

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th MARCH 2015 AT 8.00PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public

30. Apologies

None

31. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fenemore declared an interest in Item 36 Planning - 15/00269-COUR-TINGEWICK Grove Hill Farm.

32. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March 2015

Minutes Proposed by Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Approved

33. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 9 - Footpaths - BCC has been requested to clear the footpath by the bypass.

Item 9 - Footpath at Barton Road - The landowner is seeking clarification as to his boundary and we will consider the matter once this has been clarified.

Item 23 - Cemetery - The gates are with the blacksmith for repair.

Item 23 - School Playground - Remedial works have been carried out as requested. The school however still have some concerns. The contractor has sought payment of the retained 10%. It was agreed that the contractor be paid subject to them agreeing that should the annual safety inspection of the playground raise any concerns regarding the safety surface they will carry out the recommended works.

34. County Councillor's Report

Enquiries have been made as to whether there are sufficient primary school placements given the degree of current and further development. BCC consider that there is capacity in the existing schools.

The Scrutiny Committee is to consider whether BCC is meeting its targets in Children's Services.

Remedial work to the line markings is to be carried out to the roundabout by Tesco in Buckingham. Cllr Stuchbury has already circulated the minutes of a recent meeting regarding these matters.

35. District Councillor's Report

Tingewick and Gawcott's application to the LAF for funding for a speed review has been granted. This will be coordinated between the various participating parishes to commission the review and consider ancillary matters in due course.

AVDC is working to develop rural broadband. Trials are ongoing to consider the best solution which will then be rolled out to the most rural communities.

The AVDC Plan is progressing, it is hoped to be finalised in 2017, possibly 2016.

The Swan pool refurbishment has commenced.

The University in Aylesbury is progressing

Work has commenced on a Crematorium in Aylesbury.

AVDC are considering whether there is a business case for a unitary authority.

Various grants have been awarded.

AVDC is concerned about social isolation. Communities asked to look at how they can address this as a whole.

There is an IT training session at the library on Fridays and an ongoing consultation to regarding its opening hours.

Open Forum

Concern raised regarding the planning application at Grove Hill Farm. Information was provided regarding the history of the site and the planning legislation that has facilitated the current application. The speaker considered that it would be an unacceptable form of development in the countryside, is contrary to ADVC's stated policies and that there are traffic issues.

The owner of the site responded. Further history of the site was provided. The woodland is looked after. It was suggested that the development will not increase traffic risk.

The owner was asked whether they would knock down the current Nissen hut. They confirmed that they would wish to retain as much of its original framework as possible.

It was confirmed that the home would be situated where the current 'Nissen Hut' is.

LAF - The meeting received details of the recent LAF meeting regarding grants awarded, projects and library opening hours.

It was noted that there is a Community First Responder in Tingewick. The Parish Council would wish to know if they can assist her in anyway.

36. Planning

15/00269/COUAR-TINGEWICK-Grove Hill Farm Woods, Buckingham Road, Tingewick, Buckinghamshire (Determination as to whether prior approval is required of transport and highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and local considerations for the conversion of one agricultural building into one dwelling (under Class MB(a)) and in relation to design and or external appearance of the building (Class MB (b)):
15/00269/COUAR-TINGEWICK - Grove Hill Farm Woods-The Parish Council objects to the application for the following reasons;

1. There are serious doubts as to whether the existing building is genuinely in agricultural use, as exemplified by other objectors;
2. The site is remote from local facilities and occupants are likely to be dependent on car transport. Additional traffic using the junction with the A421 poses a threat to road safety, particularly from traffic turning right from the A421 into the access road to the site.

15/00183/APP-TINGEWICK-Oaktree Stables, Preston Road, Tingewick (erection of equine unit)- The Parish Council had previously objected to an application for a mobile home on the site, this was granted on appeal but on a limited duration and did not indicate that permission would be given for a permanent dwelling. The Parish Council objects to the current application on the basis that there is no justification or plans of the proposal. Furthermore, even if a continuing on site presence on the site is considered acceptable, it should be limited to a mobile home which can be removed at some time in the future if requirements change. A permanent dwelling could remain well beyond the life of the enterprise it is meant to serve and be contrary to policies for isolated dwellings in the countryside.

