

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:	Cllr Smith	Chairman
	Cllr Fenemore	Councillor
	Cllr Swinburne	Councillor
	Cllr Thurlby	Councillor
	Cllr Maxwell	Councillor
	Cllr Roy	Councillor
	Cllr Fealey	District Councillor
	Dawn Rogers	Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public

175 Apologies

Cllr Hornsey
Cllr Cadd

176 Declarations of Interest

None

177 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th October 2011

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Fenemore - Approved.

178 Matters Arising for information and reports only

Item 164 – No further information as to why there are numerous trenches being dug for the connection of the utilities at the Barton Road Development.

Item 167 – Grass cutting, the manager of the grass cutting team at AVDC attended a meeting with Cllr Maxwell to discuss the concerns. Next year the grass cutting will be the responsibility of BCC.

Item 167 – Christmas Tree – Woburn Estates may not be able to provide a suitable tree. Alternative enquiries will be made.

Action: Chairman

Item 167 – Footways – A polite reminder will be issued regarding the overgrown hedge which is impeding the public footway.

Action: Clerk

Item 167 – Street Furniture – AVDC have refilled the Parish's salt bins. It was agreed not to pursue the request for details of which bins they fill.

179 County Councillor's Report

No report

180 District Councillor's Report

All Councillors are being asked to look at how savings can be made. Possible savings have been identified in the planning department.

The money which was being held in the Icelandic banks has been released.

Reusable energy is being encouraged in development. Wind Farms are however proving contentious and as there is no strategic plan applications are being dealt with on an individual basis. A strategic plan is being looked at to assist planning officers when such

applications are received.

Questions:

16.5 million expenditure has been agreed for a new leisure centre in Aylesbury. What has been agreed for the provision for leisure and toilets in Buckingham?

A business case is being developed for leisure in Buckingham including the development of the Swan Pool. It was noted that there are very few leisure facilities in Buckingham.

Open Forum:

Concern was raised at comments made by the Chief Planning Officer at the recent public meeting on Localism, in that AVDC is intending to produce a number of generic reports for villages of similar size without particular reference to specific identified needs highlighted during the consultation procedure. It was therefore asked why the village been asked to identify specific development?

It was advised that villages with similar characteristics would have policies generic to them, the policies being influenced by the outcome of the responses from the communities.

The Working Committee will proceed with the exercise currently being undertaken and if it becomes clear that Tingewick's response has not been taken into account it will be challenged.

This will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting and the concerns can be put to AVDC for clarification.

181 Planning

11/02056/APP-TINGEWICK-23 Back Lane, Tingewick – No Objections

11/00177/APP-TINGEWICK-Oaktree Stables, Preston Road, Tingewick-Appeal-No further additions to previous comments.

182 Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transaction Report: Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Seconded: Cllr Roy

Transactions approved.

Budget Report: Proposed Cllr Thurlby Seconded: Cllr Swinburne

Budget Report approved.

183 Allocation of Councilors' Responsibilities and update of Website

Street Lighting: Cllr Thurlby

Footpaths: Cllr Hornsey

Cemetery and Grasscutting: Cllr Hornsey

Recreation Ground: Cllr Fenemore

Playgrounds & Pond: Cllr Swinburne

Special Projects: Cllr Swinburne Roads

Footways and Street Furniture: Cllr Maxwell

Planning: Cllr Roy

184 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lighting

Zion Terrace street light will be reported for repair.

It is noted that overhanging trees are obscuring the street light at Buckingham Street/Church View.

Action: Clerk

Footpaths

Nothing to report

Cemetery and Grass cutting

The side Gate at the cemetery requires the overgrowth cutting down. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Recreation Ground

Advice has been received that the grass requires cutting. Agreed that it would be cut.

Action: Clerk

It was also confirmed that the grass will require cutting at least fortnightly during growing season and possibly weekly depending on the weather conditions.

A barrier will be erected across the field to prevent access to the grass until it is fully developed.

Action: Cllr Fenemore

A sign will be obtained to advise against access to the field during this period

Action: Chairman

Playgrounds and Pond

The pond liner requires repair.

Action: Cllr Swinburne

Special Projects

An application will be made for 'Music in Quiet Places'

Action: Cllr Swinburne

Roads, Footways and Street Furniture

The VAS viability study at Sandpit Hill is in place.

All assets are in order.

185 Correspondence

2011/11/35-AVDC Horticultural & Street Cleansing Services – It was noted that the service delivers as expected however it was queried what and how the service would be provided in the absence of BCC joining the contract and how the resulting gap will be serviced.

Action: Clerk

2011/11/36-Highworth Memorials-Permission to replace memorial tablet – Mr W Woodward - Approved

2011/11/37-Highworth Memorials-Permission to lay memorial tablet – Mr B Woodward – Approved.

2011/11/38-AVDC-Skip Service – It was agreed that the cost of a skip at £170 per visit six times a year is prohibitive. It was agreed that the Parish Council should not fund a skip given that AVDC is to implement enhanced recycling facilities and the tip is very near. Clerk to respond.

Action: Clerk

186 Diamond Jubilee Planning

A public meeting took place on the 10th October when a steering group was established. The steering group will meet again on the 14th November in the Village Hall.

187 Flood Precautions

The Clerk was requested to write to Anglian Water to ask them to check the drainage

facilities ready for adverse weather.

Action: Clerk

188 Cemetery Chapel

Cllr Hornesy has inspected the Chapel and has recommend that the following works be carried out to prevent its further deterioration;

Strip roof, re-felt and re-batten at a cost of approximately £3600.

Drainage should be improved at a cost of approximately £1,500

This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

189 Tingewick Community Consultation Working Group

The Public meeting took place on 26th October 2011

There will be a public exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th November 2011.

The questionnaire is in development. It is hoped that AVDC will assist with analysis tools. If they are unable to assist the Parish Council will be approached to assist with costs of analysis.

There will be associated costs to be met including hall hire, display materials and sundries. Costs are being kept to a minimum.

190 Recreation Ground Development

A request has been received from the contractor who carried out the work to contribute towards the cost of his premium for an increase in his public liability insurance as demanded by BCC.

Proposed: That the Parish Council contribute £100.00

Proposed: Cllr Thurlby Seconded: Chairman

191 Affordable Housing

The handover date for the completion of the project is the 7th December 2011.

192 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 1st December 2011 at 8.00pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm