

**DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL**  
held remotely on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm.

**Apologies:** Cllr Pat Swinburne and Cllr Richard Fenemore.

Cllr Lightfoot introduced Ellen Conquest who has joined the meeting tonight in the interest of becoming a Councillor.

**642 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**643 Minutes:** To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 04-02-2021  
Proposed: Cllr Hornsey                      Seconded: Cllr Newman                      APPROVED

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

**644 Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Patrick Fealey advised that he has been involved with HS2; he met with the Minister and our MP, as there have been issues.

Regards the bridge at Finmere, the work has been delayed until 9pm on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

They are building the pads for the crane which will lift up the old bridge and two bailey bridges will go in its place. Some of the bridge is being preserved as a historical item.

Cllr Fealey has also been involved in a Section-17 which is where HS2 have to apply to the Local Authority for planning agreement for certain aspects, above ground, including transport and hedgerows etc. It is quite a lot of work, they will use the quarry at Finmere at some stage, though it has been delayed, for the stonework that will be coming out. They had to go back to the Environmental Health team to see that the effect of the water table is not affected. There will be more vehicles on the road, though they will go on the bypass, resident should be aware.

The traffic lights on Radclive Road, Gawcott are to help with HGV's.

Council is pushing to make sure vehicles are marked with HS2 on them but sometimes they can't do that as there were some vehicles attacked, south of Wendover. Some routes, particularly Radclive road, will have large, abnormal loads going through there, they will talk to parishes directly when that is happening.

Cllr Fealey advised that Council Tax has been agreed at 1.99 + 2%. They could have imposed 3% on Social Care but felt 2% more appropriate in the current circumstances.

Primary Schools return on Monday; they will still work to the bubble system.

Secondary Schools start to return from the following Monday; teachers will be tested twice a week.

Cllr Fealey presented some Covid feedback; in the south-east numbers are at 85/100,000, we are a little worried about numbers rising in certain areas. There have been positive tests on 42% of people, numbers are high in Wycombe and some areas of Aylesbury.

There was a trial in a Mosque, it was a pop-up service to provide vaccinations and was quite successful so that program will roll out to High Wycombe.

The main areas of worry are for 20 – 44year olds; they are the people going to work and generally getting out more. There were a lot of people out last weekend as the weather was good.

162,000 vaccinations have been given, which is a really good result. 95% of all 70 – 79-year-olds have been done as well as 95% of the over 80's.

Council is encouraging people 65 and over to come forward for the vaccination, likewise, they are encouraging any informal carers to come forward; those who may not be registered as a carer but are carrying out caring duties can register at their GP and get their injection.

Cllr Fealey advised that with additional grants to help businesses Council has spent £14 million. They are now waiting for other funds from the program the government outlined.

Cllr Robin Stuchbury is pleased to see the Stockleys Lane water has stopped at last and is surprised at how quick they moved; he and Cllr Maxwell were both battling emails about.

Cllr Stuchbury met with Cllr Lightfoot at the site of the proposed reinstated pond and has had further correspondence on this since. Cllr Lightfoot has heard from the Flood Management Team and is looking at possible funding from them to assist this scheme. It was noted that it was extremely helpful that the landowner agrees and is happy to assist with this improvement. The initial cost is possibly £2-£3000 of which the PC can pay for half, so any help with funding from FMT will be most helpful.

Buckinghamshire Council has agreed its precept, the Fire Authority levied an additional 2% because they had to balance the books from this year by drawing £1m out of reserves and now they have no reserves. It was agreed they would put earmarked reserves away to cover a referendum next year. Police aren't capped and Cllr Stuchbury is not sure what they levied.

The Children's Services Select Committee have been looking at the Council Recovery Plan regarding OFSTED, it is an ongoing plan. Covid has been difficult for them to manage, dealing with vulnerable children and actually getting to them. They need a good Ofsted report but they are more concerned about getting it right.

Cllr Stuchbury has put together a calendar of events for the community, which will hopefully kick off in June/July to help with the need to re-start the economy and to start looking at things we can do. There will probably be theatre, music and various things around that, plus an astronomy day for children. We need to get Buckingham easing back into real life and hopefully by August we can do the music event in the town centre again.

There has been a change to the rules for the Unitary elections; only 2 signatures are needed, like in the Parishes, instead of 10 as it was previously.

Cllr Stuchbury is working on a project with young people around economics, looking at Covid and getting the town to bounce back. They ask that people please try to support local and use local shops and businesses again when they reopen and where possible steer away from using Amazon and other online companies.

Regards the Town Centre, Cllr Stuchbury met Warren White recently; they are looking at doing some temporary things, like building a bigger civic platform, temporarily, for people to meet safely. Though there is a worry that people may be put off by queueing.

Cllr Charlie Clare thanked Cllr Maxwell for highlighting when one of links to the Fix My Street website was down. The website can still be accessed, and the faulty link has been re-routed.

Cllr Clare had a meeting with Transport for Bucks where he highlighted the state of the roads through Buckingham, particularly off the Airfield and Tingewick Bypass. At this stage because of the weather, they will do temporary repairs and then come back and fix properly later. Cllr Clare happily advised that an order has been raised to clear the ditch on the Buckingham side of Gawcott road, which is great news for the flood relief works that have been undertaken by the PC.

