

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Thursday 2nd August 2018 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public in attendance: **2**

258 Apologies: Cllr Maxwell and Cllr Swinburne

Cllr Lightfoot advised that Cllr Jenkinson will be taking a leave of absence and Mr A MacGarvey is here tonight to observe as he is interested in becoming a councillor.

259 Declarations of Interest: None.

260 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 05-07-2018.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey

Seconded: Cllr Newman

Approved

OPEN FORUM

Max introduced himself as the occupant of The Antique Shop, he explained that he has been parking his car on the pavement in front of his house for the past 19 years, as he does not have any off-street parking available; after reading the TPC minutes in the Tingewick News and viewing comments made on the Tingewick Life Facebook page, he wanted to attend tonight to see how things were progressing with the parking issues and what the view of the TPC was.

Max advised that he has had neighbours park too close to the building in the past and he has offered to swap around, as his car is smaller.

Max commented that there is another side to the parking argument in that the cars parked on the road act as a traffic calming measure and though he does acknowledge the possible issues caused by parking on the pavement he also wanted to note that in some areas the pavement is so narrow it also causes an issue for pedestrians (for example near Broadway Cottage).

Max suggested the TPC explore looking at white line marking as a parking guide to show where it is permissible to park on the pavement, rather than double yellow lines which may create friction and put too much pressure on available parking, though he noted that some people with off-street parking do not use it and should be encouraged to do so.

Cllr Fenemore advised that the double yellow lines are only being explored to prevent parking opposite junctions on main street, namely at Stockley's Lane and Cross Lane.

Cllr Hornsey commented that he is against double yellow lines as he feels they will only move the problem elsewhere and may create other parking issues.

Cllr Newman added that there are already parking issue elsewhere in the village and gave the example of a van that often parks across the pavement at the end of Main Street near the Bovis estate that she frequently has to walk on the road to get around.

261 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Clare stated that the drain on Upper Street has been re-done and that all parties seem to be happy with it for now, though it will be tested when it rains.

The lights at the roundabout have been reported to the relevant department at BCC and he will pursue, particularly once the roads are all under control.

Regarding the TPC's enquiry about putting double yellow lines at the junctions on Main Street, Cllr Clare commented that he is always nervous about the urbanisation of rural areas and though the lines can be useful tools, they can have those implications; parking restrictions can be tricky as implementing double yellow lines does not reduce the number of cars being parked.

With that in mind Cllr Clare has advised that bids to the Local Area Forum (LAF) need to be completed before 31st August 2018, a traffic study would then be held and a report compiled. If the report concluded favourably the LAF would only fund half the cost, which could exceed £10,000. Cllr Clare added that it is a bureaucratic process which involves the Police and Planning

department and while he is supportive, he is cautious as he is not 100% convinced that the LAF report would be favourable.

Regarding parking on the pavement, Cllr Clare commented that the law is “on your side” and that these are community problems, not only in Tingewick. If village residents take pictures of parking infringements and send them to Buckingham Neighbourhood Policing Team, Community Police Officers can issue warnings and even fines for repeat violators.

The Clerk has confirmed the email address to contact the Buckingham NHPT is;
BuckinghamandDistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Work on the new roundabout at Tingewick Road will commence next week. The works carried out there earlier this week were done by Anglian Water and not BCC. The work itself and then the temporary traffic lights that were left for days after, caused traffic issues and made life harder than was needed, Anglian Water has been spoken to about this.

The new roundabout will be a four-way roundabout and the first part of the construction will be to build the south side, which will keep the traffic flowing along the A421 – though there will be speed restrictions. Following that the south section will be used as the detour for traffic when the main part is done. It is acknowledged that the works will be “a pain” but BCC is doing everything possible to minimise the disruption. Cllr Clare also confirmed that it will be just a roundabout and there are no plans for pedestrian crossing lights, as far as he is aware.

262 District Councillor’s Report

Cllr Fealey advised that the 20-miles-per-hour speed limit battle with the LAF is ongoing; a proposal was put forward with £1,300 funding for Tingewick and Gawcott to investigate, following this Thames Valley Police said that they wouldn’t support the speed change and Cllr Fealey challenged their decision. He will be meeting with TVP representatives tomorrow to look at the proposal.

The Government announced this week that they are changing 85 sections of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Some changes are small tweaks and others are larger. The NPPF is hoping to deal with poor quality and unattractive housing developments and will encourage developers to build to Standard Four, where currently most are built to Standard Three with the exception of Housing Association properties which are built to a higher standard. This will give councils more influence rather than builders dictating the design; like the new Kingswood development in Aylesbury which has won awards for being very eco-friendly.

The Government wants 300,000 homes built by 2020 and with the new expressway coming this will put more pressure on Aylesbury Vale as the route that is looking to be most likely is the South route which effectively would go from Bletchley, Leighton Buzzard, Aylesbury, Thame towards the M40 – this will see huge amounts of growth in those areas.

Changes at AVDC; the leader Neil Blake has stood down and there is now a new leader, Angela MacPherson, who lives in Dadford.

