

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Thursday 7th June 2018 at 7.30pm.

Members of public in attendance: 3

231 Apologies:

County Cllr Charlie Clare, District Cllr Patrick Fealey and Cllr Jenkinson.

232 Declarations of Interest: None

233 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 03-05-2018.
Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved

OPEN FORUM

Eva introduced herself as the owner of The Old White Hart on Main Street and explained that she and her partner are applying to change the route of a public footpath that dissects their property. Eva presented a map of the property (attachment A) showing the existing footpath (purple line) and the proposed new route (red line)

Eva explained that the idea is not to spoil peoples walk or to hedge them in or create a tunnel; moving the footpath must be of benefit to someone and while clearly the benefit will be to the land owner, they don't want to infringe on or upset anyone.

A representative from BCC came out to look at the footpath 2 or 3 weeks ago and they said they cannot see a reason not to change the route and instructed Eva to complete an application form. They did not say that she has to speak to the PC but she thought she would do it anyway, in good faith.

She has measured and the new footpath would be 18 metres longer than the existing path.

The barn on the property is structurally sound but she urges anyone who feels differently to get in contact with her.

The councillors are all in agreement and have no objection to the proposed route change.

Cllr Lightfoot suggested that when applying to BCC, Eva can use the PC minutes as evidence of the PC supporting her application.

Mr Houghton-Brown raised the topic of street and place names being historically inaccurate.

He commented that the naming of streets in the Bovis estate is a minor disaster and that something needs to be set up for the future to prevent this happening again.

His suggestion is for the Historical Society be consulted on any future naming or name-changing proposals.

The councillors were in agreement with this.

234 County Councillor's Report:

Apologies received.

235 District Councillor's Report:

Apologies received, though Cllr Fealey asked the Clerk to note the following;

There is little to report at the moment; the outcome of the unitary proposals is not expected until after the summer recess and the VALP is with the inspector, who has started his work but there is no date yet for his report.

236 Matters Arising:

- *Open Forum – May 2018: Tidy Tingewick*

There was discussion about the overgrown plant life in Tingewick and how this might impact the judging of the Best Kept Village Competition.

It was agreed that a "Tidy Tingewick" initiative will be started, to encourage residents to look after their own frontages, particularly those along Main Street, before the judging takes place.

An advertisement will go into the Tingewick & District News and be posted on the notice board and website.

This was completed; The Parish Council would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to clear their frontages and helped to make our village beautiful and to remind those who still have that job to do, that the Best Kept Village judging will be happening soon.

- *Item 235 – Councillors’ Reports – Grass Cutting*

A call was received today in regard to the length of the grass at the cemetery, it is presumed this is due to the recent wet weather making it difficult to mow the grass. Cllr Swinburne will raise it with Mr Styles but noted that he will most likely be seeing to shortly anyway

Completed. The Clerk confirmed that the grass at the cemetery had been mowed.

- *Item 235 – Councillor’s Reports – Street Furniture*

Cllr Hornsey will check the rubbish bin on “the triangle” to see if it can be repaired or requires replacing and report to the Clerk for action.

Completed. A new bin was ordered and has been installed.

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

There are two vans currently parked on Stowe View which is causing everyone to drive on the one side of the round to get around them and this is causing some damage to the road, the two big potholes were measured and reported to TfB however TfB have declared them to not fit the criteria for repair. They will be reported again shortly.

Cllr Maxwell clarified that it will be reported again “in the near future” as it has only been four weeks since last reported. Item to be removed from the agenda.

237 Planning;

17/04668/ADP – BUCKINGHAM, Land North of A421 Tingewick Road

Not within Tingewick Parish – for information only.

18/01580/APP – TINGEWICK, Wayside Main Street

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 3 residential dwellings.

NO OBJECTION

238 Accounts

a. To consider list of payments as presented to the meeting

b. To consider Budget Report as presented to meeting

The Clerk advised that due to a technical issue while updating the financial package software for the GDPR’s the Transaction and Budget Reports are unavailable for viewing.

Clerk to generate reports and display with Minutes.

239 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 – nothing to report.

- Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects: Cllr Swinburne

Have made contact with BCC regarding the grass cutting but no information received as yet.

- Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture: Cllr Hornsey

The annual playground inspections have been done with some recommendations made for repairs by the assessor. Cllr Hornsey will review in more detail and raise at the next meeting, which repairs he feels should be carried out in light of the impending development of the rec ground.

Cllr Hornsey to review and raise recommendation for repairs to playgrounds.

