

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 Members of the public

1 Co-Opting of Parish Councillors

It was proposed that Mr Allan Watson be co-opted to the Parish Council as a Parish Councillor.
Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot Agreed

2 Apologies

Cllr Sara Churchfield

3 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

4 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 1st December 2016

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Seconded: Cllr Roy Approved

5 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. 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. **Action: Cllr Roy**

6 County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Stuchbury advised that the report “the voice of the child” will next week be sent to cabinet. He advised that this week he is looking into roads and that Buckinghamshire Care is being taken back in house with BCC. He also advised that there is to be a consultation on Library Services, however he predicts this will happen after the 2017 elections.

7 District Councillor’s Report:

Cllr Fealey advised that the proposals for a unitary council are about to be submitted to the government. He also advised that AVDC has won their bid to become a Garden Town and it is hoped that this will generate income for the district. Regarding the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, Cllr Fealey advised that there is a meeting taking place next week after which councillors will be briefed and further council meetings held later in the month. He explained that the Plan challenged the expectations of some local authorities, particularly regarding housing numbers and speculative bids for planning submitted by developers are about land supply as up until recently there was believed to be insufficient land. More recently being calculated in line with death and birth rates it is now believed that there is 5.8 years of land supply.

OPEN FORUM

*A resident raised the issue of access to the Rec Ground, noting that during the last Fete and Beer Festival there was heavy rain and access was difficult, particularly for the classic cars.
Cllr Fenemore explained that planning permission is needed and the proposed package of desired works includes a new access point.*

8 Planning; no planning applications received since last meeting.

9 Accounts

See appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Second: Cllr Swinburne Approved

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted

Proposed: Cllr Roy Second: Cllr Churchfield Approved

10 Budget

To agree on the proposed budget for 2017/2018

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Second: Cllr Lightfoot Approved

11 Precept Request

To agree the proposed precept request for 2017/2018

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Second: Cllr Swinburne Approved

12 Councillors’ Reports and Items for Future Agenda

For each Councillor to report matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda, to agree urgent actions and to raise items for future agendas.

- Lighting: Cllr Lightfoot

2 outstanding issues with street lights. The Maltings, first light on the right and Buckingham Street, the last one at the end of the street. One was already reported to Aylesbury mains and the second was only noted before this meeting, it has also been reported so hopefully both will be repaired next week.

Previously AVDC had written to us regarding better buying power for lights and power supply however this has now all gone quiet, probably because of the Unitary Council proposal. Cllr Lightfoot will attempt to follow up.

Cllr Lightfoot plans to purchase more Christmas lights for the tree next year.

- Footpaths and Pond: Cllr Churchfield
Not in attendance.

- Cemetery, Grass cutting and Special Projects: Cllr Swinburne
Nothing to report on cemetery and grass cutting.
Residents have contacted regarding an idea for duck crossing signs. This is to appear on the agenda for the February meeting and Cllr Swinburne will investigate signs in the meantime.

- Playgrounds, Roads, Footways and Street Furniture: Cllr Hornsey
Cllr Hornsey received a call tonight 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 district council law/policy? Clerk to follow up. **Action: Clerk**

- Recreation Ground: Cllr Fenemore
Nothing to report

- Planning: Cllr Roy
Since the last meeting,

Approved

16/03367/ATC - Eagle House Main Street

Lawson cypress - Crown reduction of approximately 6m to previous one done to be below roof ridge. Any necessary trimming of branches for safety of electric cable.

Refused

16/03836/APP - The Wing Little Tingewick House Sandpit Hill

Erection of dwelling with ancillary parking and garden

16/03760/ATP - 1 The Maltings

Fell and grind conifer hedge due to excessive shading to all properties and gardens and replace with new landscaping works to make a more usable family friendly garden space

Cllr Roy also included as an update to the application regarding the site opposite the Red Lion in Little Tingewick, the environmental health department have advised that they want the stables set further back on the plot, the highways department want better visibility and the ecology department want to investigate the pond area for the presence of great crested newts.

13 Correspondence

- a) Memorial Permit Application

Clerk presented the applications received and confirmed them to both be within cemetery guidelines. Applications approved.

- b) AVDC Play Around The Parishes

Discussed and deemed to not be suitable for Tingewick due to cost and close proximity of other events.

- c) 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.

Action: Clerk & Cllr Lightfoot

d) Tingewick School playground lease

School requested information regarding the lease for the playground area. Clerk confirmed that a new ten year lease was signed in July 2016. Clerk to scan lease and send to school principal.

Action: Clerk

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

To be carried over to the February meeting when Cllr Churchfield can attend.

15 Recreation Ground Report/Development

Nothing to report until progress made with purchase of rec ground.

16 Date of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for 2nd February 2017.

Meeting closed 2050

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