

## **TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd JULY 2014

PRESENT: Cllr Smith  
Cllr Fenemore  
Cllr Swinburne  
Cllr Thurlby  
Cllr Maxwell  
Cllr Roy  
Cllr Hornsey  
Cllr Fealey  
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 12 members of the public

#### **88. Apologies**

Cllr Stuchbury

#### **89. Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **90. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June 2014**

Cllr Thurlby had offered her apologies for the meeting.

Minutes Proposed by Cllr Swinburne      Seconded: Cllr Roy      Approved

#### **91. Matters arising for information and reports only**

Item 71 - Catesby confirmed that they will provide the Parish Council with a full copy of the planning application and supporting documents upon issue.

#### **92. County Councillor's Report**

Apologies received.

#### **93. District Councillors Reports**

The District and County Council are reviewing parking in Buckingham. They are looking at alternative sources of parking facilities in the town.

Consideration is being given to an additional bus service to Milton Keynes.

There are many speculative planning applications in the District due to the lack of a District plan. Cllr Fealey can represent resident's views on planning applications. However, as Councillor Fealey is a member of the planning committee he is unable to assist until later in the process. All planning objections must be based upon material planning objections.

A second district plan is in progress but the absence of a current plan is leading to speculative development.

Neighbourhood Plans are of some assistance when opposing planning applications.

It is unlikely to be possible to rely upon the poor uptake of current new housing supply in the district to oppose future planning applications.

Planners must consider housing density on a site when approving applications. It is not clear whether density would be considered in relation to the village as a whole as opposed to the particular site.

The District Council is considering a new plan as a matter of urgency given the current position. The plan is however reliant upon neighbouring councils developing their plans. This is slowing the process down. AVDC has met with the housing minister to see if he can assist. John Bercow MP has been asked to assist by AVDC, residents may also wish to contact him.

Planning applications issued at the moment cannot be delayed whilst a new plan is being developed.

It was noted that AVDC had previously indicated that 42 houses might be appropriate for this site, it was asked how this was calculated.

#### *Open Forum*

*It is anticipated that Catesby will issue their planning application during the summer, how will the Parish Council respond?*

*The Chairman confirmed that a copy of the planning application will be sent to the Parish Council at the same time as it is sent to AVDC. This will reduce delay and Catesby has agreed to this. They have indicated that an application is imminent. The Parish Council will make details of the application available in the Village Hall. This has been agreed and does not require a further meeting. If a response is required before the next meeting an extraordinary meeting will be called.*

*Feedback of the consultation process has not been received. Catesby indicated that they had received '40 plus' responses.*

*Interim results were received from a public consultation organised by the village, the closing date for which is Friday 11th July. Residents will assist with the collection of outstanding questionnaires.*

*The Parish Council would welcome feedback as to the areas of the village that have responded.*

#### **94. Catesby Development Proposal**

Consultation details are awaited.

A Planning application is imminent.

The Parish Council will display the planning application when it is received.

There will be a comparison of the Catesby consultation to the village consultation.

An extraordinary meeting will be called, if required, to respond to the planning application.

#### **95. Planning**

No planning applications were received this month.

No determinations on applications relevant to the village have been received.

#### **96. Accounts**

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget. report.

Transaction Report

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell                      Seconded: Cllr. Fenemore                      Agreed

Budget Report

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell                      Seconded: Cllr Roy                      Agreed

#### **97. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda**

##### **Street Lights**

Nothing to report

## **Footpaths**

Reports of various overgrown paths (24 and 26) were received which will be dealt with.

## **Cemetery and Grass Cutting**

Complaints have been received regarding the quality of the grass cutting. BCC has been contacted and they advised that they are dealing with it.

## **Playgrounds and Ponds**

Nothing to report.

## **Special Projects**

Nothing to report.

## **Roads and Footways**

An electricity supply has been disconnected which has been long awaited.

Work commenced on some category two potholes but ceased when the team was moved to alternative sites.

Signs should not be placed on BCC property as they have recently taken steps to remove some.

Graffiti has appeared on some village signs, TfB has been alerted and it will be removed.

## **Planning**

Nothing to report

## **98. Standing Orders**

Draft revised standing orders were considered as drafted and revisions discussed.

It was proposed that the Standing Orders as amended be accepted.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Maxwell. Approved unanimously.

## **99. BCC Service Devolution**

There was a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of service devolution. Among the disadvantages are greater responsibility, employment issues and insurance implications. However, advantages could be the provision of better services which can be more responsive to local needs.

Buckingham Town Council has asked whether local parishes would be interested in forming a 'cluster' to deliver devolved services.

It was agreed that a response be issued to Buckingham Town Council that Tingewick would be interested in receiving further information. **Action: Clerk**

## **100. School Playground Repairs**

The playground safety surface has been repaired on many occasions. However the situation is becoming worse, which may in due course become a risk hazard. It was noted that this was not raised in the recent safety inspection. The school has indicated that they do not propose to use the playground after September 2014 should the surface not be repaired.

It was proposed that quotations be obtained for a full repair, for renewing the surface or other alternative options as opposed to patching which is no longer effective.

The school will be asked whether they will contribute to the repairs/replacement.

Consideration will be given as to whether grant funding could be obtained.

The Clerk will obtain three quotes for consideration at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

### **101. Correspondence**

2014/06/01-Rural Services Network-Rural Housing Questionnaire - Chairman to complete.

### **102. Recreation Ground Report/Development**

Maintenance repairs have been carried out.

BTFC has asked for permission to paint the changing rooms at their own cost. This was gratefully received and approved subject to the approval of materials. **Action: Clerk**

Model formats of charity status were received. It was proposed that the Working Party be asked to consider the draft documentation for discussion at their next meeting on the 14th July at 8.30pm. **Action: Clerk**

A response has been received from BCC offering to sell the recreation field to the Parish Council for £60,000.00 or the extension of the current lease for a further twenty years at a premium of £45,000.00. The Parish Council will need to consider the cost over the stated period and how this can be funded. It was noted that S106 agreements are still in force in AVDC and any new development would provide a sum of money. This will in no way influence the Parish Council's decision making process when considering planning applications. To enable negotiations to be entered into it was felt that an alternative quotation as to the value of the recreation field be obtained. These actions are delegated to the Working Party to consider at their meeting on the 14th July.

### **103. Village Fete and Beer Festival.**

The fete was a great success as was the evening event.

The proceeds of the event are being collated.

### **104. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to take place on the 28th August 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.05pm