

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Thursday 4th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Trisha Lightfoot, Chairperson
Cllr Richard Fenemore
Cllr Sarah Churchfield
Cllr Andrew Jenkinson
Cllr Pat Swinburne
District Cllr Patrick Fealey
Samantha Chandler, Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Members of the public.

169 Apologies

Cllr Ed Maxwell, Cllr Martin Hornsey and County Cllr Charlie Clare.

170 Declarations of Interest;

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interest.
- b) To declare any Personal Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None
- c) To declare any Prejudicial Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None

171 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 7th December 2017. (previously circulated)

Cllr Lightfoot noted that the duck house is in need of repair, it has not sunk and commented that this was only said to emphasise its condition.

Pending this minor alteration, the minutes will be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Churchfield

Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot

Approved

OPEN FORUM

Ms Haigh had previously contacted Cllr Lightfoot and attended the meeting to raise her concern regarding a squatter's camp site on land neighbouring the property she owns with Mr Floyd.

Ms Haigh advised that when she moved in, four years ago, there was a caravan and a car on the land but that the camp is now getting bigger, it has started to infringe onto her land and she has requested the occupants remove their items. She is concerned that other people will join the current occupants and become squatters on her land, there are also questions of health and sanitary conditions with things draining into the water of the brook that flows through the two properties.

Ms Haigh asked as the land was part of the Tingewick Parish, if there was anything that can be done by the council to help.

District Cllr Fealey advised that he is aware of the occupants on the land in question and suggested the first point of contact to be the designed Gypsy Liaison Officer.

Cllr Fealey advised that the land in question is in dispute as it is believed that it was owned by Bucks County Council and AVDC have tried to obtain ownership, however he advised the AVDC Enforcement Team approximately two months ago that there may be an infringement of planning regulations, he believes that they have now identified someone to go out and take a look at the land as he was asked for the exact location, and he is now waiting for their report.

Cllr Fealey noted that the occupants would have to be of a particular status to be considered Gypsy's or Travellers and he is not aware if they have declared themselves as such.

Mr Floyd commented that he had a conversation with the male occupant a couple of years ago and he referred to himself as a traveller, stating that he was used to travelling as that is what they usually did.

Cllr Fealey feels they may be more accurately described as squatters.

Cllr Fealey advised that the layby on the land was used by BCC for storing salt and gravel though presumably it was owned by Gawcott Charities (now known as Buckingham General Charities), however the charity has no evidence of the ownership nor does BCC.

Cllr Jenkinson advised that if a person can evidence their use of the land and they completed a statutory declaration they may be granted provisional ownership of the land.

Cllr Jenkinson suggested that perhaps County Cllr Clare could do something to halt the process to prevent anyone from claiming ownership.

Cllr Lightfoot noted that this will be minuted for Cllr Clare's reference.

Mr Floyd commented that he had also used the land after BCC ceased their use of it.

Cllr Fealey added that if this can be evidenced that Mr Floyd may also have a claim for ownership of the land.

172 County Councillor's Report:

Apologies received.

Cllr Hornsey had requested Cllr Clare be asked why the bypass was closed for two days after the flooding – this will be carried over to the February meeting.

173 District Councillor's Report:

Cllr Fealey noted that it is a quiet time of year.

The budget has been set for the next four years, which is good news as it means there will be no further budget cuts.

AVDC has already taken onboard a lot of reorganisation, including reducing the workforce by 10%. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) is still on track and in December the public consultation closed for comments and this has now been progressed.

Cllr Fealey encouraged the PC to use the Parish Liaison Officers to help with planning applications, as they have been given the authority to speak to clerks and councillors with planning information.

Cllr Jenkinson asked what is happening with applications in general?

Cllr Fealey stated that the VALP has taken some staff away but that there are contractors now to deal with the demand; which has been huge with over 4,700 applications of varying sizes. He also noted that you never know what is going on between assessors and applicants and if background discussions are delaying the decisions.

Cllr Fealey advised that in response to the Grenfell disaster, AVDC have checked all properties in its responsibility to ensure they all comply with fire safety standards.

Aylesbury Vale Broadband network is under new ownership; Gigaclear will now be providing broadband in rural areas across Aylesbury Vale.

Cllr Jenkinson asked if there will be a response from AVDC to the houses proposed within Aylesbury Vale in the National Infrastructure Commission Report?

Cllr Fealey responded that it is being looked in to in light of the VALP and that AVDC are working with the National Infrastructure Commission to look at the Cambridge to Oxford expressway and how it is to be positioned within Aylesbury Vale. He noted that there are 16 Local Authorities and that most of them are on board as they recognise the benefit, but the issue is the positioning and once he knows more he will get back to the PC.

174 Matters Arising:

- *Open Forum – July 2017: Speeding / Traffic Issues*

Cllr Hornsey asked District Cllr Fealey what happened regarding the proposed 20mph speed limit for the village?

Cllr Fealey explained that it was considered to have a 20mph zone put in place around the school in both Tingewick and Gawcott and that funding was obtained to do so. Transport for Bucks reported that the Police Service won't support this change, however Cllr Fealey disputes this as he has spoken with an inspector who said they would support it. Cllr Fealey has had the item returned to the agenda for the next TfB meeting for further discussions.

