

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Tingewick Parish Council, held at St Mary Magdalene Church, Tingewick on Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Cllr Ed Maxwell and Cllr Patrick Fealey.

573 Declarations of Interest: None.

574 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 06-08-2020
Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Newman APPROVED

OPEN FORUM: *There were no residents in attendance / participating.*

575 Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports

Cllr Charlie Clare advised that the resident he spoke with previously about the trees at the top of Gorrell Lane has clarified that it was not a council officer who came and looked at the trees but a private contractor. Cllr Clare confirmed that Buckinghamshire Council are not involved as it is privately owned land and the resident will be cutting back the trees themselves.

Cllr Clare advised that he has spoken with David Marsh, Highways Officer, about the footpath to the rec ground. Mr Marsh did not realise that the proposed footpath would encroach on private land / retaining walls and has agreed that the best way to alleviate this problem would be to "pinch in" the size of the footpath to keep it on highways land.

Cllr Fenemore explained that the Rec Trust is currently working through a 278 Agreement.

Cllr Lightfoot added that they cannot obtain quotations for the footpath work until detailed working drawings have been completed and that this will cost in excess of £10,000.

The village PC will then be required to enter into a section 278 agreement with BC for the pavement works to be completed again at a cost of £10 –£15,000. And all this is before the payment to the pavement contractor to actually do the job and this could be circa £40k.

Cllr Lightfoot commented we have no choice in this, as no work on the recs new sports facilities can commence until the pavement is complete.

She commented on how disappointed the team were that BC were viewing the PC as they would a developer with a bottomless pit of money, rather than a small village PC relying on fundraising.

Cllr Clare believes that if the footpath was to be entirely on Highways land that it would alleviate the 278 Agreement.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to email Cllr Clare and send the diagrams showing the land that is being requested for the footpath, for him to pass on to Mr Marsh.

Regarding the repairs to the concrete slabs at the bottom of Gorrell Lane, Cllr Clare advised that he would put pressure on TfB for a date for the works to be done.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that there has been some discussions on the Tingewick Life Facebook group about the possibility of a BP Garage being constructed on land near the Finmere Airfield and while there is no information on the planning portal from Buckinghamshire Council it is believed that BP have an option on the land.

Cllr Clare confirmed that he has not seen any planning applications or similar, although he is aware of a proposal on that site which had come over from Cherwell which he believes is for housing.

Cllr Clare thanked Cllr Lightfoot for stepping up to be the Tingewick representative on the Buckingham and Villages Community Board and for heading up the sub-committee for Green Spaces which Cllr Clare thinks will be good for Tingewick as well as other communities.

Cllr Robin Stuchbury advised that on Tuesday (08-09-2020) he will be questioning the leader of the council, Martin Tett, regarding the proposal on redevelopment of old housing.

Tomorrow (04-09-2020) he will speak to the Cabinet Member for Planning about the constitutional changes.

As of today, he has been advised that works on the Tingewick Road roundabout will be done on the 7th which he is assuming they meant 7th September.

Cllr Stuchbury thinks that TPC should form an opinion regarding the Government's proposals for planning, with the local planning constitution change. He has four calls to do presently.

Cllr Stuchbury forwarded information to the Clerk regarding the committees he is serving on.

Action: Clerk to circulate to the TPC Councillors.

Cllr Stuchbury thinks it is good to work together with Cllr Clare to push things along together.

Cllr Stuchbury also thinks it is positive that TPC are currently working toward expanding the cemetery. He advised that TPC worked with the historic District Council to grant planning permission and that there is a lot of knowledge with the Town Clerk at Buckingham and that it would be a good resource for information if any problems were to be encountered.

576 Matters Arising:

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

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

Cllr Lightfoot circulated the campaign posters for consideration and all were in favour.

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

Cllr Lightfoot advised that the posters have been printed and will be going up this weekend.

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

Clerk contacted the Diocese of Oxford regards purchasing land to extend the cemetery.

TPC has been asked to consider which land they propose to purchase.