There is a failing wall on Church Avenue alongside the footpath, it is on a very fat wall and is not leaning so it is not believed to be dangerous; rubble was removed so as to not be a trip hazard but repair of the wall is the obligation of the residence owner and not the PC.

- Recreation Ground: Cllr Fenemore

Plans for the development of the rec ground will be available for viewing at the Fete on June 23rd Planning application has been lodged with AVDC
Fundraising for the Trim-Trail has commenced; Tesco Token Scheme for all Tesco stores in Bicester from 1st July to 31st August 2018 with Buckingham stores hopefully following soon. Waitrose Token Scheme for Buckingham also in July 2018.

- Planning: Cllr Jenkinson
Apologies received

- Roads: Cllr Maxwell

Construction has commenced on the new roundabout at the intersection of the A421 and Tesco Road in Buckingham, this is expected to cause some congestion for Tingewick residents heading to and/or from Buckingham.

Locally there are currently no category 1 potholes, which would meet the criteria for emergency repairs.

Pothole repairs have begun in Radclive.

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.

240 Correspondence

Footpaths Report – received from S Churchfield.

1. The tricky subject of the trees on the 'no-man's land' of Gorrell Lane has again been raised by a householder living at the top right-hand side of the lane. She complains of the large sycamore trees and an ash tree growing just behind her garden fence whose branches overshadow her garden and drop leaves, twigs, sticky blossom over her conservatory. She asks what can be done about it. The trees are over 50 years old (i.e. they pre-date the development of the site for housing).

I have visited and explained (yet again) that the Parish Council has responsibility only for the footpath and the verges which abut it, so we routinely trim the verges including woody vegetation that impedes pedestrians when the need arises. As I understand, the Parish Council does not have responsibility for clearing land (including trees) unless they impact on the footpath. Moreover, ownership of this parcel of land is not under the remit of the Parish Council. It is still owned by the developer of Gorrell Close. I am told that he is still active locally (and is about to develop the extension to Field Close), but he refuses to take further responsibility of the Gorrell Lane hinterland. The Parish Council has taken the position that householders adjacent to this land should take responsibility for its maintenance, and a number of householders have dutifully done so.

A couple of years ago, representation by the PC (supported by householders) was made to BCC to have some tree clearance in this same area because there were a number of dead trees and falling branches which were deemed a hazard to footpath walkers. The work was eventually undertaken by BCC. The Gorrell Lane householder would like BCC to take responsibility for further clearance work at the site and trim the ash and sycamores which overlook her

Copy of this report has been sent to Cllr Charlie Clare. Item to be carried over to the next PC meeting for further discussion.

garden. They are large, healthy trees but do occasionally drop branches on/close to the footpath which may pose a risk to passer's by. I ask the PC and our BCC representative Charlie Clare to resolve this problem since this has been a continuing one over many years. I have strongly suggested to the householder that she should attend the next PC meeting where she can air the problem at the Open Forum, hopefully in the presence of Charlie Clare.

2. Vegetation growth is at its peak and many parish footpaths immediately around the village are becoming overgrown, so I seek permission to instruct Mr Stiles to undertake his occasional routine strimming of paths. Several residents have already taken responsibility for footpath clearance on their land. Notably, I would like thanks to go to Mrs Marianne Speed for clearance of Footpaths TN24 and TN28. I propose to check the village footpaths and make a list of paths requiring clearance by Mr Stiles as soon as the PC has completed its review of his contract and can sanction this request.

PC have approved Mr Styles carrying out the requested work.

3. The Tingewick Parish Footpaths Walk was scheduled for Saturday 26th May 2018 as advertised in Tingewick News, on the Facebook page Tingewick Life, and by word of mouth. Unfortunately, the weather was poor and despite the offer of coffee and cake, no walkers turned up for the event.

Silent Soldier – price increase.

Clerk was notified due to unforeseen circumstances, price for silhouette has been increased from £100 to £150.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot

Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Approved

Clerk to confirm order of silhouette

Grass cutting at rec ground.

A resident enquired as to the cost and frequency of grass cutting at the rec ground as they feel the rec if not used enough to warrant the cost.

Cllr Fenemore reminded that the rec ground does generate income toward the maintenance costs.

Cllr Maxwell commented that it is widely used by local families and children as he witnesses from his home.

Cllr Lightfoot added that she has observed people using the trim trail on the weekends.

Clerk to clarify frequency and annual cost of grass cutting.

241 Date of next meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 5th July 2018 at 7.30pm in Tingewick Village Hall.

Meeting Closed: 21:05

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