#### **645 Matters Arising:**

- *Item 615 – Tree Planting Project.*

*Gill Barstow attended the February meeting and advised that "The Tree Appeal" will provide trees free of charge, the Church is offering the labour.*

*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.*

Cllr Lightfoot advised that tree numbers and locations were decided; the PC will need to apply for a Cultivation Licence for the areas of land that belong to Buckinghamshire Council. This can take up to four weeks which means we could miss the planting window.

**Action: Clerk to complete the Cultivation Licence application.**

- *Item 635 Councillors Reports: Village Duck Pond.*

Cllr Lightfoot has spoken with Paul Fox, recommended by Peter at Preston Bissett nursery, concerning the planned duck pond cleaning and improvements.

He confirmed that the pond will be full of gravel, sand and assorted debris as the water flow comes in from the fields. He suggested a slurry remover that can suck out any rubbish on the bottom, however this will also remove a certain amount of water at the same time, but Cllr Hornsey advised that it will soon refill naturally.

Cllr Fenemore has been in contact with a pumping engineer contact who has the necessary equipment and is coming to the village to have a look.

We await his comments and quote.

Mr Fox also confirmed that too many nutrients and excess food waste from feeding the ducks make the pond water green and cloudy. He has suggested appropriate pond plants and suitable border planting that will improve the water quality and that the ducks won't eat.

The underground pipe from the pond to the grid and onto the culvert is also to be inspected and cleaned once the water level drops enough to allow safe access.

It was suggested the PC explore Crowd Funding for the Duck Pond improvements and are looking at a leaflet drop to explain what the plans are, what the costs would be and how the money would be spent on improving our village duck pond.

**Action: Cllr Newman to create a leaflet to be distributed around the village, informing residents of the works that are needed and asking for help with the cost.**

- *Item 635 Councillors Reports: Water running down Stockleys Lane footpath.*

*Ongoing matter of 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 pipe 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 the PC in the right direction.*

Cllr Maxwell advised that this has been completed; the work crew from Anglian Water put a new pipe in to collect any excess water and redirect it to the next drain down the road.

- *Item 635 Councillors Reports: School Clock.*

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

Cllr Maxwell advised that the clock was repaired, however it stopped again overnight. Further repairs have been arranged for tomorrow.

- *Item 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 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 an offence to not pick up after your dog, which can be reported to the Local Authority.*

Clerk confirmed that a series of posters have been created and will be posted online and in the Tingewick News.

## 646 Planning

## **20/03217/APP – TINGEWICK, Land At Finmere Aerodrome A421/A4421 Finmere**

Erection of roadside service facility, including a petrol filling station (Sui Generis) and drive-through coffee shop (Class E(b) / Sui Generis), with associated infrastructure.

**The Parish Council neither support nor object to the planning application.**

### **647 Accounts**

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

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot      Seconded: Cllr Hornsey      APPROVED

### **648 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.

The Defib has been checked and is all in good order.

The light at the top of Gorrell lane has been reported to Aylesbury Mains as out.

A suggestion has been made to replace three old lights: Corner West Well & Back Lane / Old Bakery / Inside West Well Close.

**Action: Cllr Lightfoot to obtain prices.**

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture.

Nothing new to report.

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

Clerk advised the grounds maintenance contractor has asked for the PC's permission to cut back the hedge at the back of the Garden of Remembrance, which may take approximately three hours to do, in addition to the standard monthly contracted work.

All agreed with this.

- Cllr Fenemore – Recreation Ground.

Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads.

Cllr Maxwell believes there will be a lot of potholes to report soon due to rain and frost.

**Action: Cllr Maxwell to chase TfB about the manhole cover in front of the school that has been reported for repair.**

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond.

Cllr Newman advised that some of the slabs along Gorrell Lane, further up from the area recently repaired, have started slipping; though they have been sandbagged the earth is sliding from above the sandbags. Photos of the area of concern have been sent to TfB

**Action: Cllr Maxwell to raise with TfB the unsafe slabs along Gorrell Lane.**

A resident reported a broken gate at the junction of Tin22, 23, 24 and 25.

The PC noted that gates and styles on Public Rights of Way are the responsibility of the landowner to maintain.

**Action: Cllr Newman to ascertain the details of the landowner and advise them that the gate needs to be repaired.**

A resident requested the muddy path behind The Maltings have wood chippings or tarmac put down. The PC believe this area of land to be the responsibility of Tingewick Park (Bovis) so have referred the query to the Residents' Association.

A resident reported multiple footpaths that are overgrown and in need of maintenance.

**Action: Cllr Newman to check all the footpaths listed and explore what works need to be carried out.**

## **649 Correspondence**

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

Cllr Lightfoot advised that the Trust is awaiting the report from Beals to be written up.

### **651 Election**

Clerk reminded that the election is being held in May. Notices will be going up soon to advise the public and give the opportunity for anyone wishing to join the PC to nominate themselves.

### **652 Date of next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 21:35