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

All present agreed that TPC should "start big" and ask for pricing information for all of the land behind the cemetery and allotments to gauge an idea of exactly what would be expected for funding. It was also agreed that as this would be a large, ongoing, project involving grant applications and site surveys etc that a sub-committee should be formed to deal with it and report back to the PC for any decisions that need to be agreed upon.

Action: Cllr Newman and the Clerk to meet separately to explore the Cemetery Project.

Action: item to be removed from the agenda with updates to be reported when they are available.

- *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 agreed 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.

Clerk advised that the Bovis representative has made contact and requested a map of the area in question, which has been provided.

- *Item 554 – Councillors Reports: street light near bypass roundabout.*

Cllr Maxwell advised that he reported the street light and received a response stating that it would involve a Stopping Order for the traffic on the bypass, he has clarified with TfB that the light is not on the dual carriageway but he has not had a response yet.

Cllr Maxwell was not in attendance, however Cllr Hornsey confirmed the street light is still on.

Action: Cllr Maxwell to follow up with TfB.

- *Item 567 – Councillors Reports: Pond*

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.

Cllr Lightfoot confirmed that the rubbish has been removed and the pond is a bit fuller now due to the rain we have had recently.

- *Item 568 – Correspondence: Red Van at Lucas Cottage*

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.

Clerk advised that this has been done.

- *Item 568 – Correspondence: 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.

Clerk advised that this has been done.

- *Item 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.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that there is no update at this time as she is still waiting for the information to be provided.

577 Planning

20/02814/APP – TINGEWICK, The Wing Little Tingewick House Sandpit Hill

Erection of single storey dwelling (amendment to 19/04130/APP)

NO OBJECTION

20/02597/APP – TINGEWICK, 63 Toll Gate Street

Garage conversion.

NO OBJECTION

578 Accounts

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

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot

Seconded: Cllr Swinburne

APPROVED

579 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.

Everything is ok at the moment.

Regarding the flashing lights for the school, she is working with Aylesbury Mains to identify where they can be positioned as the old telegraph poles with a light fitting at the top either belong to TPC or the electricity company. Pictures have been sent to Aylesbury Mains to identify which they are.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she has been contacted by the owner/operator of the food van that came to Tingewick for the Pop Up Shops event last month, Heartcibo. They have asked for a regular spot, once a month, to serve the village.

It was agreed that this would be good for the village, to offer the residents a variety in take away options and to also help support a local business.

Cllr Lightfoot suggested TPC arrange for the Village Christmas Tree to be ordered soon for it to be positioned in its spot on Main Street, in front of the school, as per usual. All were in agreement. It was suggested that TPC explore alternatives for the Tree Lighting event that has been held in previous years, due to the Covid-19 restrictions that may still be in place in December.

Action: Cllr Fenemore to order the tree and all Councillors to think of an alternative event for the village to celebrate Christmas.

Regarding the councillor vacancy, Cllr Lightfoot advised that she had been contacted by a resident who has put forward an expression of interest.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to forward the expression of interest to the rest of the council for consideration.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture.

Tingewick Park residents have requested one of the swing seats in the play park be changed for a bucket or cradle seat, for younger children and asked if TPC would pay for this or contribute to it. Quotes have been received which are very high and the PC feel that the residents should contact the Management Company in the first instance.

Cllr Lightfoot added that the Salt Bin on Buckingham Street is in the wrong place. Cllr Maxwell has logged this on the Fix My Street portal.

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

No new updates.

Trees being done mid to end of October.

- Cllr Fenemore – Recreation Ground.

No new updates.

Hedges being done soon – weather depending.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads

Not in attendance.

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond

Cllr Newman advised that the pond is looking better now that we have had some rain.

580 Correspondence

- a) Toddler Swing at Tingewick Park Play Area
Discussed under Councillor Reports.

581 Tingewick Community Park Trust Update (standing item)

Discussed above under Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports.

582 Bus Stop Book Exchange

With winter on its way, the PC are concerned that the books will become damp and damaged. It was agreed that the Bus Stop Book Exchange will need to be closed until the Spring. The children's pictures will be laminated and displayed at the church and the books will be donated to charity at the end of September.

Action: Clerk to post signage in the bus stop and online.

583 Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 1st October 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 21:20