

**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Tingewick Parish Council
held remotely on Thursday 3rd December 2020 at 6.00pm.**

Apologies: Cllr Charlie Clare, Cllr Patrick Fealey and Cllr Pat Swinburne.

604 Declarations of Interest: None.

605 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 05-11-2020
Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Seconded: Cllr Maxwell APPROVED

OPEN FORUM: *There were no residents participating.*

606 Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports

Cllr Robin Stuchbury advised that on 9th Dec he will put two motions to council;

One regards a business case, to look at economics for social housing because of the amount of vacant land and buildings since combining the unitary authority.

The other motion regards supporting green climate, taking a motion on ecological grounds.

Cllr Stuchbury advised that it looks like we will all have a 3.9% council tax increase; which is the usual 1.9% plus 2% social tax. He noted that since paying social welfare as part of council tax, it is getting on to 10-15% of total now.

Locally, looking at the prospect of appointing a Town Centre Manager in Buckingham. The town centre economy is quite important and has been hit by Covid. They are trying to find funds for an economic uplift in new year, to support the shops.

At the Buckingham and Village Community board, Cllr Stuchbury was pleased to see Cllr Lightfoot making sure Tingewick's needs are on the groups radar.

Cllr Stuchbury is going to Cabinet to question around the White Paper legislation and how Parishes are involved. He will also raise in regards to S106's about the way Milton Keynes do it where Parish Council's are very much involved in first conversations, unlike the AVDC way where Parishes are involved toward the end. The aim is to make sure the S106's actually help issues in parish.

There is another Children Services meeting coming up. Cllr Stuchbury is concerned that figures do not register the difference between girls and boys as they are calculated as a group Usually girls do better than boys, so it could be that the gap is greater in certain age groups.

Cllr Stuchbury advised that Buckingham are working on their Local Plan and suggested the PC consider contacting the Town Clerk about collaborating on it.

607 Matters Arising:

- *Item 579 – Councillors Reports: Flashing lights for school*

Regarding the flashing lights for the school, Cllr Lightfoot has worked with Aylesbury Mains and identified two posts to fix the flashing lights to; a price has been agreed for the works.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that the specification information for the lights has been sent to Aylesbury Mains and we are just waiting for a date to be booked for the installation.

- *Item 582 – Bus Stop Book Exchange*

Cllr Lightfoot confirmed that the books have been packed up and donated to charity.

Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Hornsey cleaned the bus shelter so it can now be re-painted.

Action: Cllrs and Clerk to arrange a date to paint the bus shelter.

Cllr Hornsey obtained a price for framed Perspex panels for the two front and side open walls of the bus stop, which was agreed. Cllr Lightfoot suggested having a cork board in a frame also made to go on the back wall of the bus shelter for notices, to stop the wood being pinned and damaged. Action: Cllr Hornsey to arrange this along with the Perspex panels.

Cllr Lightfoot confirmed that the bus shelter has been painted and the cork boards have been put up at the back of the shelter, for notices etc.

Cllr Hornsey confirmed that the frames for the Perspex panels have been installed and the panels will be going in soon. The cost is a little lower than originally expected as Mr Grensted, who built the panels, donated his time for the labour free of charge. The PC sends Thanks to Mr Grensted.

608 Planning – There were no planning applications to consider.

609 Accounts

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

Proposed: Cllr Fenemore

Seconded: Cllr Newman

APPROVED

610 Budget 2021/22

All were in agreement for the budget to remain the same for the coming fiscal year.

611 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 & Defib.

Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture

Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Swinburne – Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects

Not in attendance.

- Cllr Fenemore – Recreation Ground

Cllr Fenemore will ask the contractors to weed spray the Trim Trail.

Once this has been done, he will ask the Grounds Maintenance Contractor to lay more gravel to help widen the path.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads

The light that was on all the time at the bypass roundabout is now off.

Two that were off have been reported, though more were noticed this week and will be reported.

Illuminated bollards missing opposite the post office and on sandpit hill have been followed up again.

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond

Nothing new to report.

612 Correspondence – There was no correspondence to consider.

613 Tingewick Community Park Trust Update (standing item)

MK Surveys have completed their report and it is now with Beal so we await the footpath drawings.

614 Meeting Dates for 2021

It was noted that there will be an election in May 2021 so the PC meeting will need to be the second week of the month, otherwise all PC meetings will be the first Thursday of each month.

615 Tree Planting Project

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she spoke with a lady named Gill Barstow at the Green Spaces subcommittee meeting who is working with "I Dig Trees" – next year in Buckinghamshire, they want to plant 2021 trees.

The trees are donated and there is a team who will plant them, so it will be of no cost to the Village.

The trees come in packs of 50, so Cllr Lightfoot has signed us up for one pack.

Gill will be invited to join the PC in January 2021 to discuss the initiative in further detail.

616 Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 19:20