

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Tingewick Parish Council
held remotely on Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Cllr Pat Swinburne, Cllr Richard Fenemore and Cllr Charlie Clare.

629 Declarations of Interest: None.

630 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 07-01-2021.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey

Seconded: Cllr Maxwell

APPROVED

OPEN FORUM:

Gill Barstow introduced herself, she is from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and looks after Communications for a region of the stake/church encompassing a bit of Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Milton Keynes and Northamptonshire.

“I Dig Trees” which was discussed before is no longer involved as with lockdown and timings they allocated all the trees they had so another supplier was found “The Tree Appeal” will provide trees free of charge, the Church is offering the labour.

When Ms Barstow first spoke with Cllr Lightfoot, things were not as locked down as they are now and the Church could have mobilised 30+ people but now they could probably only call on one family/bubble at a time to do the planting.

The best time for planting is up to late March – early April.

Ms Barstow will send to TPC the list of the types of trees available; they are all cell-grown whips of British native species. They are between 30 – 100cm high, with a cane and a rabbit spiral. They are delivered for free and the number of trees is not as restrictive now so the quantity can be chosen.

Other organisations nearby have expressed interest including Lace Hill Academy, The Royal Latin and Buckingham Canal Society.

Ms Barstow explained the process starts by choosing the trees you want, giving consideration to how the trees will be watered and cared for, applying for the trees and then arranging a date for planting. Ms Barstow briefly explained there is criteria for the application she will send to TPC.

Action: TPC to meet on Monday afternoon for a walk around the village to explore possible locations for the trees and then advise Ms Barstow ASAP.

Action: Once the locations are chosen, Clerk to write to Cllr Stuchbury so he can ask the Cabinet minister for permission for any that are wished to be planted on Buckinghamshire Council land.

631 Unitary Authority Councillor’s Reports

Cllr Stuchbury advised that there will be a meeting on 24th February 2021 for setting Council Tax. There was an Audit Committee meeting recently, Cllr Stuchbury feels the Treasury report does not seem in line with environmental potentials.

Cllr Stuchbury will be coming to look at the pond at the weekend, with Cllr Lightfoot.

Cllr Stuchbury will be going to Cabinet on the 16th and will ask questions around education – he worries that children sitting their 11+ this year might not be children who would have qualified ordinarily.

The budget is to be set for Elderly care; Cllr Stuchbury is concerned they are under stress with Covid.

There is a HS2 meeting on at moment; Cllr Fealey is there.

The council are scheduling their roads program, it looks like finally Buckingham street has gotten back onto road scheme! Though they have started to include plane and patch as a capital program, Cllr Stuchbury thinks it will iron itself out.

Cllr Stuchbury has just been to the weekly Covid meeting, we’re doing better than some parts of Buckinghamshire; even though we started later, we are getting more people done (vaccinated) than some areas of South Bucks.

They are not wasting the vaccines, if people do not turn up, the vaccines go to other key workers who are not in that age profile.

Cllr Fealey joined the meeting after the HS2 meeting.

He advised that the Parish Charter Survey is out.

The Heritage Portal has been set up at Buckinghamshire.co.uk and includes Tingewick.

Regards the support for school, (under correspondence) they have the tools and will pay for the DBS checks on any volunteers. He noted that the school does not have a caretaker and that the help would be needed first thing in the morning to clear paths etc for the children but it won't be needed for every day.

Lateral flow tests are available for people who are unable to work from home in Buckingham from next week, tests can be booked online and will be done at the Swan Pool.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/bookarapidtest/>

The vaccine roll out has been really good locally. 27,000 doses of the vaccine were delivered this week and the same again will be delivered next week.

The rate of infection in the over 60's has gone down, however the area of concern now is for 11–15-year-olds as it has gone up by 43%.

Round three of the business support grant is now open for applications for January 2021.

Cllr Fealey is concerned about the closure of the bridge at the end of bypass going toward Bicester.

The first element will be carrying out some tests and they may put a Bailey bridge in temporarily.

The re-route for it is out to the A43, though Cllr Fealey suspects people will go through the back of Gawcott instead.

Laptops have been delivered and checked for the schools to distribute to students.

632 Matters Arising:

- *Item 615 – Tree Planting Project*

Cllr Lightfoot advised Gill Barstow and "I Dig Trees" want to plant 2021 trees in Buckinghamshire. The trees come in packs of 50, they are donated and there is a team who will plant them so there is no cost to the Village. TPC has signed us up for one pack.

Cllr Lightfoot has information about the trees that she will forward to the other Councillors, Gill will be invited to join the PC in February 2021. Planting is planned for March – April.

See Open Forum for details.

633 Planning

21/00148/ALB – TINGEWICK, Holmwood Barton Road

Refurbishment of existing outhouse from the main listed building. re-tilling the roof and rebuild of sections of the unstable structure.