Finally, there will be changes to waste collection which residents will be notified of very soon. AVDC collects a lot and recycles a lot of waste but the demand for plastic has dropped so new ways need to be explored to deal with it; China is no longer accepting plastic waste so a contract has been drawn up with other councils to get a better rate elsewhere.

There will be new routes for waste collection and a new cart has been purchased with a bigger capacity since AVDC has included the new estates and expanded collection routes.

263 Matters Arising:

- *Item 236 – Correspondence: Footpaths Report
Trees on Gorrell Lane*

Cllr Clare advised that he will view the trees in question before commenting and apologised for not having done this sooner.

It was noted that the homeowner was not in attendance to discuss this.

Cllr Hornsey queried if it is correct that property owners can remove branches from trees growing over their property boundary? All other councillors confirmed that was correct and that the homeowner is free to do so themselves.

Cllr Clare has been to look at the trees in Gorrell Lane and has taken photos; there is no obvious "right to light" issue and he has not been able to find anything that he thinks he can help with, regarding being able to enforce the trees being cut back.

It was again noted that the trees are not dangerous and there is no council obligation for their removal however the landowner can cut back any branches overhanging their own property.

Item to be removed from the agenda.

- *Item 251 – Correspondence: Churchyard Grass Cutting*

Cllr Swinburne to instruct Mr Styles to carry out the grass cutting at the churchyard.

This has been done, with thanks received from a resident.

Item to be removed from the agenda.

- *Item 251 – Correspondence: Pond Cleaning*

Clerk to contact the local Fire Brigade to explore the possibility of them assisting with the fill level.

Clerk to create a notice to remind people not to give bread to the ducks.

The notice was created and posted online; paper copies will be displayed throughout the village.

Cllr Newman advised that the pond level has been raised, she believes this was done by some local residents with filled buckets of water.

A barley hay bail was put in the pond to help with the algae.

The Clerk contacted the local fire service who advised that they do not assist with these matters and suggested contacting the water supplier. The Clerk contacted Anglian Water who suggested contacting the local water authority. The Clerk contacted "Water Services, an AQUAM Company" and is awaiting a response.

- *Item 255 – Parking*

Clerk to explore the cost and procedure for having yellow lines installed.

See discussion above under County Councillors Report

The Clerk advised that she has received the application form for the LAF and this will be submitted shortly.

More information is required to confirm if residents are within their rights when parking.

**Clerk to invite
Community
Police Officers
from Buckingham
to the September
TPC meeting to
advise on parking
restrictions and
enforcement.**

- *Item 256 – Carol Thurlby Memorial*

Clerk to source quotes for TPC and VHMC approval.

A supplier has been chosen; all information requested has been sent, including measurements and street address for delivery. A quote is now awaited.

264 Planning;

18/02335/APP – TINGEWICK, Crown Inn Ph Main Street

Erection of two dwellings

OBJECTION – increased parking issues due to the over-development of the site and inadequate parking availability.

**Clerk to submit
objection**

18/02210/APP – TINGEWICK, Tingewick Mill Church Lane

Erection of a timber framed storage barn

NO OBJECTION

265 Accounts

It was agreed that the payment for the Rec Ground Planning Application will be credited to the TPC General Account by the Tingewick Community Park Trust.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted
Proposed: Cllr Fenemore Second: Cllr Newman
Approved

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted
Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Second: Cllr Hornsey
Approved

266 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

- Street Lighting

Cllr Lightfoot advised that all is in order with street lighting and there is nothing to report.

- Footpaths and Pond

Cllr Newman advised that she had received a query from a resident on the Bovis estate about the plants at the end of the village, along the fence line, and where the responsibility lay for them. It was agreed that as this was beyond the original boundary, it came under the remit of the Bovis estate management company.

Cllr Newman advised that she had received a letter from the residents who look after the ducks, requesting assistance with the increased cost. It was agreed that this would be included on the Agenda for the September TCP meeting.

- Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects

Cllr Swinburne was not in attendance.

- Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture

Cllr Hornsey advised that following the recommendations made by the assessors he has highlighted on the annual report the maintenance works that are to be carried out.

Clerk to send confirmation to Wickstead for maintenance works to be done.

Recreation Ground:

Cllr Fenemore advised that all is in order with Recreation ground and there is nothing to report.

- Planning

Cllr Jenkinson was not in attendance.

- Roads: Cllr Maxwell

Cllr Maxwell sent a report with his apologies;

Roads - many repairs taking place. Beech House drain has been relayed with smooth Tarmac but we need rain to check the gradients for flow. Gulley's at roundabout and The Old Bakery remain blocked. Pot holes in Stowe View and A421 roundabout to be reported in September.

267 Correspondence

- a) Letter received from B Hood requesting consideration be given to other areas of the village when discussing parking and traffic issues, with examples given in West Well Lane. This was considered in discussions above.

268 Website

Clerk advised that the TPC website needs of updating; offers have been received from the existing Web Master and a new developer. Clerk would like Councillors to consider what they would like to see on the website.

Item to carry over to September for further discussion.

269 Date of next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 6th September 2018 at 7.30pm, unless Buckingham PCSO's attend in which case the meeting will start at 7.00pm. The time will be confirmed closer to the date with the distribution of the Agenda.

Meeting closed: 21:35

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