

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
held remotely on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm.

**Apologies:** Cllr Fenemore, Cllr Swinburne and Cllr Fealey.

**548 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**549 Minutes:** To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 11-06-2020  
Proposed: Cllr Hornsey           Seconded: Cllr MacGarvey           APPROVED

**OPEN FORUM:** *There were no residents participating.*

**550 Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports**

See all comments below under Matters Arising.

**551 Matters Arising:**

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

*Cllr Clare will be arranging for assessors from the Highways Department to visit the site and then advise whether the new position is viable as per the concerns previously raised.*

*Ongoing due to Covid-19. Action: Cllr Clare advised that he would contact the assessors again.*

Cllr Clare advised that he had spoken to Mr Steve Essam from the Highways Department at Buckinghamshire Council who confirmed he had been out to the site again and has recommended the pinch point be moved, as per the original plan. Cllr Clare agreed that this is the best course of action at this time and that it can be reviewed again in future if any problems arise from the location of the pinch point. Mr Essam will now see that the job is added to the works list to be completed at a future date.

- *Item 483 – County Councillors Report*

*Cllr Hornsey advised that since the brush was cut back along the footway on the left-hand side from the bypass roundabout as you head into the village, it has made the vegetation overgrowing the curb more noticeable.*

*Cllr Clare spoke to the Local Area Technician to ask that the area be added to the siding-out programme – Mr Foot said he would just do it himself. Action: Cllr Clare to follow up again.*

Cllr Clare spoke with Mr Foot who confirmed the job has been added to the works schedule and will be done soon.

- *Item 530 – Councillors Reports: Slabs on Gorrell Lane*

*Cllr Clare said this is being paid for through the Councillor Fund so he will follow up as he does not want it to get lost or not happen. Action: Cllr Clare to follow up with TfB*

Cllr Clare spoke with Mr Foot who advised that the work was originally scheduled to take place the week after lock down started and so had to be rescheduled, it is now looking to be done in six to eight weeks' time.

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

*Fly tipping on the sides of the Barton Road near to the airfield runway and provision of litter bins; It was raised by a resident that cars and lorry drivers park up in that spot and that there is nowhere to put litter.*

*Cllr Maxwell to contact Parish Liaison Officer and request a bin to be placed in or near the layby.*

Cllr Maxwell confirmed that he contacted the PLO and was advised that the Council usually do not place rubbish bins in layby's as it can contribute to an increase in fly-tipping.

Cllr Clare explained that fly-tipping and litter bins are two separate issues and that the council does not wish to encourage people to bring their litter there.

Cllr Maxwell has asked the PLO for the area to be added to the council's litter picking schedule.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she had been looking into a visual campaign around the issue of littering.

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

- *Item 541 – Councillors Reports: Street Light at bypass roundabout*  
Cllr Maxwell to report to Buckinghamshire Council the light near the roundabout at the bypass that is constantly on.

Cllr Maxwell confirmed that this had been reported.

- *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.

- *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.  
Action: Cllr Hornsey check if it needs repair and if so will contact CJM.

Cllr Hornsey confirmed that the post is rotten.

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

- *Item 541 – Councillors Reports: Roads – drain cover on Main Street*  
Cllr Clare to follow up with TfB about the drain cover outside The Laurels on Main Street which again requires repair.

Cllr Maxwell and Cllr Hornsey both confirmed this has been done.

- *Item 541 – Councillors Reports: Resident Nominations for PC present*  
Due to a lot of people being isolated during the Covid-19 pandemic and the affect it can have on mental health, Cllr Newman suggested a scheme where people can nominate residents of the village who they feel would benefit from a small present from the PC to show that they are being thought of. All present unanimously agreed.

Action: Clerk to edit nomination letter and forward to the PC for approval and distribution.

All happy with the form.

**Action: Cllr Lightfoot to contact the Street Monitors to explain the scheme.**

**Action: Clerk to send the nomination form to the Street Monitors for them to distribute around the village.**

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

*Councillors given more time to digest the information provided.*

- *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.

