

## TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public in attendance: 1

**Apologies:** None

**362 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**363 Minutes:** To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 07-03-2019.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey      Seconded: Cllr Swinburne      APPROVED

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#### **OPEN FORUM** - *No items for discussion*

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#### **364 County Councillor's Report**

Regarding the right of way sign that was recently moved along Main Street; Cllr Clare has forwarded the clerks email to his colleague at BCC who is most appropriate to assist.

Tingewick road roundabout; not much going on recently. Anglian Water had said it would be another 8 weeks, that been reduced, they will be doing works 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April, then will do final works overnight 17<sup>th</sup> April to morning of 18<sup>th</sup>. Following that the developer will be back on site from 19<sup>th</sup> April with around 4 weeks of work to be phased.

The road down by Lidl in Lace Hill is now open. The new development opposite Lidl is soon to be started.

Gorrell Lane; Cllr Clare has forwarded Cllr Newman's email to the appropriate department at BCC to see if the sideways can be restructured, however he worries that it would be a long project requiring investment.

Fly-tipping was reported on Lenborough / Thornborough bridges. Cllr Clare will be joining a litter pick this weekend with other residents and they hope to get most of it then, though he noted it was an outrageous amount of rubbish.

BCC have the best rate of response to flytipping.

One of the recent changes to the Household Recycling Centre is that it is now open 7 days a week.

#### **365 District Councillor's Report:**

Council tax has been sorted and all residents should have received their notices.

The matter of the Unitary Authority is huge on the AVDC agenda, Cllr Fealey had just come from a meeting about putting forward the views of Parish Councils and Clerks, of which 80% are not in favour of one Unitary and would rather two due to the difference between north and south Buckinghamshire.

Moving forward now, working on a shadow system. A Statutory Change Order has been placed before parliament for changes in Bucks, to be debated in parliament; it will then go to the House of Lords.

Elections will be held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

It will be a number of years before everything is finalised for the Unitary Authority.

Good news; exchange in Aylesbury town centre is now open. Fantastic public spaces.

Won gold award for digital transformation, using Artificial Intelligence to communicate with council.

New homes bonus applications needed to go in, smaller micro grants increased from £1000 to £2000. Awarded every month for small schemes. Runs for 6 years from when new homes are being

occupied – TPC eligible because of Bovis.

Inter-faith network, following in the aftermath of the tragedy in New Zealand, AVDC felt it important to open links up with the Muslim community.

New Unitary Authority will be looking at pushing services down to Parishes; Cllr Fealey suggested that TPC may want to look at devolving services and he recommends consideration be given to combining with other Parishes nearby.

Planning; Back Lane PIP only second PIP ever in AVDC and is the cause of a complaint at the moment, by the applicant, that it taking so long.

There is a huge amount of work going through AVDC, Cllr Fealey met with planning partners this morning, they have advised that they are nearly up to speed on the number of staff but are going through a learning curve. There has been a backlog; a team of consultants were brought in to help but two Senior Planner positions are still missing so it is causing a bottleneck.

575 planning requests have come in, which is up by about 100 on previous months. AVDC have employed two more Enforcement Officers and a Senior Enforcement Officer who are working on the backlog but an indicator of timescale cannot be given due to the planning process.

### **366 Matters Arising:**

- *Item 262 – District Councillors Report, 20 mile per hour speed limit near the school.*

*It was felt that the cost is too high and alternative signage will be explored.*

Cllr Hornsey confirmed he has placed the MVAS in front of the village shop facing traffic approaching from the Buckingham end of Main Street.

Cllr Lightfoot obtained some information for lights on the existing School signs, however it was agreed that further lights should be sourced as they were not what the TPC wanted and the installation cost was rather high.

**Action: Clerk to obtain the MVAS information for discussion at the next meeting**

**Action: Cllr Lightfoot to further explore the cost of battery-powered flashing lights**

- *Open Forum – December 2018: Pinch-Point*

*It was suggested that instead of a new pinch-point being installed before Toll Gate Street (as entering the village) whether it would be possible to have a small roundabout instead (like the one near the pond) at the junction.*

*It was suggested that the white gates be moved further outward to encompass Tingewick Park.*

Clerk has contacted BCC and is awaiting a response.

Upon further consideration, it was agreed that the white gates are in the right spot but they could use a new coat of paint to refresh them, when the weather dries up.

**Action: Clerk to again contact BCC about possible new roundabout.**

**Action: Cllr Lightfoot to obtain paint and contact Clerk to help paint the gates.**

- *Item 321 – Councillors Reports, Cllr Hornsey: School Playground wet-pour surface*

*Small area believed to be weakened by a sunken tree root.*

Clerk contacted Roundwood School to see if they can contribute to the cost of the repair, the Head Teacher advised that the matter would be discussed at next Buildings Facilities and Premises meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Cllr Hornsey has contacted two companies and not had a response from either though he has spoken with someone local who believes it can be repaired easily, they will look at it again together.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey to follow up with his contact for the repairs.**

- *Item 333 Councillors' Reports, Pond Exit Drain*

*Cllr Hornsey advised that the level of the pond poses no risk but feels the area near the exit drain could do with a dredging.*

Cllr Hornsey confirmed the rushes have been cut near and in front of the exit drain.

