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DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Tingewick Parish Council
held in Tingewick Village Hall on **Wednesday 31st August 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Apologies: Cllr Ed Maxwell.

053 Declarations of Interest: None.

054 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 29-06-2022
Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Seconded: Cllr Hornsey APPROVED

OPEN FORUM: *Two residents, from "the Triangle" in West Well Close joined the PC to talk about the recent flooding. They explained that they have lived here for 30 years and that during the last two floods, there has been a difference in the volume of water. The water coming down Barton Road, Upper Street and Back Lane all met and was so deep you could paddle a boat in it. They feel that the water coming down Barton Road should have drained before making it that far. The culvert at the top of Barton Road is full of debris / rubbish and the culvert at Tythe Meadow was "unused" and dry.*

Cllr Lightfoot advised that a Section19 report was put into place after the Christmas 2020 flood. In 2020 we had had solid rain for a period before the flood and everything was sodden; this time we have had no rain for some time and the ground was rock solid so nothing was soaking in, it all stayed on the surface.

Cllr Lightfoot added that Buckinghamshire Council Environmental Department, Anglian Water and TfB are all involved.

There are farms either side of Barton Road with ponds and ditches, but they have not been maintained and need to be referred to Thames Conservation Trust (TCT) to contact the land owners.

ACTION: Cllr Lightfoot to contact TCT.

TfB this week have rodded and discovered a blockage 20 metres up West Well from Main Street; this will be repaired by TfB.

Cllr Fealey advised that TfB found some drains where cut grass was sitting on top, preventing the water from going down and have cleared those. One home had water coming in the basement, Anglian Water have identified a drain outside the property and are recommending installing a one-way valve to stop the water going in to the basement again in future.

Cllr Stuchbury added that Barton Road used to be the main road to Chetwode, when the bypass was built they re-directed some of the drains to go the other way, this needs confirming.

ACTION: Cllr Lightfoot to raise with Andrew Waugh as none of the previous surveys went out that far (beyond Barton Road).

One resident advised there was a gully on Barton Road that smells vile.

ACTION: Cllr Lightfoot to arrange a walk with the resident to see the gully and to then raise with Anglian Water.

Mr Watson of Tudor Cottage, feels legal action should be taken against the district and county council; in his opinion they have undersized mains drainage and are aware and have taken no action.

055 Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Fealey advised that following the last TPC meeting where Cllr Hornsey raised concerns about health care in Buckingham, he has met with the manager of Swan Practice surgery and one of the



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doctors. He highlighted Cllr Hornsey's case and others, with patient permission, and the surgery is due to come back to him on 21st September following their investigation.

A concern raised by the doctor is if you are discharged from Stoke Mandeville Hospital the surgery receives an electronic letter but if discharged from Milton Keynes Hospital, they do not.

Cllr Fealey advised that the Boundary Commission are looking at wards, following the merging of the Unitary Authority. The Council will be down to 98 councillors for the whole of Buckinghamshire, so they would be looking at just under 10,000 constituents per member. The Boundary Commission have a plan for this which would involve Tingewick and some other villages going into Steeple Claydon Ward. Parts of Botolph Claydon and East Claydon will be going in to Grendon Underwood Ward. This will be in place for 2025 and the next elections. Councillors will be putting forward their own proposal and residents can write to the Boundary Commission also.

Cllr Fealey advised that following the fire at Tingewick Preschool and Roundwood School, there was talk about the Preschool going into the school as part of the school but the school has now moved away from that and the Preschool will remain a separate entity.

The School is a listed building and they are going to do some work with the library in there.

Cllr Fealey advised that as Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust is no more, properties in Stowe View have been taken on by Fairhive and he is working with their local area person to get some parking up there. Plans have been drawn up, they now just need to get the planning agreed.

Cllr Stuchbury advised that, following on from the discussion around local health issues, he has been having problems with getting treatment for a four year old child and the BBC have become involved. He is supposed to interview GPs at some point but wants to get them in a public meeting on camera.

Regards planning, Cllr Stuchbury will be attending a meeting tomorrow around a development application for 130 houses. He thinks there is a cumulative effect of developments impacted by the fact they have not taken a single medical contribution from any development in close to a decade. Cllr Stuchbury believes that Tingewick will get development at some point whether we want it or not and rumour has it that Buckinghamshire Council are working S106 agreements, with an educational contribution to Buckinghamshire (not specifically for Buckingham) so he advises the PC to check carefully.

056 Matters Arising:

- *Item 028: Councillors Reports – Chapel Repairs*

Cllr Hornsey advised that work has commenced but due to delays this will now be completed by the end of September.

There was discussion around installing external lighting as it was noted by the Emergency Response Team recently that there was limited visibility when accessing the chapel at night.

Proposed: Cllr Newman

Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot

APPROVED

ACTION: Cllr Hornsey to add to the works being done at the Chapel.

- *Item 039: Councillors Reports – Pond*



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Cllr Newman advised that a meeting was held yesterday, attended by four Tingewick residents, and a Pond Committee has been formed with an agreement to improve the quality and appearance of the pond.

A "Go Fund Me" page will be set up to raise funds for the works and quotes are being sourced for the works that need to be carried out.

The Pond Committee will continue to meet, as needed, and Cllr Newman will report back to the PC when there are updates.

If any residents are interested in joining the committee they can contact Cllr Newman via Facebook or contact the Clerk via the PC website.

- *Item 039: Councillors Reports – Social Media*
A date is to be set for further website and Facebook updates.

There was discussion about the need for more regular updates for example about the Pond, Fete, recent flood etc.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Website provider to arrange a meeting to discuss the possibility of more support with the updates.

- *Item 045: Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports – Buckingham Town Plan*
Action; Clerk to write to the Buckingham Town Clerk again about the Local Plan.

Clerk advised that Buckingham Town Council was contacted, the Town Clerk advised who the most appropriate person to speak to was and copied them to an email trail with a request they contact the PC. We await reply.

- *Item 049: Councillors Reports – MVAS*

Cllr Hornsey has started a grant application, but more information is required about the units; specifically the pricing and specifications.

ACTION: Cllr Hornsey to explore costings for a new unit.

ACTION: Cllr Hornsey to look at how we can improve on the existing unit in the interim and obtain additional quotes for new batteries.

- *Item 049: Councillors Reports – Footpaths/Footways/Street Furniture*
Cllr Maxwell advised that he reported the whole of the footpath on Stowe View, TfB responded that they had inspected the area but don't feel the work is necessary; it will be added to the works program at a later date.
Action – Cllr Maxwell to ask for TfB's report so we can see their rationale.

Cllr Maxwell was not in attendance.

Cllr Maxwell advised that the footpath on Dead-Mans Walk was reported to the PC as it has been damaged due to building works associated with the construction of a fence by the neighbouring landowner.

Clerk advised that the landowner was contacted again and the footpath has already been reported to Fix My Street.

ACTION: Cllr Hornsey to inspect the area and see if PC can make it safe.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that the team of walkers did a full report of our section of the Bernwood Jubilee Walk, they provided photos and commented on which areas need attention. This has been sent to Buckinghamshire Council who are now saying there are no funds to make good.

ACTION: Cllr Lightfoot to ask the PC Grounds Maintenance Contractor to take a look at the area and quote for any required works.



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Cllr Lightfoot advised that the Jubilee Bench is in situ at the pond and everyone agreed it looks great. The memorial plaque is being sourced.

Ongoing.

057 Planning

Planning Appeal - **APP/J0405/W/22/3303919** - Land at Finmere Aerodrome, Finmere.
No additional comments from previous Objection.

22/02679/AOP – TINGEWICK, Land At Buckingham Street

Demolition of garage and erection of up to four dwellings all matters reserved.

Cllr Lightfoot commented that she is against any more infill until we can sort out the drains and sewers as more surface water and foul waste would add to the villages already over loaded system.

Cllr Hornsey notes the access could be problematic but thinks the Highways Team would comment if it is assessed as an issue.

TPC objects to the application because of the amount of traffic; the junction where Buckingham Street and Church Lane meet already struggles with the amount of traffic now, four more dwellings would increase the amount of traffic and the access roads are insufficient.

058 Accounts

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

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot

Seconded: Cllr Hornsey

APPROVED

059 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 street lighting and the defibrillator.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she is chasing Bovis about the repositioning of the pinch-point which was meant to be happening during the summer holidays to cause minimal disruption.

- Cllr Hornsey – Planning / Chapel

Both items discussed above, nothing to add.

- Cllr Swinburne – Cemetery / Pond / Playgrounds (Rec. & Main St)

Cllr Swinburne advised that the Cemetery is looking good, the Pond was discussed above and the Playgrounds are fine.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that a local resident has installed a bench at the Cemetery; they did all the work themselves with the permission of the PC.

Clerk and Cllr Newman confirmed they are meeting at the Cemetery on Sunday to mark the remaining available plots.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads / Footpaths & Footways / Street Furniture

Not in attendance.

- Cllr Newman – Special Projects



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Pond Committee discussed above.

- Cllr Boyle – Social Media

Due to family commitments, Cllr Boyle tendered his resignation from the PC.

The PC would like to thank Mr Boyle for the time and support he has offered during his time as a Councillor

060 Correspondence

Cllr Lightfoot received a letter this week from the owners of a property neighbouring Parsonage Farm seeking advice about the property being unoccupied and the boundary walls being unsafe, with one having recently collapsed onto their property.