- *Item 546 - Village Security / CCTV*

*Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Newman have met with a security professional.*

*It was recommended the PC install three cameras; entering village Buckingham end, village hall and at the pond with 130-degree angle so covering Sandpit Hill and Water Stratford Road.*

*Signage will be required for the footage to be legally permissible as evidence.*

*Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Newman to obtain further quotes for comparison.*

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she has received two quotations so far, one for £22-28,000 and one for £15-23,000. All were in agreement that the cost is very high and would need to be seriously considered before progressing.

Cllr Clare advised that he does not know of any council grants or funding sources that could help with the cost and he feels that the PC would have to question the need for the CCTV and whether the risk of crime is over and above the norm / average in comparison to other local villages?

Cllr Lightfoot advised that when she spoke to the local area Police, they said "no" for Tingewick as there were only two reported crimes from November 2019 to May 2020.

There was discussion around whether the PC may have "jumped the gun" in response to the frenzy of activity following a short spike in criminal activity during lockdown.

It was suggested to park the idea for six months to further observe and gather information while keeping it under review, which all were in agreement with.

## **552 Planning**

### **20/01705/APP – TINGEWICK, Beersheba Water Stratford Road**

Construction of a steel framed agricultural building for storage.

**NO OBJECTION**

## **553 Accounts**

To consider list of payments as presented to the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot      Seconded: Cllr Hornsey      **APPROVED**

## **554 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: Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture

Clerk received information from Buckinghamshire Council about the reopening of public spaces and play parks from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 providing a risk assessment and cleaning has been carried out or appropriate signate is erected to advise the public if it has not been done as they use the equipment at their own risk. Clerk asked Cllr Clare for assistance with any signage required and Cllr Clare forwarded the request to the Buckingham Community Board.

Signage is to be placed at the Rec Ground, Main Street and Tingewick Park pay areas.

**Residents are reminded that Covid-19 is still with us and therefore they should still be aware and alert, stay safe, socially distance and act responsibly while using the play equipment.**

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

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 Fenemore – Recreation Ground: Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads

Cllr Maxwell advised that a long-standing pothole near the cottages on Water Stratford road has been fixed and he believes the junction of New Street and The Maltings has been resurfaced. Potholes on the road to Finmere have also been resurfaced.

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

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond

A resident has contacted the PC about footpath TIN11 as it is overgrown with brambles.

**Action: Cllr Newman to ask the grounds maintenance contractor to inspect the area and carry out any required works to clear the footpath.**

- Cllr MacGarvey – Planning

Cllr MacGarvey advised that the appeal was dismissed for Planning Application Ref: 18/03921/AOP Appeal Ref: APP/J0405/W/20/3246440 – Land off Water Stratford Road, Tingewick MK18 4NX – Erection of a single dwelling.

All present agreed this was a great win for the village!

Cllr MacGarvey advised that he will be stepping down from his position on the council.

### **555 Correspondence**

- a) Hedges near the pond – a resident has asked if they can trim the hedges to increase visibility to the road.

All present were in agreement for the resident to do this, providing it is done in a professional and responsible manner and the cuttings are cleared away.

**Action: Clerk to contact the resident with the PC's response.**

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

The Trustees are still trying to get the conditions imposed by Buckinghamshire Council removed, downgraded or postponed; there have been big problems with getting quotes and plans for a new footpath, which is a condition and has to be put in. Cllr Fenemore is handling it all at the moment.

A new gate needed to be installed for wheelchair access – Cllr Fenemore has sourced this.

The new Trim Trail is being installed 7/8/9 July 2020.

### **557 Fete Committee**

There is no committee – all but two members have resigned / stepped down.

Given current restrictions due to Covid-19, the remaining members have agreed to wait until January 2021 to explore and attempt to recruit new committee members.

**558 Buckingham and Villages Community Board:** Funding to support children's holiday activities Information received from the Council. Clerk suggested asking the school / pre-school if they already have any plans for holiday activities for the children and passing on the information regards funding from the council to help with it.

**Action: Clerk to contact the School and Pre-School.**

### **559 Age UK information packs**

A resident who volunteers with Age UK has information packs for senior residents and asked if TPC would know of any prospective recipients who might benefit?

A few names were suggested, Cllr Lightfoot to pass on the PC's suggestions to the resident.

### **560 Date of next Meeting:**

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

Meeting closed: 21:30