

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 3rd March 2011**

PRESENT:	Cllr Smith	Chairman
	Cllr Fenemore	Councillor
	Cllr Collins	Councillor
	Cllr Thurlby	Councillor
	Cllr Swinburne	Councillor
	Cllr Roy	Councillor
	Dawn Rogers	Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 6 members of the public

39 Apologies

Cllr Patrick Fealy, who is standing in for Cllr Rowlands upon his resignation.

40 Declarations of Interest

None

41 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd February 2011

Amendment to Item 31 to reflect that correspondence had been entered into with BCC not AVDC.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Collins - Approved.

42 Matters Arising for information and reports only

Item 3 – Parking continues to be enforced by the police and some tickets have now been issued.

Item 11 – A response is awaited from E-On regarding the current loadings of the street lights .

Action: Cllr Thurlby

Open Forum 03.03.11 – It was reported to the Parish Council that there was a near collision on the bypass. A response has not been received from BCC regarding the possibility of a warning sign. This will be followed up.

Action: Clerk

Item 31 – The damage to the swings at the playground at the Recreation Field is not covered under the existing warranty as it appears to have been caused maliciously. A quote has been received for their repair. As the quotation is under £100.00 it was agreed to proceed with no further quotations sought.

Action: Clerk

43 Co-Option of Parish Councillor

The Parish Council received two applications. One has been withdrawn due to personal reasons.

Mr Hornsey gave a short presentation in support of his application.

It was proposed that Mr Martin Hornsey be co-opted to the Parish Council.

Proposed: Chairman Seconded: Cll Thurlby – Agreed

44 County Councillor's Report

None.

45 District Councillor's Report

Councillor Rowlands has resigned as a District Councillor. Cllr Fealey is acting on his behalf until the next election when he will stand for election. Mr Fealey's apologies were given to the meeting as he was attending another local Parish Council meeting but he will ensure that he attends this meeting shortly.

Open Forum.

Tingewick News

There was a discussion regarding the articles on development in the Tingewick News which have led to misunderstanding by residents. The Parish Council maintained that the articles are wholly incorrect and that they did not agree to 'a substantial development' at their last meeting, as reported, and no financial or boundary implications had been considered or discussed.

The Council had responded to a questionnaire from AVDC regarding the new provisions of the Localism Bill and their effect on levels of future development over the possible 20 year life of the District Plan. Looking ahead, the Council took the view that, in the long term, residents may need to consider more substantial development than that provided simply by a limited and reducing amount of infilling in order to safeguard essential services and local businesses. From four options, ranging from 'no development of any sort' up to 'more development', the council chose the response which read:

"We want to explore with AVDC the issues around development before coming to a conclusion. Ticking this box means that you want to work with AVDC to explore if proportionate development is right for your community."

The Parish Council has no views whatsoever on any specific development within the village and made it clear that full public consultation would take place before any proposals, positive or negative, could be formulated. .

It was questioned whether the Village Design Statement advocated an extension of the village. The introduction to the document expressly states that it is not the Village Design Statement's place to recommend further development. AVDC remains the planning authority that will make planning decisions.

The Editor confirmed that he would print a correction regarding the financial implications of planning and boundaries but not for the comments on development. He suggested that the Council write to Tingewick News and state their position. The Council refused on the grounds that it was the duty of the editor to put right his incorrect speculation.

Hillside

Residents raised concerns regarding the implications of the proposed development of 'Hillside'. They were advised to make their objections in writing to AVDC, the planning authority. The Parish Council is to consider this matter at Item 46. There was a general discussion as to the planning and appeal procedure.

Neighbourhood Action Group

The Police are still monitoring speeding and parking in the village. The Parish Council was also warned that individuals collecting scrap metal are calling at homes and if nobody is at home they are lurking.

Village Gates

The Clerk reported that despite numerous letter and telephone calls she had not received a response from the Area Technician. This was raised with BCC as a stage one complaint and has now proceeded to a stage two complaint.

There is an ambiguous green box at Stockley's Lane which was suggested to be a dog bin but which was confirmed not to be. Enquiries will be made to check its purpose.