NO OBJECTION

634 Accounts

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

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey

Seconded: Cllr Maxwell

APPROVED

Internet Banking and online payments and transfers.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot

Seconded: Cllr Newman

APPROVED

635 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 & Defibrillator.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that all is ok with the street lighting and defibrillator.

Regards the flashing school lights, the technician had to take them away to source the correct fixture to attach them to the posts, Cllr Lightfoot is awaiting another installation date and will follow up.

Anglian Water have been to put their CCTV equipment in suspected problem areas, they did find an issue further up West Well and are now dealing with the problem.

Cllr Lightfoot sourced the minutes of a meeting held in the mid-80's regarding when the lining was put in the Pond, which she has circulated to the rest of the council.

Cllr Lightfoot suggested that we need to "get in and check" for silt/gravel and to work out if the pond needs clearing. This will be explored further at the weekend.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture.

Nothing new to report the only thing ongoing is the matter of the water running down the footpath on Stockleys Lane which has been reported.

Cllr Maxwell advised that he has rung Anglian Water twice; they have been out to the site twice and they have tested the water and are adamant that as there is no chlorine present it is not drinking water so he has raised it with TfB and they are investigating.

Cllr Hornsey suggested that as it does not smell it is not foul water and could be storm water. One of the piped at the culvert in front of Tingewick park is hardly moving, while the other is running quickly, these pick up from the storm drains in Stockley's so that could also indicate a blockage.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to contact Tom from Anglian Water about the suspected blocked storm water drain, if it is not his department can he point in the PC in the right direction.

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

Not in attendance.

- Cllr Fenemore – Recreation Ground.

Not in attendance.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she had spoken to Cllr Fenemore prior to the meeting and he reported that he had arranged for the trim trail to be sprayed for weeds. Once that has been done the trail will be scraped back and gravelled to widen it.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads.

There have been a number of potholes on the way to Finmere, all have been reported and repaired. The light on the traffic calming measure opposite the school has been reported, though TfB passed the job on to the lighting department.

Action: Cllr Maxwell to follow up with school to see if someone is permitted to enter the school to repair the clock.

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond.

Nothing else to report.

636 Correspondence

- a) Tingewick Primary School – Helping Hands Group

The Head Teacher would like to get together a Helping Hands Group for the school with regards to emergency situations such as snow fall. Would there be any villagers willing to join a list of people called upon to help the school. For example: clear paths and grit surfaces. Anyone who volunteered would be contacted when an emergency presented and for them to attend.

The Parish Council is happy to pass on details for Emergency Response Team and suggested the school put a call out on Facebook and via the FRSA.

637 Tingewick Community Park Trust Update (standing item)

Nothing new to report at this time.

638 Play Around the Parishes – Summer 2021

The Parish Council regrettably agreed that it is not safe to book any events in at this stage due to the unpredictability of the Covid situation. It was also agreed that it would have to be the same for the Fete, which will need to be cancelled for this year.

Should Covid restrictions ease and it be deemed safe enough to have larger gatherings, possibly in September 2021, we can have a smaller gathering / village BBQ which can be arranged at short notice.

639 Salt / Grit Bins

Replacement bins have been requested for the junction at Gorrell Lane / Field Close and for the top of Strangers Lane. TfB is waiting for "resource" of the grit before they can refill the empty bins. A polite reminder to residents to use the grit sparingly and not use the entire stock in one day as due to shortages, we do not know when it will be refilled.

640 Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.30pm.

641 AOB

Dog Fouling

The issue of dog fouling has been raised on Tingewick Life again.

Cllr Hornsey advised that he and his wife have a friend who was once a photographer but was blinded because of dog poo.

Action: Clerk to post a reminder on Facebook about the health risks posed by dog fouling and that it is actually an offence to not pick up after your dog, which can be reported to the Local Authority.

Litter Picking

The Parish Council would like to thank Carol and David Partridge, Sue May and Ben Wilson for all of their litter picking efforts in recent weeks – together they have cleared a massive amount of litter from in and around Tingewick and helped keep our village beautiful and healthy.

A reminder to all that there will be a Tidy Tingewick litter picking event, for both Sunday 6th and Sunday 13th June 2021 which can be run in accordance with Covid restrictions but the PC hope that restrictions are lifted enough that we can host refreshments for our volunteers after the litter picking. More information will be posted, closer to the date.

Christmas Competition; Best Dressed House

There were so many fantastic houses for Christmas 2020 that the PC were unable to award just one prize! So the winners are, in no particular order; Sara and Nick of Wood Lane Cottage, Greg and Lois at Wykeham Close and Fiona of Bicester House. We hope the winners all enjoy their Chafor wine and we look forward to seeing the houses all dressed up again next Christmas.

Meeting closed: 21:20