It was confirmed that repairs are the property owners' responsibility and that the residents should write to the owners.

061 Best Kept Village Results

The Clerk shared the judges scores and comments with PC members, while Tingewick did not win this year's Morris Cup we scored highly (194 out of a possible 200 points) and have earned a Certificate of Merit, which will be displayed in the PC noticeboard on Main Street once received. Judges scores and comments will be uploaded to the PC website in due course.

062 Rec Ground Hedge Cutting

Quote received from the company used for grass cutting at the rec ground.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Seconded: Cllr Newman APPROVED

ACTION: Clerk to instruct the company to carry out the works.

063 Winter Contingency Planning

The PC are looking at Winter Contingency Planning; it was suggested and agreed that we could adapt some of the processes used with Covid, like the network of street monitors, to ensure residents are safe and well. It was noted that the TPC Emergency Plan, created in November 2019, is due for review.

ACTION: Clerk to forward the TPC Emergency Plan to Councillors for review at next months' meeting.

Cllr Hornsey suggested this would be a good opportunity for the Tingewick Civil Charities to aid residents in need.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that the Trustees of Tingewick Civil Charities are arranging to meet soon, this will be discussed and they will report back to the PC next month also.

064 Emergency Response Team Equipment (water pumps)

As there were no representatives from the Emergency Response Team in attendance it was agreed that Cllr Lightfoot will meet with them separately. Item to carry forward to next month.

ACTION: Cllr Lightfoot to meet with the Emergency Response Team.

065 Pond Committee

Discussed under Matters Arising, Item 039.

066 Resident Fundraiser – Parachute Jump & Coffee Shop Day



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Cllr Lightfoot advised that Anthony Houghton-Brown and his son are doing a parachute jump to raise funds for Parkinsons UK; this was originally scheduled for September but was postponed and will now be happening in early October.

Friday 16th September, all proceeds from the Village Hall Cafe will be donated to the cause. It was suggested that the PC make a donation to the cause of £100.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Seconded: Cllr Newman APPROVED

067 Allotments

Cllr Lightfoot advised that there are allotment plots available and there is a waiting list. Residents are reminded that the PC is not responsible for the allotments, this is managed by Sidleys Chartered Surveyors, on behalf of the Diocese of Oxford.

Residents can contact Andrew Robson on Tel: 01865 726016 Ext 105; DD: 01865 811465; Mobile: 07768 353138; Email: AndrewRobson@sidleys.co.uk

ACTION: PC webpage to be updated with these details.

068 Gigaclear Walk Around

Cllr Lightfoot has been in contact with Gigaclear regards their promise to "make good" following the fibre installation in the Village. They have agreed to do a walk-around and Cllr Lightfoot has provided a list of dates for this to happen; a response is awaited to book it in.

ACTION: Cllr Lightfoot to follow up with Gigaclear.

069 Liquid Organic Waste / Agricultural Fertilizer

Cllr Lightfoot advised that a concerned resident contacted the company which had been spraying fertiliser in a nearby field, to ask about the safety for dogs walking on the public footpaths after the spraying and the following response was received;

"...the material we have spread is organic liquid waste from local food and drink production facilities. Due to GDPR requirements, I am unable to name the facilities. Before we spread any material to land, the Environment Agency require us to have it analysed by an independent laboratory to ensure it is suitable for use as an agricultural fertilizer, and that it does not contain unacceptable levels of potentially toxic elements. The material we spread is classed as non-hazardous and our employees handling the material are not required to take any special protective measures. Footpaths in fields are excluded areas and our material should not be applied to them and we keep a wide margin from watercourses. The advice to not permit grazing of livestock for a period of 21 days is a requirement of our Environment Agency permit, not from any research we have undertaken. We do not have the expertise to answer the questions you have raised regarding dogs, as they are not a risk we have to assess as part of our permitting process."

More information can be found here; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sewage-sludge-in-agriculture-code-of-practice/sewage-sludge-in-agriculture-code-of-practice-for-england-wales-and-northern-ireland#producers-and-farmers-before-you-use-sludge>

Christmas

Saturday 3rd December 2022 will be the Tingewick Tree Lighting.

It was agreed that the sub-committee who arrange the event will be meeting 18-10-22 at 6pm and will report back to the PC with progress at the October TPC meeting.

070 Tingewick Community Park Trust update (standing item)

Cllr Lightfoot advised that due to delays with the footpath caused mostly by TfB ceasing to be (another provider has been awarded the contract through Buckinghamshire Council), and the

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disappointing news that projects previously agreed will not be progressed until 2023 or possibly 2024, a decision has been made to instead focus on refitting and improving the existing changing rooms building and toilet block. Work has commenced and it is hoped to be completed in time for the next Football Season.

071 Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7.30pm.