

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2016 AT 8.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Smith (Chairman)
Cllr Fenemore (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Swinburne
Cllr Roy
Cllr Lightfoot
Cllr Hornsey
Cllr Stuchbury (County Councillor)
Cllr Fealey (District Councillor)
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 members of the public

1 Apologies

Cllr Churchfield

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

3 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2015

It was proposed that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Roy Approved

4 Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 88 - School Playground Surface - The school was been advised that Wickstead consider the playground surface to be safe. A response will be requested. **Action: Clerk**

Item 101 - S106 funding for village organisations. Further information is awaited from the Village Hall and the Church.

Item 145 - The Christmas tree will be taken down and the lights stored.

Open Forum of 03.12.15 - Bathurst Partners - It has been confirmed that the land in question is the Recreation Field. They have been advised that the Parish Council do not own the land and it will be removed from their list of potential sites.

Item 162 - Salt bin at Gorrell Close - The location has been reviewed. A site further towards the slope would be preferable if it is available. The bin cannot be moved until the contents have been used.

5 County Councillor's Report

The S106 agreements for the Bovis site have been obtained and forwarded to relevant parties.

The proposed development site at Gorrell Lane has been visited with a BCC Officer. Concerns were expressed at the inadequacy of the road infrastructure should there be development.

The removal of trees at the Bovis site is being investigated at the request of a resident.

(At this point the Chairman of the Parish Council informed the meeting that enquiries have been made with AVDC who have confirmed that the trees have been removed appropriately, in accordance with a tree survey and in accordance with the views of both AVDC's Planning Officer and AVDC's Tree Officer. Both had noted the very poor condition of the trees that were removed and the replanting regime which included replacement with both oak and ash trees. AVDC have also asked for additional trees to be added.)

A budget review is being undertaken. Concerns have been expressed at services that may need to be cut.

6 District Councillor's Report

Governmental grants have been announced which were in line with what AVDC were expecting. AVDC is looking to the future to generate income, offering commercial services and looking at investment opportunities. A business model has been developed to drive this forward in order that AVDC may become more efficient and generate income. An example of this is the Planning Department which has been realigned.

It was asked whether a Unitary Authority is still being considered. It was confirmed that the viability of this is still being investigated.

It was asked whether the Historic Buildings Officer is still in position. It was confirmed that she is and her details will be passed to the Clerk.

Open Forum

No matters were raised.

7 Planning

There were no planning applications to be considered.

Concerns have been raised at the tree felling at the Bovis Site. Enquiries have been made with AVDC who have confirmed that the trees have been removed appropriately, in accordance with a tree survey and in accordance with the views of both AVDC's Planning Officer and AVDC's Tree Officer. Both had noted the very poor condition of the trees that were removed and the replanting regime which included replacement with both oak and ash trees. AVDC have also asked for additional trees to be added.

8 Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Swinburne Agreed

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Roy Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Agreed

9 Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lighting

Update received regarding the maintenance of the village street lights.

The Chairman and Cllr Lightfoot attended a meeting at Stockley's Lane with a resident regarding an additional light at Stockleys Lane. The Parish Council, having reviewed the situation with the resident at the location, maintain that the lighting is adequate, the area is safe and in accordance with the character of a rural village.

There has been a protracted discussion regarding the repair to the light at the entrance to the east of the village with Western Power to obtain a repair to the power supply. There is to be a site meeting to resolve the matter.

It was agreed that a commuted sum of £30,500 would be sought from Bovis in respect of the street lighting that the Parish Council has adopted.

Footpaths and Pond

A fallen tree at Gorrell Lane has been removed.

The footpath repair at Stowe View is being dealt with by BCC, an emergency repair having been made.

Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects

Repairs to be discussed below at item 10

It was agreed that the map of the Cemetery will be updated.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed that a copy of the cemetery rules will be issued along with all Exclusive Rights of Burial.

Playgrounds, Roads and Street Furniture

Playgrounds are all in order.

Concerns raised regarding rubbish at the rear of Buckingham Street. This area is the responsibility of the District Council.

There is line painting required to Main Street. This will be followed up.

Action: Clerk

Recreation Ground

It was noted that the drainage has coped well with the wet weather.

Planning

The Parish Council's response to the Vale of Aylesbury Plan has been submitted.

The following planning applications were approved;

The Bungalow, Church Lane

Mentmore Cottage, Main Street (extension)

Mentmore Cottage, Main Street (tree felling)

Tingewick Mill Farm, Mill Lane (conversion)

Tingewick Mill (installation of photovoltaic solar panels)

The following planning application was refused

Land at Wood Lane Cottage, Upper Street

10 Cemetery

It was proposed that the damage to the fencing at the cemetery will be repaired at a cost of £203.00.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne. Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot Agreed

A quotation will be obtained to carry out maintenance to the chapel door. **Action: Cllr Swinburne**

11 Correspondence

Clean for the Queen - The Scouts will be asked whether they wish to take the project forward.

Bequest - A deceased resident has very kindly left a bequest to place a seat in the village for the benefit of the residents. The Parish Council is grateful for the bequest and considers that a bench would be appropriate. The Clerk will liaise with the executors.

Action: Clerk

12 Recreation Ground Report/Development

The Parish Council is still awaiting the receipt of the first tranche of S106 monies before it can proceed with the purchase of the recreation field and the development of the area.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on 4th February at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm