

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT: Cllr Smith Chairman
 Cllr Fenemore Vice Chairman
 Cllr Swinburne
 Cllr Thurlby
 Cllr Maxwell
 Cllr Roy
 Cllr Hornsey
 Cllr Stutchbury (County Councillor)
 Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public

8.00pm: The Parish Council received a presentation by Ms Nicola Roberts of the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust regarding the Public Access Defibrillator Scheme.

66. Apologies

Cllr Fealey (District Councillor)

67. Declarations of Interest

Item 77 - Cllr Thurlby

68. To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 2013

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

69. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 44 –World War One Commemorations - Local parishes are not planning any specific events. The events that are planned are at a more national level such as lectures, exhibitions and remembrance services. BCC's website will be checked for events as and when they are added.

Item 56 - The school playground safety surface has been investigated and found to be rising in places. The wet-pour surface is out of warranty. The original contractor has suggested that it be refixed to a new concrete surface. It was agreed that this approach would be tested, using a local supplier. **Action: Cllr. Hornsey.**

Item 60 – Fete - The proceeds of the refreshment tent are to be donated to the Village Hall.

Bus shelter - It was reported that it is not possible to lift it back into a level position. Options for refurbishment will be considered at a later date.

70. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Stutchbury is involved in the process of reviewing problem schools in the south of the county to improve education provision in Bucks. The Buckingham School, on a comparative level, is now considered one of the best for raising standards in Buckinghamshire.

Free school transport is being reviewed and concern has been raised at some of the proposed provisions. Cllr Stutchbury is assisting with appeals and attempting to ensure that services are provided where there is a clear need.

BCC Councillors have been asked to put forward priority roads for repair. Cllr Stutchbury has put forward three, one being in Tingewick. Once the priority roads have been chosen the Parish will be advised.

BCC is consulting on the provision of services to achieve financial savings. Cllr Stutchbury is concerned that the 'tick box' format of the consultation document may not be sufficient to provide a meaningful response.

71. District Councillors Reports

Councillor Fealey had provided a report confirming that the warding proposals do not affect Tingewick.

Further information provided by Cllr Stutchbury

Mr Blake is now the leader of AVDC and there have been some changes in the cabinet including a local member.

There are proposals to change the allocation policy for social housing to enable local people to obtain accommodation in their local area.

Open Forum

The Old White Hart

The purchasers of the Old White Hart confirmed their proposals for the property. It is proposed that the barn be removed and a building erected further up the plot. The barn was noted not to be suitable for listing. The property itself will undergo a full refurbishment. The plans were shown to the Parish Council for information only as the Parish Council cannot express a view until a formal application is received for consultation. It was said that a pre-application has already been made to AVDC who raised concern at the prospect of infill development. Councillors noted that this was contrary to Tingewick's localism response which supported appropriate infill up to 5 dwellings. It is anticipated that the property will be sold once developed.

The Crown

It was confirmed that it has been sold.

BLAF

It was confirmed that BT has been awarded the contract to provide superfast broadband to Buckinghamshire. The Finmere exchange, which serves Tingewick, will be upgraded by Christmas 2014.

72. Planning

13/02397/APP-TINGEWICK-Hill Farm Cottage, Upper Street (Two storey side extension) - No Objections

13/02540/ATC-TINGEWICK-3 Cross Lane, Tingewick (a Removal of one silver birch) - No Objections

73. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

Transaction Report:

Proposed: Cllr. Roy Seconded: Cllr. Maxwell Agreed

Transactions approved.

Budget Report:

Proposed: Cllr. Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Thurlby Agreed

Budget Report approved.

74. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Street Lights

A new lantern will be obtained as required.

Footpaths

The Footpath Walk has been advertised.

Cemetery and Grass Cutting

Nothing to report.

Playgrounds and Ponds

The school playground requires weeding.

Action: Cllr Swinburne

Special Projects

Nothing to report

Roads and Footways

A written report was received.

The bin by the Church is reported not to have been emptied. This will be followed up.

The blocked gully at West Lane has been cleared.

A further 'Village Walk Around' has been offered. It was noted that the existing issues reported at the last walk around should be dealt with before further a further walk around is undertaken.

Fly tipping remains a problem. There are fly tipped bags by the roundabout. AVDC will be asked to remove them.

Planning

Cllr Roy attended the Buckingham Neighborhood Plan display. There are two proposals for developments near to Tingewick. The plans are in their early states. The next stage will be to issue a consultation document on the proposals by Christmas.

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan Delivery Policies Document consultation was considered. A written report was received from Cllr Roy. Additional questions that the Parish Council had not already considered were discussed.

a. Gypsies and travelers. It was agreed that that the criteria should include whether there is a need for a facility in the area which cannot be met by existing facilities elsewhere. Other criteria should apply the same tests as are applied to any proposal for residential development, e.g. safeguarding amenity of adjoining residents, access etc.

b. Sub-development. Policies for conversions and sub-divisions should ensure that minimum space standards are met to secure satisfactory living standards for future occupiers.

c. Environmental Issues. Policies should seek to safeguard areas identified as having high landscape value and tall structures should avoid harm to key views identified in Village Design Statements and other relevant studies.

A response will be issued.

Action: Cllr Roy

75. Correspondence

2013/10/01-Heritage-Permission for a second inscription on a memorial stone - Approved
2013/10/02-Resident-Request for dog waste bins - The Parish Council had previously considered this and after receiving costings considered that the on-going emptying costs at that time would be prohibitive. Further information has now been received that the costs will be much less than previously quoted. Further information will be obtained and the matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Cllr: Maxwell and Chairman

2013/10/03-Land and Partners Limited - Development Options. A view was sought from the Parish Council by Land & Partners on behalf of Mr Treadwell for possible self-build projects on land between Sandpit Hill and Back Lane. It was noted that the Parish Council is unable to comment at this stage without a formal application having been made. However, the recommendations of the Community Consultation Report, 'Tingewick Towards 2030', agreed by the PC and adopted as policy, advise against development outside current village limits unless there is a clearly expressed local need. It was agreed that a response will be issued noting that the village has set out its views on development in 'Tingewick Towards 2030' and in the Village Design Statement, copies of which will be sent to Land & Partners.

Action: Clerk

76. MVAS

It has been confirmed that the consultation is not statutorily prescribed and is a courtesy consultation directed at those nearest to obtain their views.

The east end of the village has been consulted and is fully in favour with no adverse issues.

To date, two residents on Sandpit Hill are in favour.

The consultation process will be continued.

Action: Chairman

77. Request for Donation (s137)

A village table tennis club run by the Diamonds has requested a donation towards a new table tennis table.

Proposed - That a donation of £50.00 be given to the Tingewick Diamonds to assist with the purchase of a table tennis table, it being noted that it is a suitable use of s137 monies.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne. Seconded: Cllr Hornsey. Agreed

78. Recreation Ground Development.

The Working Group has advised that bid writer is to be engaged to assist with grant applications. A decision as to which bid writer will be considered at the next meeting. It is intended that the Working Group be extended.

79. Christmas Tree

It was proposed that a Christmas tree be purchased from the usual supplier.

Proposed: Cllr. Thurlby Seconded: Cllr. Swinburne. Agreed.

The Christmas tree lights will be checked and tested.

The Christmas tree will be erected on the 5th December 2013.

**Action: Chairman
Action: Cllr Maxwell**

80. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on the 7th November 2013 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.