

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th JUNE 2011

PRESENT:	Cllr Smith	Chairman
	Cllr Fenemore	Councillor
	Cllr Collins	Councillor
	Cllr Swinburne	Councillor
	Cllr Maxwell	Councillor
	Cllr Hornsey	Councillor
	Dawn Rogers	Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: members of the public

Apologies

Cllr Cadd (County Councillor)

104 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Thurlby declared a prejudicial interest in respect of Item 112.

Cllr Hornsey declared a financial interest in respect of Item 112.

105 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2011

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Collins - Approved.

106 Matters Arising for information and reports only

Open Forum 03.03.11 - A response has still not been received from BCC regarding the possibility of a warning sign. This will be followed up. Cllr Fealy will assist.

Action: Clerk

Item 56 – Parish Council Logo Competition – One of the entries has been amended but whilst being more powerful does not meet the brief. Attempts to contact the other shortlisted candidate have been unsuccessful but further attempts will be made.

Action: Chairman

Item 72 - A response has still not been received from BCC regarding speeding at Buckingham Street. This will be followed up.

Action: Clerk

Item 94 – Footpaths – The legal position regarding cycling on Gorrell Lane was received.

It was proposed that signs be placed at each end of the lane to advise against cycling.

Proposed: Cllr Collins Seconded: Cllr Thurlby Agreed

Action: Clerk

Item 94 – Cemetery – The family of the deceased will be advised that they must seek legal advice to obtain the necessary deed of transfer for a second burial in the existing plot.

Action: Clerk

Item 97 – Street Furniture – The litter bin has been placed by the Village Store. It needs to be weighted to ensure it remains in place.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

The Parish Council agreed to the removal of the old bin by the Village Store.

107 County Councillor's Report

None – Apologies Received

108 District Councillor's Report

AVDC has issued a letter regarding Localism with details of software that would be useful for consultation purposes. Advice was received to obtain a copy. **Action: Clerk**

The next section of HS2 has been published to show where HS2 will go in the rest of the country.

Bats have been identified at various locations, some local, along the HS2 route which will need to be considered.

AVDC has proposed changes to recycling. It is hoped that more waste can be recycled. Food waste will continue to be collected weekly. A possible four day collection (avoiding Monday) is being proposed.

AVDC will now issue press releases. Cllr Fealy will e-mail the relevant releases to the Clerk to forward to the Councillors.

Open Forum:

Cllr Maxwell and Cllr Fealy attended the recent NAG meeting and brought to the Parish Council various items.

Speeding remains an issued however the Police are actively policing it. The County will fix various damaged cats eyes. Beehives have been stolen from Shalstone. Various villages are considering 'Village Only' signs 'No HGVs' etc.

The church may wish to consider 'Smart Water' as a precaution against lead theft. It is effective in identifying culprits and recovering the metal from scrap yards.

Fly tipping remains a problem in Turweston.

Residents are urged to be aware of anything suspicious and report it to the police.

109 Planning

11/01039/APP-Tingewick-Westwell Farm, Barton Hartshorn Road – No objections

109 Accounts

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See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transaction Report: Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Fenemore - Transactions approved.

Budget Report: Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Fenemore - Agreed

It was proposed that the sum of £500.00 be transferred from the general reserve to meet the ongoing costs of the footpath maintenance over the summer months

Proposed: Cllr Collins Seconded Cllr Maxwell Agreed.

110 Annual Return

The Internal Audit was carried out with no concerns raised. It has been submitted to the External Auditor.

111 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lighting and Street Furniture

The light at Hickmans Close will be reported.

It was agreed that Street Furniture will become the responsibility of Cllr Maxwell.

Footpaths

Cllr Hornsey has received the report from the footpath walk and will consider the action required.

Cemetery and Grass cutting

A request has been received for a red granite memorial stone. It was confirmed that the Parish Council has no objection to the same.

Grass cutting – The fourth cut will be carried out shortly and will cut down the dead bulb leaves.

The ivy is to be removed from the memorial tree at the Triangle.

Action: Cllr Collins

The doors on the Chapel are in poor condition and require painting. A quote for painting and oiling of hinges to be obtained.

Action: Cllr Collins

The crack in the Chapel wall will be investigated to see if it is stable.

Action: Cllr Collins

Recreation Ground

A broken drain cover has been found to be blocking the drains from the changing rooms.

This will be removed and the system cleared.

Action: Cllr Fenemore.

It was confirmed that the area of development has been well fenced off to ensure that children playing on the play equipment do not stray onto the area being worked on.

Mr Styles will be asked to cut the grass around the play equipment as required.

Action: Cllr Collins

Playgrounds and Pond

Nothing to report.

Special Projects

The 'Best Kept Village Competition' will be judged in June and results published in July.

Roads and Footways

The potholes on Stockleys Lane have been reported and filled.

Cllr Maxwell will report the potholes on Upper Street to Highways.

112 Correspondence

2011/06/11 - Village Hall Committee – Request for funding assistance

Cllr Thurlby and Cllr Hornsey left the room.

The Village Hall is a vital village amenity and it was agreed that it is a cause that the Parish Council would like to assist. The maximum that the Parish Council could consider contributing is governed by the provisions of s137. However, it was noted that there was a standstill precept this year and it is likely to be the same next year. Careful consideration would need to be given to the request and how the money could be obtained. There is a possibility that it could be added to the precept for the year 2012/2013.

It was agreed that representatives from the Parish Council would meet with the Village Hall management committee to discuss in further detail the work to be carried out and sources of funding.

Action: Clerk

2011/06/17 - Resident – Comments upon website – The Parish Council was unable to understand the point being made and will seek clarification.

Action:

Clerk

2011/06/18 - Proposed Resident – Impact of HS2 in Tingewick - The Parish Council is of the

view that HS2 will have little impact upon Tingewick.

Action: Clerk

113 Buckingham Local Area Forum

CLlr Maxwell volunteered to be Tingewick's representative to the Buckingham Local Area Forum. Agreed.

The next meeting is to take place on the 30th June but may be affected by the public sector strike planned for that day.

114 Localism Working Group

It was agreed that the group should encompass a wide variety of residents to ensure thorough representation. A suggested group was considered and they will be approached.

Action: Chairman

115 Review of Risk Assessments

The Risk Assessments were approved and signed by the Chairman.

116 Fete and Beer Festival

Preparations are well underway. The Speaker of the House of Commons will open the Fete. It was proposed that funds of up to £1000.00 be made available to the Fete and Beer Festival upon request for the purpose of a float to be repaid at the conclusion of the Fete. Proposed: CLlr Thurlby. Seconded: CLlr Collins. Agreed.

117 Recreation Ground Development

The development is well underway.

It was noted that funding for a footpath from Stowe View to the Recreation Field has been refused in the past and that funding is not currently available.

Information was provided that a football team may be interested in using the recreation field when completed.

118 Affordable Housing

It was agreed that the new development would be named 'Tithe Meadow'.

Action: Chairman

The contractors have indicated that the development will be completed by the yearend.

The Rural Housing Enabler would like an article to be placed in the Village Magazine explaining how to register an interest. A draft article was considered and approved.

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Action: Chairman

119 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 7th July at 8.00pm at the Village Hall in Tingewick.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm