

**DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Tingewick Parish Council  
held at Tingewick Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm.**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Pat Swinburne, Cllr Ed Maxwell, County Cllr Charlie Clare and District Cllr Patrick Fealey

**470 Declarations of Interest:** None

**471 Minutes:** To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 05-12-2019.  
Proposed: Cllr Hornsey      Seconded: Cllr Fenemore      APPROVED

**OPEN FORUM**

*There were no residents in attendance.*

**472 County Councillor's Report**

Not in attendance.

**473 District Councillor's Report**

Not in attendance.

**474 Matters Arising:**

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

*Per the original agreement, Bovis will be removing the pinch-point from its current location and moving it closer to the entrance of the Village. TPC agreed to alter the agreement for it to be removed and not replaced in the proposed new location. The Tingewick Park Residents Association would like the pinch-point to be moved to the new location and not removed altogether however they recognise that this may cause issues for larger vehicles to manoeuvre through, particularly if the bypass is closed and diversions are in place through the village.*

*Action: Clerk to contact Steve Essam from BCC about the location and again request what would be required for a small roundabout instead at the junction of Toll Gate Street.*

*Clerk advised that Mr Essam has not responded, nor has his manager.*

*Action: Clerk to chase again and copy in Cllr Clare for help.*

*Clerk raised this again with Cllr Clare during his Councillor's Report and he advised that he will pick up on this next week.*

No response yet – Clerk to follow up with Cllr Clare again.

- *Item 356 – Councillors Reports, Cllr Newman: Gorrell Lane*

*TPC agreed to arrange the removal of several trees. Works now complete.*

*Mr and Mrs Kopsch advised that a branch had come down onto the roof of their shed but they do not believe any damage was caused. Mr Kopsch to send the PC a picture of the branch.*

*Mr and Mrs Kopsch again raised the issue of subsidence and clarified that it was the three live sycamore trees that they were worried would cause subsidence.*

*Cllr Hornsey advised that when the three separate experts came out to the area to quote for the works, they all did so under the instruction that the PC will only be taking responsibility for anything that is posing a danger; the PC had only been looking at removing the ash trees and he believes this has been a case of miscommunication.*

*Cllr Hornsey suggested meeting again with Mr and Mrs Kopsch and AJB Tree Care to be clear on the exact location and to gauge professional opinion on the danger posed.*

*Mr Kopsch agreed to send pictures to the clerk of the area and to meet with Cllr Hornsey on Saturday morning.*

*Cllr Hornsey confirmed that technicians from AJB Tree Care have been out to the site and while they could not see any obvious defects, they couldn't give full comment without doing a formal*

survey which would be priced somewhere around £360. They did estimate that the removal of the Sycamores would be approximately £1,700 plus VAT per tree.

It was agreed that the PC will not pay for additional works if they are for aesthetic reasons only. Cllr Hornsey suggested that as BCC originally viewed the area and made the decisions about which trees should be removed, they should be invited to return and do the same again.

*Action: Clerk to email BCC and copy in Cllr Clare to request they again visit the site for comment.*

Clerk advised that BCC responded stating that they will not be doing a full survey as they have already visited the site and identified the dangerous trees and they are satisfied with AJB Tree Care's view of there being no obvious defects.

It was agreed that the PC will not be doing a full survey due to the cost already incurred for the removal of dangerous trees on land that is not the PC's responsibility.

- *Item 413 – Councillors Reports, Cllr Newman: Buckingham Street footpath*

*Cllr Hornsey advised that he was stopped in the street by a resident recently who reported that a lady was injured due to a fall in Buckingham Street caused by the uneven footpath surface.*

*Clerk advised that this was reported and a response was received from TfB claiming the footpath surface was reviewed and deemed to pose no obvious hazard.*

*Clerk has already re-reported the footpath and it is now awaiting further review.*

*Clerk advised that she has not had any further contact from TfB about the footpath but will continue to chase them for a response.*

*Clerk discussed this with Cllr Clare, who agreed to assist where he can. Clerk to re-forward information to Cllr Clare.*

No response yet – Clerk to follow up with Cllr Clare again.

- *Item 444 – Tingewick Park Border*

*BCC has said the area around the entrance of Tingewick Park near the ditch / drainage was devolved to PC responsibility but the PC has no record of this and has not maintained the area previously. AVDC believe the area to be the responsibility of BCC.*

*The Chair of the TPRA has helped with this by liaising with BCC and the Tingewick Park Management Company. It has been clarified that the area of land on the Tingewick Park side of the ditch is the responsibility of the Management Company however the area of land on the road side of the ditch is still unknown whose responsibility that is; the PC argue that despite BCC claiming it was devolved to the PC, the PC has not done anything to maintain the area, yet it has still been maintained, therefore BCC must still have it on their schedule for grass cutting etc.*

*Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Clare if he can be of assistance.*

*Cllr Clare advised that he had not received any correspondence about this and requested it be sent again. Clerk to re-send.*

No response yet – Clerk to follow up with Cllr Clare again.

Cllr MacGarvey advised that he had spoken with the gardeners today; he approached them as they were trimming the hedge on the right hand side of Tingewick Park, which is not included in their contract as that area is the responsibility of BCC. They explained that they were doing it due to being scratched by the overgrown hedges when they were moving the grass in that location.

Clerk to pass this information to Cllr Clare when she follows up with him to make sure that BCC is aware of the health and safety risk to others when they do not maintain the area they are responsible for.

Cllr Fenemore advised that the ditch is full on the other side of Gawcott Road. As it is the responsibility of BCC to maintain it, Clerk will report it.

- *Item 453: Councillors Reports – Roads*

*Cllr Maxwell advised the salt bin at the top of Strangers Lane has been badly damaged and will need to be replaced.*

*Action: Clerk to contact AVDC about whether this will be replaced by them or if the PC will need to purchase a replacement.*

*Clerk was advised by AVDC that all requests must be received in writing and was provided a postal address. A letter has been sent requesting the salt bin be replaced.*

No update at this time due to Christmas and new year period, a response is awaited from AVDC.

- *Item 457: Budget*

*Clerk advised that the 2020/21 budget will need to be set by January 2020 to lodge the PC's precept request with AVDC.*

*Action: Clerk to send a copy of the current budget to councillors for reference with any suggestions, alterations or additions to be noted for next meeting*

*It was agreed that due to the increase in village residences that the budget could be increased particularly for the increased cost for the new street lighting and other extra services that the PC have had to absorb.*

The budget for 2020/21 was unanimously agreed.

#### **475 Planning**

No planning applications have been submitted since the last PC meeting.

#### **476 Accounts**

To consider list of payments as presented to the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot      Seconded: Cllr Hornsey      APPROVED

#### **477 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.

A light is out on Hickman Close, this has been reported.

On Main Street, the first light on the right hand side, by the white gate, as you enter the village from the Buckingham end has been reported to BCC as it is adopted by BCC Highways.

Two lights on Sandpit Hill, by pond have been reported to TfB.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture.

It was agreed that planter boxes will be made for the entrances to the village in place of the tyre that was removed – Cllr Hornsey to source materials.

Cllr Lightfoot to contact the supplier of Bee Bombs to enquire about the possibility of a discount for a bulk purchase of the wildflower seed bombs.

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

Not in attendance.

- Cllr Fenemore – Recreation Ground.

Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads

Not in attendance.

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond

Nothing new to report.

- Cllr MacGarvey – Planning.

Nothing new to report.

#### **478 Correspondence**

- a) Fly Tipping – a resident reported seeing another resident tipping green waste over their fence onto the adjoining vacant land.

Clerk confirmed from gov.uk and AVDC website that, **“Fly-tipping is defined as the ‘illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it’ and includes dumping garden waste anywhere, including in hedgerows, grass verges and woodlands.**

**Just because it may eventually compost down, does not make dumping acceptable or permissible”**

Information about the garden waste service from AVDC can be found at

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/garden-waste-service>

**479 Tingewick Community Park Trust Update** (standing item)

Tesco Bicester have contacted the Trust to request evidence that the £1,000 awarded in the blue token “bags for change” scheme had been used as expected, Cllr Lightfoot informed them that the Trust is still waiting on the outcome of the planning application.

AVDC planning department have advised that they are writing the report, so Cllr Lightfoot contacted Cllr Fealey to see if he was able to offer any help, he advised that there are a couple of matters in question but it should be sorted by the end of the week however the Trust submitted the additional information to AVDC before Christmas so it is possible that Cllr Fealey did not have access to the current information from the planning team.

**AOB**

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she attended the Finmere PC meeting where the smell from the landfill was discussed. It was explained that there are different cells in the landfill which the management company, Opes, has tried to top off, pipes are put in to extract the gas.

There were two representatives from the site in attendance at the meeting and there were two representatives from the Environmental Agency present, to answer questions and advise of the process going forward.

There was a complaint about how high some of the landfill cells are getting; it was explained that they are being sculpted. There are currently 11 cells and there is plans for more.

Most residents were very upset and some said the smell is making them physically sick.

The representatives from the Environmental Agency advised that while the smell can make you feel sick it will not make you unhealthy.

Cllr Lightfoot added that there are electronic units used to detect gas levels and one will now be situated in the home of the Finmere PC Chairperson as he lives near the landfill site.

Minutes from the meeting have been requested and will be available for Tingewick residents once received.

**480 Date of next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council Meeting is confirmed for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 21:10