

**Minutes of the Meeting of Tingewick Parish Council
held remotely on Thursday 11th June 2020 at 7.30pm.**

Members of the Public in attendance: 0

Apologies: Cllr Swinburne, Cllr Fenemore and Cllr Fealey.

535 Declarations of Interest: None.

536 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 14-05-2020

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Hornsey APPROVED

OPEN FORUM: *No residents participated in the meeting.*

537 Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports

Cllr Clare advised that on 15th June Buckingham High Street will start opening further, Waitrose car park still free to encourage people back in to shopping. Signage up for keeping safe on pavements.

Congratulations to PC and Community Cafe on Cake Trail / VE Day celebrations.

Cllr Clare acknowledged that the PC has been doing loads to ensure people are keeping safe amongst the community and reminded that the Covid Community Fund is still active to help fund things Covid / lockdown specific.

Cllr Clare advised that TfB are working hard, despite staffing shortages and the works programme is still going for roads. Buckinghamshire Council are aware that the resurfacing from Tingewick roundabout up past the golf club has failed – there are bald spots. A new technique was tried but did not deliver to the standard expected – they are working to rectify it.

538 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.

- *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 thinks this requires “siding out” and said that he will raise it with the local area technician.

Ongoing due to Covid-19.

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.

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

Cllr Newman will follow up with TfB as to when the support slabs will be repaired / replaced.

Clerk contacted Mr Foot, who said he will follow up with the Structures Team this week and report back. 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

- *Item 531(a) – Correspondence: Flags*

A resident has suggested flags to be displayed at the church and Royal Oak recognising and thanking keyworkers and has offered to contribute to the cost.

Cllr Hornsey advised that there can only be two flags at the most at the church.

Cllr Lightfoot suggested the resident may be willing to contribute to the repair of the rope / cable of the Royal Oak flagpole.

Action: Clerk to explore flags and costings and to pass on Cllr Lightfoot's suggestion.

The resident has sent their donation to be used at discretion of the PC.

It was agreed that the flags should be in place by 5th July to commemorate the anniversary of the NHS starting in 1948

Action: Clerk to order the new rope for the flagpole and the flags agreed on by the PC.

Action: Cllr Hornsey to explore hiring a cherry picker for installation.

- *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. It was agreed that it is most likely Buckinghamshire Council's Highways team that are responsible.

Action: Cllr Maxwell to enquire with Bucks about getting a litter bin in that location.

Action: Clerk to check if the Great British Spring Clean is still going ahead in September 2020 – if not, a litter pick is to be organised with the PC providing a skip for the rubbish collected.

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

Clerk confirmed the Great British Spring Clean is now being held 11-27 September 2020. TPC

agreed to host a "Tidy Tingewick" litter pick Saturday 19th September 2020. More information soon.

On the topic of Dog Fouling, the PC discussed the suggestion made by a resident that the PC provide poo bags for dog owners but this was agreed to be an unnecessary cost for the PC that would most likely not have the desired effect of encouraging dog owners to pick up after their pets. Dog fouling campaign stickers and posters have been ordered and will be displayed soon.

- *Item 531(c) – Correspondence: Trees at pond.*

The resident who owns the property closest to the pond on Sandpit Hill has asked if the PC will do something about the trees by the pond that have branches overhanging their land.

It was discussed and agreed that the resident is within their rights to cut back any branches overhanging their land but the PC is not currently in a position to cut back or remove any trees that are not a hazard. Action: Clerk to feedback to the resident.

Clerk confirmed the PC response was forwarded to the resident.

539 Planning

20/01606/APP – TINGEWICK, The Orchard Church Lane

Proposed double bay garage to replace existing parking

NO OBJECTION

17/04823/APP – TINGEWICK, Land North of Preston Road

Change of use of land and provision for temporary accommodation and wood carving business (retrospective)

NO OBJECTION

540 Accounts

To consider list of payments as presented to the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Seconded: Cllr Newman APPROVED

It was observed that an allotment tenant was planning to run an individual supply to his plot from the water supply which the PC provide. A notice, since removed by someone, was put in place to ask for the water supply not to be tampered with.

Another plot owner asked about positioning an additional water tap supply at the other end of the allotments. Cllr Lightfoot asked him if a quote could be provided for this to be done and that if this

was possible, then would the other plot holders be willing to contribute an annual donation of £10 pa towards the cost of the water. Apparently not all agreed to this payment and no quote has been received by the PC for the additional tap. So no further action at this time. All allotments are now mostly under new ownership and have been transformed over the last few months.

The Grounds Maintenance contractor submitted a pricing increase that was unanimously agreed to be a fair reflection of the workload and the high standard to which it is carried out.

541 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 light is in need of having some greenery cut out from around it.

Action: Cllr Maxwell to report to Buckinghamshire Council the light near the roundabout at the bypass that is constantly on.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture

Nothing new to report.

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

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 has purchased a caution sign for pedestrians to warn of the uneven surface of the tarmac at the cemetery entrance. **Action: Cllr Hornsey to install when it arrives.**

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 Fenemore – Recreation Ground

Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads

Cllr Maxwell has reported a bad pothole up Water Stratford road and is chasing TfB regards the bollard outside the post office.

Action: Cllr Clare to follow up with TfB about the drain cover outside The Laurels on Main Street which again requires repair.

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond

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.

- Cllr MacGarvey – Planning

Nothing new to report.

542 Correspondence

- a) Changes to Town and Parish Councils involvement in planning applications.

Due to short notice, councillors have not had time to digest the information. Item to be carried over to the next meeting.

- b) 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.

543 Tingewick Community Park Trust Update (standing item)

The Trustees are in the process of obtaining quotes for design fees for the required footpath as the information received so far seems an exorbitantly high amount.

Trim trail installation booked in, will be 8 pieces in 2 x blocks of 4 so as not to interfere with football pitches or future skate park. Will be over three days during the week commencing 6th July 2020.

544 Play Around the Parishes

Buckinghamshire Council are still going ahead with Play around the Parishes, with modifications for social distancing etc. and enquired if the PC wish to go ahead with the booking this year?

All in agreement that we would hold off for this year and re-book next year instead.

545 Bus Shelter at Village Hall

Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Newman have cleared it out once but it seems to be turning into somewhat of a dumping ground for unwanted items. Residents asked to be mindful of this when leaving items.

Cllr Lightfoot will put up some additional signage.

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.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Newman to obtain further quotes for comparison.

547 Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 21:20