

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Tingewick Parish Council
held remotely on Thursday 6th August 2020 at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Cllr Charlie Clare and Cllr Jackie Newman.

561 Declarations of Interest: None.

562 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 02-07-2020
Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Hornsey APPROVED

OPEN FORUM: *there were no residents participating.*

563 Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports

Cllr Fealey advised that the Buckingham and Village Community Board, for which Cllr Clare is the Chairperson, had their first virtual meeting. They are not the same as the Local Area Forum but they do have some similar points. They have funding of £117,000 + £139,000 for infrastructure. Their main focus is on green spaces, support after the Coronavirus and road safety; speed and cycle ways. There are two sub-groups; one focussing on HS2 and a Youth sub-group, which will invite people from local youth clubs to become part.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she has volunteered to join a group focussing on green spaces.

Cllr Fealey continued that another committee is in relation to planning – he will be representing the North and another colleague has the Aylesbury are; it is also running virtually.

The first full council meeting was held virtually with 192 people participating.

Councillors are working to provide grants for local organisations affected by Covid-19 (village halls, youth clubs, food bank, individuals with trouble, church groups) and have been fortunate to help food banks with providing fresh produce and through the Buckingham and Villages Community Board, were able to help fund TPC when a local person was assisted. That will be coming to an end shortly but the council is preparing for if there is a second wave and for people struggling financially via a grant coming from government and managed by Buckinghamshire Council.

Greg Smith, who is now our MP, is visiting; tomorrow he will be looking at some places affected by Coronavirus and how pubs are handling getting people in for specials.

Cllr Fealey advised that there are lots of infrastructure works at the moment, lots of diversion signs around here. Cllr Hornsey commented that the diversion signs are not very helpful and that is for people with local knowledge. Cllr Fealey said he would speak to the technicians tomorrow to see if they can organise a colour code or symbol system to help differentiate between diversionary routes.

Cllr Fealey asked about new road signs and Cllr Maxwell advised that a new sign was placed for Water Stratford Road

Cllr Fealey advised that he has been working on the parking issue on Stowe View and that he hopes the ten new parking spaces will help and be a good step forward for that community.

Regarding the new planning document, Cllr Fealey advised that the Government has changed some of the planning requirements in the last few days so he has asked them to pull together those changes and the other planning document that was recently published, to have a comprehensive structure about what we do as we need to understand Government restraints on development. The main part of that document was about how Parish Councils and other smaller authorities get involved in planning applications; the policy is now that it needs to be raised with the county councillor and they call it in to committee.

Cllr Fealey asked how the Rec Ground development was progressing. Cllr Lightfoot advised that the Trust is still struggling with last condition on the planning approval for the pavement / footpath. Cllr Fenemore stated that he has contacted a contractor but they have still not replied.

Cllr Lightfoot asked if Cllr Fealey has any suggestion for any grants or funding available to help. Cllr Fealey suggested the new Buckingham and Villages Community Board may be able to help as it would be in relation to green spaces, road safety and recovering from the impact of Covid-19 by encouraging the community to get out and be active.

Cllr Fealey advised that he and Cllr Clare are currently splitting their duties, as Cllr Clare has more experience with Roads and he has more experience with Planning; each attending meetings and feeding back to each other.

564 Matters Arising:

- *Item 531(b) – Correspondence: Fly Tipping*

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she had been looking into a visual campaign about littering.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to circulate the campaign posters to the Councillors for consideration at the next meeting.

All agreed for the posters to be displayed.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to arrange for the posters to be printed and displayed.

- *Item 541 – Councillors Reports: Land at Cemetery*

Clerk contacted the Diocese of Oxford regards purchasing land to extend the cemetery, due to some staff being on furlough a response is awaited.

Clerk advised that she is still awaiting a response from the property officer, however the Bishop of Buckingham has contacted and has sent a reminder, on our behalf, to the person we are waiting for a response from to try and nudge them along.

Clerk advised that the Property Officer is due back shortly but in the meantime TPC has been asked to consider which land they propose to purchase.

Action: Clerk to circulate a map to all councillors for consideration.

- *Item 541 – Councillors Reports: Gate at Cemetery*

It has been noted that a gate in the far right-hand corner of cemetery has been damaged.

Cllr Hornsey confirmed that the post is rotten.

Action: Cllr Hornsey to instruct CJM to repair the gate post.

Cllr Hornsey advised that this will be done soon – item to be removed from the agenda.

- *Item 542 – Correspondence: Changes to Town and Parish Councils involvement in planning applications.*

Councillors given more time to digest the information provided.

Discussed above under Unitary Authority Councillors Report.

- *Item 542 – Correspondence: New Allotments*

A resident suggesting using the land behind the Maltings, which is part of Tingewick Park for new allotments. Clerk has contacted Bovis to ask permission to use the land for this purpose and is awaiting a response. Further exploration will be required as to any applicable regulations or statutory requirements; however, all were in agreement that it is a good idea.

Clerk advised that she is still awaiting a response from Bovis due to staff being furloughed.

Cllr MacGarvey raised concerns that the area has limited access for cars / parking and predicts there will be local objections if it were to progress. He also believes that the area is question is a designated meadow / conservation area for nature.

No update at this time.

- *Item 554 – Councillors Reports: Yew Trees at Cemetery*

Cllr Hornsey advised that a resident had again raised the matter of the Yew trees at the cemetery needing to be cut back / reshaped, which involves the wires being cut, the middle of the tree being cut out and new wires being put up to make the conical shape. It was unanimously agreed that quotations will need to be sourced before a decision can be made about the expenditure.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to contact tree surgeons / arborists for their opinion.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she has met with a reputable, local, contractor who has said that to take the 12 Irish Yew Trees down by one third, to reduce and reshape the 6 other trees and to remove a misshapen conifer would be £3,000. All present agreed with the expenditure on the grounds that these works have not been carried out for some time.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to arrange for the works to be carried out.

- *Item 554 – Councillors Reports: bollards and street light.*

Action: Cllr Maxwell to follow up with TfB regarding the missing bollards and the streetlight which is permanently on at the bypass roundabout.

Cllr Maxwell advised that he has followed up about the bollards (Keep Left signs; opposite the post office and on Sandpit Hill) but he has been advised that there is a shortage of them at the moment. He also followed up about the street light when he received a response stating that it would involve a Stopping Order for the traffic on the bypass and clarified with TfB that the light is not on the dual carriageway but he has not had a response yet.

565 Planning

MW.0026/19 – FINMERE, Finmere Quarry, Banbury Road

Extension of area approved for clay extraction.

MW.0027/19 – FINMERE, Finmere Quarry, Banbury Road

Extension to the area for non hazardous waste landfill.

MW.0029/19 – FINMERE, Finmere Quarry, Banbury Road

Section 73 application to planning permission 15/02059/CM to allow for the operation of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) until January 2028

MW.0030/19 – FINMERE, Finmere Quarry, Banbury Road

Extension to area approved for sand and gravel extraction and retention of processing and concrete batching plants.

MW.0031/19 – FINMERE, Finmere Quarry, Banbury Road

Application for secondary aggregate recycling.

MW.0041/19 – FINMERE, Finmere Quarry, Banbury Road

Continued use of a clean water lagoon and silt pond in phase 1 of the area approved for the extraction of sand and gravel and clay for the use in landfill engineering under planning permission 17/02083/CM (MW.0083/17) and the temporary use of phase 2 for the continued stockpiling of overburden and similar site derived materials and the restoration of the application site to nature conservation.

Regarding all of the above, it was noted that TPC was consulted for information only and it is hoped that the situation will not rise again with the horrendous smells that emanated from the Quarry last year.

20/02143/APP – TINGEWICK, Land At Stowe View

Construction of ten new car park spaces with new access from main road into land at Stowe View, Tingewick. Parking spaces to be used by VAHT residents and visitors to residents.

NO OBJECTION

20/02348/APP – TINGEWICK, 1 Sandpit Hill

Replacement of garage that is in poor condition.

NO OBJECTION

566 Accounts

To consider list of payments as presented to the meeting.
Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Swinburne

APPROVED

567 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.

All ok with street lights at this time. Regarding the flashing lights for the school zone; Aylesbury Mains will wire them into the lamp-posts ready for return to school September 2020.

At same time, they will do The Furs and Old Forge Close to cut back trees from around lights.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture.

Nothing new to report. Playgrounds all open now.

- Cllr Swinburne – Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects.

Everything looks fine at the moment.

- Cllr Fenemore – Recreation Ground.

The Football club will re-seed some of the area.

It was discussed that the trim trail needs widening, Cllr Fenemore advised that it has been sprayed recently and with use it will flatten / widen.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads

Quiet month, not a lot to add.

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond

Cllr Newman was not in attendance.

Cllr Maxwell commented that the green algae in the pond should clear once there's some heavy rain to flush some more fresh water through it but that the pond is in a rather messy state at the moment because of the two old duck houses that are rotten and a tarpaulin sheet that has been discarded on the bank.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that the grounds maintenance contractor has been out to check the area but is unable to remove the items.

It was unanimously agreed to ask the contractor who helped to clear the rubbish from the allotments and the rec ground recently.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to instruct the contractor to remove the items from the pond area.

568 Correspondence

- a) Gorrell cut-through

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she received a call from a resident regarding children on scooters and bikes and people on horses, using Gorrell Lane and not adhering to the restrictions for the footpath as displayed on the signage.

TPC would like to send a polite reminder to everyone, to observe the restrictions when using Gorrell Lane.

- b) Red Van at Lucas Cottages

Cllr Lightfoot advised that there has recently been lengthy discussion on T Life about the red van parked in the driveway of Lucas Cottages, Main Street and that she had received information from a resident, who had detailed drawings from the Highways Department, which confirms that the van is obstructing the safe use of the pavement and forward driving visibility. These drawings have also been forwarded to the resident for their information.

Action: Clerk to write to the resident to respectfully ask that they do not continue to park this way.

- c) Tree bordering the pond.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that one of the residents on Strangers Lane, whose property borders the pond, has asked TPC about a large tree and the possibility of it being cut back. Cllr Maxwell confirmed that the tree is on the residents' land and that they should contact the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust.

Action: Clerk to write to the resident advising them to contact the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust as the tree is not the responsibility of TPC.

569 Tingewick Community Park Trust Update (standing item)

Discussed under Unitary Authority Councillors Report, above.

570 Allotments

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she has again been contacted by the allotment tenants who requested having the water supply extended to the end of the allotments.

She has requested they provide the PC with a plan of what they are proposing, with costing information, to be considered at the next meeting.

571 Councillor Vacancy

Cllr MacGarvey has regretfully stepped down from his position.

Tingewick Parish Council are every grateful for the time, experience and information he has shared with the council and the village in his time as a Councillor.

A new Councillor will need to be recruited.

Action: Clerk to advertise the Councillor vacancy.

572 Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 21:20