

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Thursday 5th July 2018 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public in attendance: **0**

Co-Opting of Parish Councilors'

It was proposed that Ms Jackie Newman be co-opted to the Parish Council as a Parish Councillor.

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Swinburne Agreed

242 Apologies: Cllr Trisha Lightfoot and District Cllr Patrick Fealey

243 Declarations of Interest: None

244 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 07-06-2018.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Fenemore Approved

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No residents in attendance

245 County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Clare loved the Fete and commented that it was thoroughly enjoyable.

In 2017 there was a consultation for BCC Children's Services; how to improve services to prevent young people needing more drastic services later in life – the consultation is being done again.

There is a consultation at the moment for the Winslow to Buckingham cycle path to possibly be extended down London Road to the Swan Centre.

All the roads by the end of June 2018 had really tall grass. The one cut per year was voted in with extra money going to wards roads and potholes etc but swathe cutting is happening now and Cllr Clare did some strimming in Gawcott as he knew that children used the path and that he could not get it done otherwise. Unfortunately, the once a year cutting cannot be done earlier and were it not for Silverstone, would actually be done later in the season.

Vision splay at junctions is a priority and those cuts are scheduled four times per year, however if growth limits visibility, Cllr Clare asks to be contacted and informed.

Cllr Clare predicts the same problems next year and the year after so will be putting a call out to get together a group of willing volunteers to help get on to the worst sections; it's his belief that a team of approximately 10 volunteers working over four weekends should be enough.

Extra work is being done on the A422 to prepare for the planned resurfacing.

Edgcott Road has had £300,000 spent on it recently, which is more than the last decade combined. The road will still be problematic, though better than previous.

On Monday 9th July 2018 the south side of Radclive Road will be closed from the A421 roundabout up to Gawcott; businesses in the industrial centres will still be operating but access will be limited for general traffic.

246 District Councillor's Report; Apologies received

247 Matters Arising:

- *Item 235 – Councillor's Reports – Playgrounds*
The annual playground inspections have been done with some recommendations made for repairs by the assessor. Cllr Hornsey will review and raise at the next meeting which repairs he feels should be carried out, considering the impending development of the rec ground.

Cllr Hornsey has suggested having only the swing seats replaced at the rec ground and having all the works at the school playground carried out, bar replacing the climbing net which is not unsafe, merely aesthetic.

All councillors were in agreement with the suggestion.

Cllr Hornsey to instruct the assessing company to carry out the agreed works.

- *Item 235 – Councillor’s Reports: Roads*

Two street lights at the Tingewick roundabout have been on continuously for some time now, this was logged on the “Fix My Street” web portal for AVDC, the job was marked as closed but it has not been rectified. Similarly, a road drain on the bypass and one on Main Street are blocked and when reported on “Fix My Street” the job is marked as done but has not actually been fixed, Cllr Clare has been included in correspondence to assist.

Item to be removed from the agenda until more information is received from Cllr Clare

Cllr Clare advised that there are a lot of street light issues at the moment but they have, unfortunately, not been followed up as the priority recently has been on the roads. Once the roads in Gawcott have been done he will start to look at the street lighting issues.

- *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 councillor confirmed that was correct and that the homeowner is free to do so themselves.

Cllr Clare to view the area in question

- *Item 236 – correspondence: Grass cutting at the Rec
Clerk to clarify frequency and annual cost of grass cutting.*

Grass cutting is done March to November on a fortnightly basis. Due to recent growth this has been increased to approximately every seven to ten days.

The costs have been consistent for the last three years, averaging £1,400 per year, including herbicide treatments and maintenance of the trim-trail. This was agreed by all councillors to be reasonable.

248 Planning;

There were no planning applications to be considered.

249 Accounts

it was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore

Second: Cllr Swinburne

Approved

The Budget Report was unable to be printed.

250 Councillors’ Reports and Items for Future Agenda

- Lighting: Cllr Lightfoot – Apologies received

- Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects: Cllr Swinburne

Despite residents needing to contact BCC for areas that were left uncut, all grass cutting has now been completed.

- Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture: Cllr Hornsey

Discussed under Matters Arising. No further updates.

- Recreation Ground: Cllr Fenemore – No updates.

- Planning: Cllr Jenkinson

Approvals since the last meeting; Broadway Cottage, Jukes House, a couple of smaller applications for trees and discharging the use of the air field for surface water drainage.

Cllr Jenkinson to contact Cllr Fealey to remind that TPC

The new expressway corridor (Cambridge to Oxford) will be announced within the next six to eight weeks.

The AVDC hearing is starting next week on the Local Plan and on the agenda to be discussed is the landscape designation.

is unhappy with the landscape designation of the area opposite the rec ground.

- Roads: Cllr Maxwell

Cllr Maxwell advised that he has lost faith in the Fix My Street website, as potholes reported have not been filled and there are still gullies full of silt forcing water to flow down the road.

The new roundabout at the junction of the A421 and Tingewick Road is scheduled to commence construction on 02-08-2018 until 07-12-2018 – he recommends using Water Stratford Road to access Buckingham.

Potholes were marked last week between Tingewick and Finmere, many have been filled. The new “tarmac machine” has been seen filling potholes in some surrounding villages but not yet in Tingewick. There is a pothole developing at the Tingewick roundabout as you turn in to the village which will be monitored and reported.

Cllr Maxwell noted that the Grand Prix is on this coming weekend and traffic will be twice as busy to get to and from Buckingham.

251 Correspondence

a) Churchyard Grass Cutting

It was agreed that grass cutting is to be carried out at the churchyard twice per year in June and September and should be done as soon as possible to “catch up” from June.

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

b) Pond cleaning

It was discussed that the pond is lined and the water level is governed by the outflow. Dredging would not help the water level and could make it worse, there is also a risk of damaging the lining which would be very costly to repair. More rain is needed but unfortunately out of our control.

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

Residents and visitors need to be reminded not to give the ducks bread to eat as this contributes to the water quality as well as being harmful to the ducks.

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

c) Buses

Clerk advised that notices have gone up about the BCC bus survey, which is available at Buckingham Library and can be completed online; copies were delivered to some residents who are known bus service users.

Cllr Jenkinson noted that there was an article in the Buckingham Advertiser recently about bus route cuts in South Northamptonshire.

Cllr Hornsey affirmed that there are no known planned cuts to services in Tingewick.

252 Standing Orders

Updated for 2018 with new GDPR information.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Fenemore Agreed

253 Councillor Roles and Responsibilities

Updated with new councillor details.

Proposed: Cllr Newman Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

254 Disaster Recovery Plan

Updated to reflect new email account information and clerk details.

Proposed: Cllr Swinburne Seconded: Cllr Jenkinson Agreed

255 Parking

It was noted that parking at the bottom of Stockleys Lane has always been awful, however parking opposite, or within 10 metres / 32 feet of, a junction is illegal. Poor parking is becoming an issue at the bottom of Cross Lane at the Main Street junction, as is as card parking on the footpath, forcing pedestrians to go on the road to get around the parked cars, which is also illegal. The PC are considering the installation of yellow lines to prevent the ongoing parking bottleneck and/or asking the Police to intervene with bad, illegal and inconsiderate parking in Tingewick.

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

256 Carol Thurlby Memorial

The Thurlby family have decided on what style of memorial bench they would like to commemorate Carol.

Clerk to source quotes for TPC and VHMC approval.

257 Date of next meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 2nd August 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed: 20:45

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