

Tingewick Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 26th April 2023 7.00pm

Minutes of a General Parish Council Meeting of Tingewick Parish Council held in The Village Hall Wednesday 26th April 2023 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs T Lightfoot (Chair), M Hornsey, R Pearson

Clerk:

Members of the Public: None

30/23 Apologies & Members' Interests Members received and accepted apologies for absence from E Maxwell, R Millard, J Newman

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Tingewick Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

None declared

31/23 Approval of Minutes

Members agreed the minutes from the General Meeting 29th March 2023 as a true record of the meeting, the Chair signed the minutes.

32/23 Public Open Forum including Bucks Council Cllr reports; For residents to bring items to the Council's attention. No resident attended. R Stuchbury sent in a written update (attached)

33/23 Planning; no new applications submitted.

34/23 Finance and Accounts

a. Payments. Members noted payments made after the last meeting and for this meeting.

b. Accounts. Members agreed the statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end April 2023

March 2023 Balances

Business Account	31 March 2023	44,911.01
Treasurers Current Account	31 March 2023	15,744.52

April 2023 Balances

Business Account	26 th April 2023	50,087.82
Treasurers Current Account	26 th April 2023	9,884.96

April Invoices for online payments

MARCH 2023			
Eon Next Energy, inv. KI-BCACF4F2 - 0022	LG(misc prov) Act 1976, s19	BP 42	49.35
Fast Host – Charity Helping Hands, email renewed	LGA 1972, s137	BP 43	39.46
Local Toilet Hire Ltd - Fete	LGA 1972, s137	BP 44	510.00
Gallagher Insurance Brokers- Hiscox inv.522816158	LGA 1972, s111	BP 45	150.98
CJM Fencing, inv.203487 fit new surround lid to drain	1972,s137LGA	BP 46	120.00
Space five, inv- 001814 Website monthly care plan	LGA 1972, s111	BP 47	60.00
NPOWER, Street lighting, Ref	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para. 34	BP 48	490.32
Tingewick Village Hall Committee, Hall Hire 04/23-03/24	LG(misc prov) Act 1976, s19	BP 49	165.00
BALC -Annual BMKALC Subscriptions 2023/24	LGA 1972, s143	BP 50	215.87
P Lightfoot – 8 x Litter Pickers Best Kept Village Comp.	LGA 1972, s137	BP 51	68.02
Starboard Systems Ltd. Inv-4045 Scribe accounts	LGA 1972, s111	BP 52	714.00
ER Millard Jan, Feb, Mar, April	LGA 1972, s112	BP 53,55,57,59	1458.20
HMRC January 2023 Tax,	LGA 1972, s112	BP 54	91.00
HMRC February 2023 Tax	LGA 1972, s112	BP 56	91.20
HMRC March 2023 Tax	LGA 1972 s112	BP 58	91.00
HMRC April 2023 Tax	LGA 1972, s112	BP 60	91.00
Best Kept Village Competition 2023	LGA 1972, s137	BP 61	528.97
HMRC repaid over payment for VAT	LGA 1972, s111	BP 62	10000.00
HMRC repaid over payment for VAT	LGA 1972, s111	BP 63	2992.19
Bannycom Ltd, inv158	LGA 1972, s214, LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 64	500.00

Minutes amended by Ruth Millard 31/05/2023

- c. Members noted the payments to HMRC being two payments to clear the overpayment of refunds from HMRC and owed back to them. Two payments required since HSBC will only allow a maximum of £10,000 any one payment.
- d. Members noted the £25 payment for entry into the “Best Kept Village” competition, Morris category.
- e. Members noted that the PC has paid for the Village Hall usage for 2023/4.
- f. Members noted the BALC payment subscription for 2023-24 Additionally, separate payment items for clerk Ruth Millard’s Salary, Income Tax and PAYE

35/23 Environment

- a. *Footpaths, Footways and Highways/street furniture:* Cllr E Maxwell reported as follows via whatsapp;
 - 1. Several manholes that require tarmac have been marked as requiring attention from Balfour Beatty.
 - 2. One more of the street lights near the pond is now working.
 - 3. The Water Stratford road parking issue arises through increased demand by football spectators on match days and exacerbated by Anglian Water obstructing the lay by.
 - i. *Grit bins.* Arrangements have been made for Simon Scullion, the new local area technician rep from Bucks County Council to walk through and around the village to become acquainted with action items are required. We will also inform him of County’s current irregular cutting programme for the POS grassed areas.
 - ii. *Dog and litter bins.* All ok and as per E Maxwell’s message, the locations have been agreed for the new item. This should be supplied in June, as advised by “Streetscene”.
 - iii. *Footpaths including gates, signs.* A concerned resident questioned the ownership of the wedge of grassland between the by-pass and the bridle path/footpath that horses are churning up as well as the footpath. The PC has informed her that ownership is Bovis and this will be referred back to Bovis Residents Association
 - vi. *Street Furniture:* Members consider adding £55,000 extra insurance to cover the street furniture. Members agreed to the quoted price of £224.00 and this has now been ordered and placed.
 - v. *Highways.* Nothing to report other than still investigating the best price for one or two MVAS electrically powered. Also as an alternative, Councillor Hornsey to investigate solar powered versions.

Report regarding devolving Bovis pinch point; Bucks Council are in conversation with various builders to complete the roadworks and this appears to remain the situation although local Councillor Caroline Cornell at Bucks Council has become involved now.
- b. *Street lighting/Defibrillator;* All lights in good condition and the Defibrillator has been checked and is in good order.
- c. *Recreational Ground and Play Ground;*
 - i. Enquiries to be made with Buckingham Town Council to see what they do regarding insuring Natural Surfaces.
 - ii. Pavilion; Negotiations continue to fund the build costs plus pursuing a grant with the local Communities Board and any profit from the Tingewick Summer party to go towards the cost of the rec improvements.
 - iii. Npower update regarding the lost cheque is that we are no further forward. Npower still don’t call back as they promised.
- d. *Grass, Hedges and Verges:*
The PC agreed to take this over, pending a devolvement agreement, which can’t be agreed until next year, if Bucks Council continue to fail to comply with their obligations. The TPC are in conversation with a company to cut the verges and other items devolved from Bucks Council when devolution contract is agreed.
- e. *Management of Tingewick Chapel & Cemetery including horticultural, administration;* Cllr M Hornsey
 - i. *Administration.*
 - a. Applications for memorials, EROBs: No further applications.
 - b. To discuss at the next PC meeting with a view to appoint a councillor to research comparison of costs and charges.
 - ii *Chapel repairs.* Electrical installations completed – awaiting agreement to final positions of CCTV – Councillor Hornsey’s contact details forwarded to the electrician concerned.
 - iii. *Chapel repairs;* noted damage to WI bench and PC to investigate repairs
Review of Cemetery numbering nearing completion.
- f. **Special projects & The Pond** Nothing reported.
- g. **Best Kept Village Competition;** Entry Fee paid – see above note.
- h. **Coronation.** Members discussed the purchase of a tree to be planted at the triangle at West Well Lane. There needs also ongoing discussions over the existing tree that is overgrown with Ivy.

36/23 Correspondence and Communications

- a. Website Nothing to report.
- b. Community Board. Nothing to report but see above regarding Community Grant.
- c. Correspondence. War Graves Commission; request to install signs indicating war graves in Tingewick Cemetery. Members agreed. Requested which plots they intend to add comments to – await reply. The PC is in agreement

37/23 Tingewick Community Park Trust update Negotiations continue as per note above re the Pavilion. After trying to obtain more quotes for the Pavilion and none being received, the Parish Council agreed on quote B. as he is local and the best value.

38/22 Date of next meeting. Wednesday 31st May 2023.

Chair Signature.....

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