- *Item 356 – Councillors Reports, Cllr Newman: Gorrell Lane*  
Posts supporting the retaining slabs are rotting and falling away, Cllr Newman to contact Cllr Clare with pictures to ascertain who's responsibility it is to maintain the lane and the trees in that area.

Discussed above in the District Councillors Report.

- *Item 357 – Correspondence: Housing Association, house swap*  
TPC has been contacted by one of the local Housing Associations regarding a Tingewick resident who is seeking to house-swap with a resident of another area.  
TPC have no objection provided the Housing Association ensures the move is compliant.

Clerk advised that when all queries were responded to, TPC were satisfied that the house-swap was compliant and agreed. Clerk notified the Housing Association of the PC's decision.

- *Item 359: Maintenance Contract Tender*  
List of duties for the Contractor was agreed

Tender was advertised and four quotes received. More information required from one contractor. Decision to be held over until clarification received.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey to contact the contractor for more information.**

- *Bus Stop*  
Cllr Lightfoot has queried with BCC who owns the land along Main Street behind the houses on Buckingham Street so permission can be obtained to put a bus shelter there. A response is awaited.

Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Hornsey met with representatives from BCC who confirmed that planning permission is not required.

A quote has been received and another will be sought to comply with the TPC standing orders.

**Cllr Lightfoot to obtain a second quote.**

- *Litter Pick*

Date set for "Tidy Tingewick" litter pick, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 9.30am.

Posters have been created and displayed around the village and online.

Fliers will be printed for the Friday Community Café.

Clerk has emailed Scouts but has not received a response.

**Action: Clerk will explore obtaining litter pickers, high vis vests, gloves and rubbish bags.**

- *Fete Committee*

Clerk has drafted Committee Standing Orders and submitted to the committee, a response is awaited for the committee to decide whether they will remain / become a TPC committee or if they will become independent.

### **367 Planning;**

Multiple planning applications by A.T. Contracting & Plant Hire Limited for planning permission at Finmere Quarry, Banbury Road, Finmere, Buckinghamshire, MK18 4AJ

For information only; no actions for TPC. Finmere PC to keep us apprised.

### **368 Accounts**

A transaction list will be provided for consideration however financial reports will not be provided due to the processing of the Annual Return.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot      Seconded: Cllr Hornsey      Approved.

### **369 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

- Cllr Lightfoot – Street Lighting

One reported to be flickering at the entrance to Tingewick Park, Cllr Newman to check.  
If it is within Tingewick Park then it will be the responsibility of Bovis.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture  
Nothing new to report, covered wet pour repair above.
- Cllr Swinburne – Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects  
Email received by the Clerk regarding the hedge bordering the Garden of Remembrance, Cllr Swinburne will check the area and instruct Mr Styles to cut it back.
- Cllr Fenemore – Recreation Ground  
Nothing new to report.
- Cllr Maxwell – Roads  
The white paint on the roundabout by the pond has been reported.  
A lot of resurfacing has been done as well as pothole repairs.  
Majority of drains have been cleared; the sucker lorry was here for a couple of weeks and did almost every street.

Cllr Hornsey advised that the tarmac is breaking up around the drain that was repaired in front of the village shop on Main Street, this is the third time it has broken up.

**Action: Cllr Maxwell to report the tarmac around the drain on Main Street.**

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond  
Nothing new to report.
- Cllr MacGarvey – Planning  
Nothing else to report from Planning discussed above.

### **370 Correspondence** (standing item)

#### **A) CGM contract renewal**

Note price increase per cut. All in agreement to renew the contract for another year.  
Cllr MacGarvey to check with the football club regarding extra services that may be required for the moving of the pitches.

#### **B) Dogs off lead**

Clerk received an email that a sheep was apparently mauled in the area up Barton Road to the old airstrip. There was a request for signage indicating that no dogs should be off-lead, however it was not felt by the TPC that this would be effective.

**Action: Clerk to draw up a poster for the noticeboard and Facebook, reminding responsible dog owners that sheep worrying is illegal and that farmers have the right to shoot dogs if they are endangering their sheep.**

#### **C) Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places**

Public notice to go up on noticeboard.

### **371 Tingewick Community Park Trust Update** (standing item)

Still awaiting planning outcome.

Community Impact Bucks event attended with guidance for charity leaders.

### **372 Cut footpath sign**

Discussed above during Cllr Clare's report.

### **373 Best Kept Village**

Entries close 30<sup>th</sup> April. Fee is £25. Judging June and start of July / Winners announced end of July / Award ceremonies 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot      Seconded: Cllr Maxwell      Approved.

**Action: Clerk to complete entry form. And submit.**

**374 TPC Banking and online transactions**

Clerk advised that the TPC is unable to do online transactions with its current account despite having online banking access. The merit of this was discussed and it was suggested to explore the possibility of enabling these kinds of transactions or opening a different account.

Proposed: Cllr Newman      Seconded: Cllr MacGarvey      Approved.

**Action: the signatories named on the mandate will agree a date to attend the branch.**

**375 Playground Safety Inspections**

Due soon, £60 each for school playground and rec ground play area.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey      Seconded: Cllr Fenemore      Approved.

Cllr Hornsey suggested requesting a quote for the repair of the wet-pour surface at the school playground.

**Action: Clerk to book in inspections and request quote for wet-pour surface repair.**

**376 Annual Parish Meeting Reminder**

Confirmed for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm.

**377 Date of next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting is also the Annual Parish Council General Meeting and is scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 21:40

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