one on Sandpit Hill is usually obscured by parked cars. May look at moving or raising existing signs.

Another letter received from Sandpit Hill residents about the duck signs seems to be re-raising the speed issues. A suggestion was made for informal monitoring, however it is unclear as to who's responsibility this would be?

- Playgrounds, Roads, Footways and Street Furniture: Cllr Hornsey

Cross Lane resident says the bank is being eroded by vehicles, HGV's in particular, and asked if anything could be done? It is a tight space and it seems the problem may be caused by cars squeezing through and going up onto bank when other cars are parked in the Lane. A resolution for this seems unlikely. A suggestion was made for the entire Lane to be made one-way for the direction of traffic, however this would not solve the problem with parked cars.

- Recreation Ground: Cllr Fenemore

We have now a deal with BCC, accepting the offer of 60,000

Need to send correspondence for official offer in writing. – clerk to follow up.

25 Correspondence

a) Memorial Permit Application
Within cemetery guidelines. Approved.

b) E-on smart meter for Rec Ground electricity supply
New meter required, not installed when previously booked. Being carried out next week.

26 “Restoring the Record” project for footways and paths.

Cllr Churchfield advised that all Tingewick footpaths are registered, they're all on OS maps and recorded. There is also the annual footpaths walk which is coordinated by Cllr Churchfield. While the project is a good thing, we don't need to be involved.

27 Maintenance Contract, Mr T. Styles

Clerk advised Mr Styles annual contract is due for renewal. As Cllr Hornsey has been carrying out the MVAS duties recently, Clerk is to contact Mr Styles to ask if he wishes to resume the duties or they can be removed from his duty list with a reduction to his monthly charges and Cllr Hornsey can continue to do it.

28 Recreation Ground Report/Development

See above, under Councillor Reports.

29 Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for 2nd March 2017

Signed..... Dated.....