Allotments

The Parish Council confirmed that there was nothing further that they could do to purchase or lease the allotments and accompanying field from the Diocese to provide for further allotments. The Diocese is unwilling to relinquish the same unless the Parish Council pays their legal fees and land agents fees and compensation to the current lease holder. This, together with the Council's own legal fees would amount to approximately £5,000. Given that the Parish Council has not increased their precept this year it is not considered to be a proportionate expense. It was confirmed that the allotments are not the responsibility of the Parish Council. They are the overall responsibility of the Diocese and their land agent. The Parish Council was asked who held the waiting list for allotments. It was understood to be the Horticultural Society.

Royal Wedding

A group of residents would like to bring the village together to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding, possibly with a children's tea party in the Village Hall. There is to be a meeting of residents and the Parish Council was asked whether it would agree to donate a sum of money to the project. The request will be considered at Item 59.

46 Planning

11/02617/APP-TINGEWICK-Hillside, Main Street, Tingewick- OPPOSED unanimously for the following reasons:

1. Inadequate parking provision in terms of AVDC's standard of 3 spaces per 4 bed dwelling (layout plan appears to show 9 spaces not 11 as shown on application form)
2. Vehicles accessing rear properties would reduce amenity of occupiers of the replacement dwelling below an acceptable level.
3. Inadequate amenity space for occupiers of the courtyard dwellings likely to be occupied by families.
4. New point of access and what is described as 'turning area' too close to existing junction of Main Street/Church Lane where sightlines already often obscured by parked cars,
5. It is not accepted that the developments referred to at Back Lane and Water Stratford Road are comparable; Back Lane is an edge of village site and both sites are outside of the conservation area and less intensively developed
6. The proposed replacement dwelling does not fully overcome the conclusions of the appeal inspector in respect of the previous refused application that development "creates a substantial detached suburban dwelling set behind its own front garden into the heart of a Conservation Area. This would do nothing to complement the key sense of enclosure of Main Street derived from the 18th and 19th century style of building onto or close to the road frontage."
7. The adverse effect that the development would have on the properties in respect of

its height and the effect that this may have upon their access to light and privacy.

8. The view of the area of the proposed development is a view that exemplifies the setting of Tingewick in a shallow valley surrounded by fields. The development would have a negative impact on this view which has been noted that it should be maintained on page 29 of the Tingewick Village Design Statement (2010) and in the Conservation Area appraisal of 1973.

11/20000/AWD- Energy from Waste Facility, Calvert - Consultation – The Parish Council considered this matter in detail when the proposal for the incinerator was first made. At that time it was the view of the Parish Council that they could not actively oppose the proposal and that there are numerous arguments both for and against the project which the Parish Council does not have the expertise to determine. It was noted that the current proposal is not significantly different and therefore the Parish Council maintains its earlier position.

11/00177/APP-Oaktree Stables, Preston Road, Tingewick – OPPOSED unanimously for the following reasons:

1. The mobile home 'New Lodge' is over specified for its purpose i.e. 5 bedrooms for a staff ratio of 1.6.

47 Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Collins - Accepted

48 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lighting and Street Furniture

The street light at Westwell Close requires a new column as the existing one is crumbling. A quotation for a new column and the reconnection of the lantern will be obtained.

Action: Cllr Thurlby

Footpaths

The Crown has confirmed that they will host the walk.

Correspondence has been received from a third party regarding the footpaths at the rear of the old 'White Hart'. Cllr Roy will meet with the third party to identify where the footpaths are.

Action: Cllr Roy

Cemetery and Grass cutting

Nothing to report.

Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

Playgrounds and Pond

School Playground - Nothing to report

Recreation Ground Playground – The seats on the swings will be repaired.

There are numerous mole hills by the pond. It was agreed that subject to Mr Styles's approval a mole catcher will be engaged to resolve the problem. **Action: Clerk & Chairman**

Special Projects

Information has been received regarding 'On the Road' Project which is an evening drop in project for young people aged 13-19. The facilities will be provided free of charge provided that the Parish Council can identify a suitable location. The Parish Council confirmed that it was interested in the project and will attempt to identify a suitable location.

Action: Cllr Swinburne

Tingewick will be entered in the 'Best Kept Village' competition.

Action: Cllr Swinburne

49 Correspondence

2011/03/1-Resident-Community Speedwatch – To discuss under agenda item 52.

2011/03/2- Query regarding bridleways – Cllr Roy to meet with correspondent to identify where the footpaths are and will also pass on details of BCC's footpath's officer. **Cllr Roy**

2011/03/3- North Bucks Care of Carers Partnership - Received

2011/03/4-Water Stratford Parish-Permission for caravans at Rectory Farm – The Parish Council had no concerns regarding the application to the Caravan Club.

