

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2014

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public

117. Apologies

Cllr Thurlby
Cllr Fealey (District Councillor)

118. Declarations of Interest

None

119. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December 2013

Proposed: Cllr. Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Roy. Approved.

120. 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 will be tested. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Open Forum 06.12.13 - Planning permission has been refused for the demolition of the barn and for the erection of a new dwelling at the Old White Hart

Item 105 - Playground - The climbing frame has been inspected and it requires new ladder rungs which will be purchased. **Action: Cllr Swinburne**

Item 105 - To enable the Parish Council to consider options regarding the capacity of the cemetery the Clerk was asked to ascertain from the records the current capacity.

Action: Clerk

Item 105 - The litter bin is being monitored and to date there has been no reoccurrence of the overflowing problem.

Item 113 - Community First Responders - There has been no response to the recent article in the Tingewick News. This will be reissued with reference to Cllr Hornsey who has expressed an interest in becoming a First Responder

121. County Councillor's Report

The County Council is in the process of budget setting.

The road sign at the bypass will be installed during the Spring.

The independent planning inspector has suggested that Aylesbury Vale District Council withdraws the Aylesbury Vale Plan, its blueprint for homes and job creation.

The inspector has raised a number of concerns including the level of housing and jobs planned and whether AVDC had worked closely enough with neighbouring authorities. It was advised that the Parish Council check the plan to assess the impact upon Tingewick.

A report has been commissioned to assess the Transport for Buckinghamshire contract.

122. District Councillors Reports

A written report was received.

Cllr Fealey is working to resolve the problems with the roads in the area along with recent flooding.

Concerns have been raised regarding the Vale of Aylesbury Plan

Open Forum

Land at Sandpit Lane.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council has written to Land and Partners to confirm that that representations had been made to them.

It was raised that the minute of the open forum of the 6th December 2013 includes 'vista' in the singular. It was asked that this be changed to the plural as there are a number of vistas that will be impacted. This was agreed.

The residents are making contact with the Land Agent and work is being undertaken to ensure all issues are identified and addressed.

It was confirmed that the constituency's Member of Parliament is supportive of the residents at this stage.

123. Planning

13/03223/APP-TINGEWICK-Highbury House, Strangers. Lane, Tingewick (First floor front extension) No objections

Proposed Diversion under The Highways Act 1980 Section 119 Public Footpath No 25 (Part) Parish of Tingewick. It was noted that there is little information as to the reasons for the proposed diversion nor any public benefit. In the absence of any justification for the diversion it was not felt appropriate to set a precedent for a diversion. The application will be opposed.

As noted under Matters Arising, planning permission has been refused for the demolition of the barn and for the erection of a new dwelling at the Old White Hart

Vale of Aylesbury Plan - The Planning Inspector has recommended refusal.

This is concerning as there is no current valid plan against which planning applications can be considered. This has also impacted upon the area neighbourhood plans which must be put on hold. Cllr. Roy will provide feedback at the next meeting.

124. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transaction Report:

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

Transactions approved.

Budget Report:

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

Budget Report approved.

125. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lights

Street lights were reported for repair.

Footpaths

There has been some development spoil and asbestos left on the footpath at the rear of The Old White Hart. This must be cleared within fourteen days. It was reported that the asbestos has been removed. The landowner has confirmed that the remainder of the spoil will be cleared. This will be followed up to ensure that that it is removed.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Report received of an overgrown gate believed to be part of a footpath. If the area in question is a footpath it will be cleared. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Cemetery and Grass Cutting

Nothing to report.

Playgrounds and Ponds

The ladder on the climbing frame has been noted above and will be repaired or replaced.

Special Projects

Nothing to report.

Roads and Footways

A written report was received. The pot hole on Water Stratford Road has been repaired along with various other pot holes.

The gully at Upper Street requires repair as there has been flooding due to the recent heavy rain.

The light column by the roundabout has been destroyed in an accident and has been removed.

A request was made for an additional visit from the street sweeper to clean the roads and gutters. This was refused as the village is considered no worse than the other villages in the area.

Planning

Nothing to report.

126. Budget

The clerk presented the draft budget with the amendments requested.

It was proposed that the budget presented to the Parish Council, attached, be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Swinburne Agreed

127. Precept

It was proposed that a precept request be made to AVDC in the sum of £26,262

Proposed: Cllr Smith Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Agreed

128. Correspondence

2014/01/01-BLAF-Concern was raised at parking in Buckingham and the impact upon parking. The information was circulated. Comments are to be forwarded to the clerk for discussion at the next meeting.

2014/01/02-Environment Agency-Query regarding Gawcott. Further information will be requested as it is not clear that this is in the Parish of Tingewick. **Action: Clerk**

2014/01/03-AVDC-Funding for Lunch Clubs - This will be discussed with the Lunch Club
Action: Chairman

129. Salt and Dog Bin.

Dog Bins

It was proposed that bins be placed at the following locations:

Water Stratford Road by the Recreation Field

Barton Road by the kissing gate

Wood Lane close to Upper Street

The locations were agreed and will be passed to AVDC.

Action: Clerk

Salt Bin

There was a discussion regarding a request for salt bin at Back Lane. Given the location it was not considered appropriate.

130. Village Fete and Beer Festival

The Fete and Beer Festival Committee will be asked to set a date.

131. Recreation Ground Development.

A pre-application regarding the proposed development was made to AVDC which received a favourable response along with helpful comments.

A meeting took place with BCC legal and the County Surveyor regarding the lease to the field which will need to be extended as grant providers require a substantial tenure. It was noted that an extension of thirty years is likely to be available: however due to the substantial nature of proposed development at least forty years will be required. For such length BCC would require a large initial sum as it would be seen as tantamount to surrendering the freehold. BCC suggested that the Parish Council may wish to consider purchasing the freehold.

It was proposed that the working party is asked to explore with BCC the costings of extending the length of the lease by thirty, forty and fifty years along with the acquisition of the freehold.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Swinburne. Agreed

132. Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.40pm