15/00355/APP-TINGEWICK-1 Buckingham Street, Tingewick (Two storey front extension with first floor within pitched roof and dropped kerb to provide access from Buckingham Street)-No objections

15/00245-APP-TINGEWICK-Hill Farm, Upper Street, Tingewick (Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with a new single storey rear extension)

It was moved that the application be pronounced upon without being an agenda item.

Proposed: Chairman. Seconded: Cllr Roy

Application considered - No objections

37. Accounts

In addition to the transaction report prepared authorisation was sought for payment to RTF Safety Surfaces in the sum of £1095.00 as referred to above at Item 33.

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Swinburne Agreed

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr. Thurlby Agreed

38. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lights

Various light have been reported for repair.

Footpaths

Gorrel Lane footpath has become slippery, it will be cleared. Litter will also be removed from the footpath. Concern was raised regarding a number of the retaining slabs. These have been inspected historically by AVDC's Footpath officer who advised that the slabs were not installed by either AVDC or BCC, they were placed there by the adjoining residents. The slabs are not dangerous but will be monitored, should they become dangerous the residents will be notified.

The Footpath Walk will take place in Saturday 25th April 2015. A notice will be placed in Tingewick News.

Action: Clerk

Cemetery and Grass Cutting

Nothing to report

Playgrounds and Ponds

Nothing to report

Special Projects

It was agreed that the Parish Council will enter the 'Best Kept Village Competition 2015'

Roads, Footways and Street Furniture

A written report was received.

Seats and bus shelters in order, litter bins are being emptied.

Main Street was scraped and part resurfaced, all residents had removed their cars to facilitate this.

Some damage has been caused to various grass verges in the village. Anglian Water have been asked to repair the damage they caused the verge by the Church.

A suitable litter bin for the recreation field was identified. Should the bin be under £500.00 it will be purchased.

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell. Seconded: Cllr Swinburne. Agreed

Planning

The development at Cross Lane, which the Parish Council object to, has been allowed on appeal.

The Chairman and Cllr Roy are to attend a Neighbourhood Planning seminar.

Clarification has been received from AVDC confirming that objections made by the North Buckinghamshire Planning Consortium carry no more weight than objections made by a Parish Council.

There is an initial consultation in respect of BCC's Minerals and Waste plan. The Parish Council has no comments at this stage

Clarification was received regarding the scope of the Assets of Community Value Scheme. It does not guarantee that there will be no change of use. The Parish Council will take no further action at this time.

Catesby have sold the village site to Bovis Homes. The next step is a reserved matters application.

A pre-planning application has been submitted to AVDC in respect of The Crown. Pre-applications are confidential, thus the details are not known. Confirmation has been received that the frontage will be tidied.

39. Review of Cemetery Fees

The fees were considered. It was proposed that the fees do not increase for the financial year 2015/2016.

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell. Seconded: Cllr Thurlby. Agreed.

40. Bus Service

Complaints have been received regarding the X60 bus service, specifically that the bus is full when it arrives at Buckingham and residents are not able to board.

The Parish Council notes that the matter has been referred to the Transport Users Group on which the Parish Council has a representative.

41. MVAS

Discussion with SWARCO (MVAS provider) are ongoing as to the installation of a battery chip to remedy the date issue.

The grounds crew providers have agreed to provide bolts and a cover free of charge but will not reinstall the screw. It was however clarified that the grass cutter shearing the bolts would not have caused the screw to be off centre, this could only be used by it not being installed on a true vertical. This will be raised with the provider. **Action: Clerk**

42. Correspondence

Heritage - Request for an additional inscription to a memorial tablet - Approved

43. Recreation Ground Report/Development

It was proposed that there be the same grass cutting regime as last season.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore. Seconded: Chairman. Agreed

The current and future fees to facilitate the purchase of the field, which include solicitors fees for both the Parish Council and BCC (as the Parish Council is requested to pay their fees), valuation fees, negotiation fees, will require payment from reserve. The Parish Council will seek clarification and confirmation as to the availability, use and timing of s106 money along with the New Homes Bonus Scheme before committing to payment from reserve.

44. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on the 2nd April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.15