2011/03/20 Mr Dempsey- Contract Fee- the contract fee has not increased and was accepted. Due to the redevelopment work at the Recreation Field the area will not require cutting until further notice. Also, once the redevelopment has been completed the cutting maintenance regime will need to be reviewed.

Action: Clerk

50 Renewal of Insurance Premium

The Clerk presented the renewal documents with Aviva received from Came and Company. The three year fixed contract has expired and the Parish Council is asked to enter a further three year contract on the basis that the policy fee will not increase other than in accordance with indexation unless there is a claim at which time the Parish Council would be freed from the contract to see alternative quotes if required.

Proposed that the Parish Council accept the renewal of the current policy with Aviva via Came & Company for a further three year period.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Swinburne Accepted

51 Dog Control Order

The consultation period has expired. AVDC confirmed that they had no objections provided that there were alternative areas for dogs to be exercised. This was considered and it was noted that there is an extensive footpath network available with paths immediately adjacent to the Recreation Field..

There was only one response to the public consultation. This response questioned whether dogs needed to be excluded from the whole of the Recreation Field. It was agreed that all of the Recreation Field should be subject to the Dog Control Order as the redevelopment of the area will lead to more field sports being played such as rugby, football and cricket. It was therefore proposed that the Tingewick Recreation Field at Water Stratford Road, Tingewick, registered at HM Land Registry under Title Number BM196061 be subject to a Dog Control Order under which it would be an offence to take a dog onto or permit a dog to enter or to remain on Tingewick Recreation Field without reasonable excuse or permission.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Swinburne - Agreed

The Dog Control Order will be advertised in accordance with statutory requirements.

Action: Clerk

52 Vehicle Activated Sign

Correspondence has been received from a resident regarding the Community Speedwatch. This project was extensively discussed some while ago and it was agreed at the time that it was not feasible due to a lack of a sufficient number of volunteers on a regular basis. At the time the Parish Council had wanted to purchase a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) for the entrance to the village but the cost of approximately £5,000 was unaffordable.

Information has now been received regarding a lower cost, portable VAS which is proving to be effective in other villages. It was also noted that the location of the VAS could be moved around the various entrances to the village. There is still a significant expenditure but speeding is an issue that the Parish Council has been concerned with for some time and would wish to address.

It was proposed that the Parish Council purchase a solar powered portable Vehicle Activated Sign subject to a suitable demonstration of the equipment.

Proposed: Cll Collins Seconded: Cllr Swinburne- Agreed

Action: Clerk

53 Naming of the New Development

No agreement was reached and the matter was deferred to next meeting.

54 Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Fields Challenge

The Parish Council expressed interest in the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Fields Challenge however as the Recreation Field is owned by BCC it will be for them to make the application if they feel appropriate. The matter will be raised with BCC.

Action: Clerk

55 Donation to the Royal British Legion

It was proposed that a donation of £90 be made to the Royal British Legion to reflect their 90th anniversary. Proposed: Cllr Collins Seconded: Cllr Thurlby.

Action: Clerk

56 Parish Council Logo Competition

Councillors considered all applications and were impressed with their quality. Three entries were selected to be taken forward for further consideration.

Action Chairman

57 Fete and Beer Festival

The date has been agreed as Saturday 16th July 2011, events are being booked and village organisations are to be invited to participate.

A risk assessment will be carried out as requested by the Parish Council's insurance company to ensure cover.

58 Allotments

As recorded at Item 46 – Open Forum

59 Royal Wedding

The Parish Council proposed a donation of £50 to the residents village celebration of the Royal Wedding.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Chairman - Agreed

60 Recreation Ground Development

The contractor has been engaged and is waiting for suitable weather to start work.

61 Affordable Housing

It was reported that the building work well under way. There is a traffic problem which requires resolution.

Action: Chairman

The Councillors had visited the development to consider the contractor's street lighting proposal. All street lights included in the development will be supplied free of charge.

It was agreed that the amount of footway lights proposed by the contractor appears to be appropriate: however if it subsequently transpires that there is excessive lighting levels can be adjusted.

62 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 7th April 2011 at 8.00pm at the Village Hall in Tingewick.

The meeting closed at 10.50pm