

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th MARCH 2014

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public

17. Apologies

Cllr Fealey

18. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Swinburne and Cllr Roy declared an interest in Item 26.

19. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 2014

Item 2 - Cllr Swinburne is not a member of the Recreation Field Working Party however Cllr Maxwell is. This will be amended.

Minutes Proposed by Cllr Fenemore. Seconded: Cllr Swinburne. Approved.

20. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 100 - School playground surface. A sealant has been identified which may bind the safety surface to the playground surface. The sealant has been tested and appears to be holding. It was agreed that further time would be allowed to fully test its efficiency. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Item 105 - Playground Repair - A quote of £500 was obtained from the current supplier for the replacement of the rope ladder on the climbing frame. A local resident who is a carpenter has provided an alternative quote to repair the existing ladder for £80.00. It was proposed that the quote of £80.00 be accepted.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Swinburne. Agreed.

Item 113 - Community First Responders - Residents have expressed an interest. Details will be passed to the Clerk who will provide further information to them.

21. County Councillor's Report

No report.

22. District Councillors Reports

Apologies received.

Open Forum

Concern was raised that the footpath that runs under the barn by the Old White Hart appears to be unsafe. See item 25- Footpaths.

The Parish Council was advised that if they moved their meeting date to a date later in the month it would be difficult to make copy in the Tingewick News. This will be noted when considering Items 34 and 35 on the agenda.

23. Planning

No applications received.

24. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transaction Report:

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

Transactions approved.

Budget Report:

Proposed: Cllr Roy Seconded: Cllr Thurlby Agreed

Budget Report approved.

25. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lights

Concern raised that some reported lights have not been repaired. There have been some problems with lights that have been repaired but have subsequently stopped working due to more fundamental problems. Enquiries will be made with the contractor. **Action: Cllr Thurlby**

Footpaths

A report has been received regarding a footpath in Stowe View being in poor condition. This area was identified as a footway as opposed to a footpath. The area may be the responsibility of the housing association. This will be followed up. **Action: Cllr Maxwell**

A sign has been erected advising of a bull in field. It will be checked to see if this is appropriate.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

With regard to the footpath at the Old White Hart, raised in Open Forum, the owner will be asked to check and make the area safe if necessary.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Cemetery and Grass Cutting

Nothing to report.

Playgrounds and Ponds

The pond outlet was reported to be flowing well after the recent heavy rain.

Special Projects

Information was received regarding the 'Best Kept Village' competition. The entry fee is £15.00. There was a discussion as to whether it would be appropriate to enter as residents also need to be part of the process and take part to tidy the areas of their responsibility. It was considered that it would be a positive step to enter the competition again this year. It was agreed that the Parish Council would enter Tingewick and also publicise the competition to engage the residents of the village. **Action: Cllr Swinburne**

Roads and Footways

Written report received.

Some potholes have been filled but some do not meet the required depth for urgent repair.

The flooding has subsided in Upper Street and some steps have been taken to address the drainage.

It is disappointing that dog waste is being thrown in the hedges as opposed to the dog bin at Barton Road. This may be a problem that predated the installation of the dog bins.

Planning

There is no further information regarding the Vale of Aylesbury Plan however some local plans have now been suspended.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will report the outcomes of all planning applications considered.

Applications Permitted: 13/02770/APP-The Old Bank, Main Street, Tingewick

13/03223/APP-Highbury House, Strangers Lane, Tingewick

Applications Refused:

13/02608/AOP-Land to rear of Wood Lane Cottage, Tingewick

13/02836/APP-Land adj Wood Cottage, Barton Road

26. Correspondence

2014/03/01-Historical Society-Request for a donation towards the society's research into the soldiers of the First World War on the village memorial. Also to consider a loan to assist in publishing their results in a book, to be repaid from the sales.

It was proposed that the Parish Council agree in principle to assist with a donation towards the society's research as it is relevant to many residents, subject to further information being received as to the costs being sought. Also that the Parish Council agree in principal to a loan to assist with publication costs subject to further information being received as to the costs being sought.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Thurlby. Agreed **Action: Clerk**

27. Recreation Ground Report/ Development

The Clerk was requested to ascertain the current contractor's proposals for the annual cutting and maintenance of the field. **Action: Clerk**

The trim trail requires spraying. **Action: Clerk**

The area behind the basketball post requires refilling. To lay a plastic surface would be cost prohibitive. It can be back filled with the reserve trim trail surface. **Action: Clerk**

No further information has been received from BCC regarding costings for either the lease or the purchase of the field. **Action: Clerk**

28. Recreation Ground Charity

The existing charity is of limited scope as its purpose is to administer the recreation ground funds. Advice has been sought and it is considered more appropriate to set up a charity with the purpose of administering the development of the recreation field. This will assist with funding applications and may also have financial benefits.

It was proposed that a charity be set up to administer the development of the recreation field.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Fenemore. Agreed

29. Footpaths

Information was received regarding Buckinghamshire County Council's Parish Paths Clearance Fund. BCC propose to offer the Parish Council a grant of £235.26 per year to take over maintenance of the paths that are currently maintained by BCC. It was noted that the work that BCC carries out is minimal and that many of the affected footpaths are additionally maintained by the Parish Council.

It was proposed that the Parish Council participate in the scheme

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Roy. Agreed.

30. Footpath Walk

The footpath walk will take place on Saturday 10th May 2014

There will be greater publicity as the previous walk was poorly attended.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

31. Website

It was proposed that a search facility be added to the website at a cost of £35.00.

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Swinburne Agreed **Action: Clerk**

32. Village Fete and Beer Festival.

Preparations are proceeding going well.

The Constituency's MP, The Rt Hon John Bercow, will be asked to open the fete.

Action: Clerk

33. Annual Village Assembly

It was agreed that the Annual Village Assembly will take place on the 15th May 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

34. June Parish Council Meeting It was proposed that the date of the June meeting be changed to the 12th June as it is likely that information will have been received regarding the lease/purchase of the recreation field which will require all Councillors to be present.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

35. Day of Parish Council Meeting

The Village Hall has enquired as to whether the day of the Parish Council meeting could be changed to enable the Village Hall to make better use of the hall on Thursdays. Wednesdays are an alternative day suggested. The Parish Council would certainly consider the request to move their meeting to the first Wednesday of the month if a potential hirer is identified and it would be to the benefit of the village hall.

36. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on the 3rd April 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.25pm