Cllr Fealey advised that he was informed by Transport for Bucks that a representative from TVP had attended the site and that is how the decision was made to not support the 20mph areas. Cllr Fealey stated that he has requested more information and is challenging the decision.

As Cllr Fealey was not in attendance this item will remain on the agenda.

Cllr Fealey advised that advised Simon Harwood that he would like to see the documentation so that he can take this to the Police Commissioner and this matter will be picked up at the February Local Area Forum Meeting.

- *160 Correspondence – December 2017*

Carol Thurlby memorial – TVHMC

The Clerk is to again write to the Tingewick Village Hall Management Committee and to the Thurlby family to seek clarification on the memorial proposals to see if an agreement can be met on what is being placed as a memorial to Carol.

There has been no progress with this, the Clerk is to again write to involved parties in an attempt to seek clarification.

- *161 S106 Second Tranche – December 2017*

Those wishing to apply to access the S106 funds are asked to do so, in writing, to the Parish Council by the end of January 2018 for consideration at the PC Meeting on February 1st 2018. Notices will be placed on the council noticeboard and on the website.

The deadline for applications is to be extended to the end of February and applicants will be invited to attend the March PC meeting.

- *164 Defibrillator Posters – December 2017*

Cllr Lightfoot advised that another training session has been scheduled for Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and an instruction poster has been created including the Parish Council logo. This poster will be included in the Tingewick & District News and Cllr Lightfoot will obtain a quote for printing copies to be distributed to all households.

Ongoing.

175 Planning; To consider the following planning applications received;

17/04748/APP – TINGEWICK, The Retreat Main Street

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and outbuilding and erection of replacement single and two storey extensions.

It was noted that this planning application is in regard to a property for which a previous application was approved and the works have been completed.

Cllr Jenkinson proposed that it could be a retrospective application and Cllr Fealey proposed that it could be that changes have been / will be made and the changes warrant another application.

NO OBJECTION

17/04668/ADP – TINGEWICK, Land North Of A421 Tingewick Road

Approval of the details of the external appearance of the buildings, the landscaping of the site, layout and scale for each phase or part of the development together with discharge of conditions 2 (phasing) and 6 (design code).

This application involved property not within Tingewick Parish and it was discussed that TPC have been consulted as a courtesy only.

NO COMMENT

17/04574/AOP – TINGEWICK, Rosemundy Bungalow Sandpit Hill

Demolish existing bungalow and construct a two storey dwelling.

It was noted that there is a lack of information regarding this application. Cllr Jenkinson advised that it is an outline application and that details may be provided at a later date if approved.

NO COMMENT.

176 Accounts

See appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Second: Cllr Swinburne Approved

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted

Proposed: Cllr Jenkinson Second: Cllr Churchfield Approved

177 Budget and Precept 2017/18

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Second: Cllr Swinburne Approved

178 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

For each Councillor to report matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda, to agree urgent actions and to raise items for future agendas

- Lighting: Cllr Lightfoot
No updates – all in order.
- Footpaths and Pond: Cllr Churchfield
Cllr Churchfield advised that the water was rising in the pond with the recent rain but it didn't quite reach the grass level and this is expected to drain well as the drain is clear. A request was received, today, from a resident in Gorrell Lane as a tree has fallen down in the recent gales and is resting on a fence. It is estimated to be approximately 4 inches width so Cllr Churchfield will check this and if not able to cut and remove herself, she will contact Mr Styles.
A Footpaths Walk will be done when the weather improves.
- Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects: Cllr Swinburne
No updates – all in order.
- Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture: Cllr Hornsey
Cllr Hornsey advised by email prior to the meeting that he was contacted today with a complaint about rubbish being burnt at The Crown.
Cllr Jenkinson declared an interest as the property is currently listed for auction with his firm, he also clarified that the owner of the building had stated they would clear rubbish in the property prior to building works being carried out and suggested that this could be what was happening.
Cllr Churchfield agreed that it was likely to be the case and that it is most likely a one-off occurrence.
- Recreation Ground: Cllr Fenemore
No updates – all in order.
- Planning: Cllr Jenkinson
The applications for both Halez and Little Tingewick House were both approved since the last PC meeting as well as the annexe at Glendale Road.
- Village Hall Wifi and Roads: Cllr Maxwell
Cllr Maxwell advised by email prior to the meeting that there are currently no major problems with the roads apart from the flooding on the bypass at Christmas and the signs being left up for a couple of days declaring the bypass closed in the direction toward Bicester and the matter of the unknown snow digger which cleared the road and unfortunately damaged part of the verge on Sandpit Hill in the process. Cllr Maxwell has been in contact with concerned residents and Cllr Clare about this.

179 Correspondence

1. Plaques for picnic tables at Rec Ground.

The family of the resident who bequeathed the funds for the new picnic tables at the rec ground supplied examples of, and their chosen wording for, plaques to be mounted to the tables. All agreed. Clerk to notify the family and arrange the installation.

180 Village Hall Wifi

It was discussed that it is approaching the one-year period that the PC originally agreed to pay for the broadband / wifi service in the Village Hall. The PC is happy to hand this over to the Village Hall Management Committee and they can continue to provide the service if they choose to do so.

181 Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7.30pm.

Signed..... Dated.....