

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Lightfoot (Chairman)
Cllr Hornsey (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Maxwell
Cllr Newman
Cllr Pearson
Cllr Holmes
Cllr Stuchbury (Buckinghamshire Councillor)
Cllr Fealey (Buckinghamshire Councillor)
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE 0 members of the public

1. Apologies

Buckinghamshire Councillor Caroline Cornell

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

Open Forum

No residents in attendance.

3. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2023

It was proposed that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

Subject to the following amendments:

102/23 Apologies - Cllr Fealey was present at the meeting and the spelling of his name was corrected.

106/23 Pond – Requirement for the quotations for the pond boundary hedge to be removed as not required.

Proposed by Cllr Lightfoot Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Approved

4. Matters arising for information and reports only

None

5. Buckinghamshire Councillors' Reports

Cllr Fealey presented an oral report.

Flooding in the area has been problematic. BC is undertaking various work to address this, including work on the Finmere balancing pond.

Planning - The National Planning Policy Forum has removed the requirement for local authorities to have a 5-year land supply, the requirement will now be the delivery of 1,400 houses per year in Aylesbury Vale until 2032. Discussion regarding the need for additional services and infrastructure to support development.

Planning – New provision that should BC not deal with planning applications within the relevant timeframes the applicant is entitled to reclaim their application fee. Some planning rules relaxed on permitted development.

Budgets – BC has set its budget and is increasing their precept for adult social care and children's social care to meet increased need.

Brown Bins – the council is moving to a new online payment system; residents will be receiving information regarding this from BC.

Proposed development in Tingewick – Cllr Fealey and Cllr Stutchbury are unable to attend the residents' consultation meeting on 20.01.24 due to pre-arranged appointments. Cllr Fealey has provided assistance regarding local access to appointments at local GP surgery. There is an online form that can be completed and triaged. It was accepted that this is not suitable for all, especially residents that are not familiar with technology.

Cllr Stutchbury submitted a written report to the meeting setting out his work on behalf of the residents along with links to the questions that he has asked in council. The following were also raised:

Explanation as to how monies from developers is allocated for infrastructure such as primary care. BC is drafting a report for presentation to cabinet as to how this will be more effectively provided.

BC is drafting a Buckinghamshire Development Plan which will be available for consultation.

Budgets – BC must increase its precept for social care as government funding was reduced many years ago. Education providers are in discussion with BC as to how their needs will be met.

6. Planning

a. **Planning Appeal- APPJ0405C223310023** and others - Land at Preston Road Tingewick (06.02.24). Noted.

b. **Planning Application-23/03800/APP-TINGEWICK- Heatherfield Barn, Grovehill Farm, Tingewick Road, Buckingham MK18 4AE.** Proposed erection of a single storey side extension. The Parish Council Objects on the following grounds;

Extra bedrooms could mean extra traffic up the access lane and at the A421 junction, which would be worse if they do Air BNB.

The original clauses by AVDC in 1991, when the original plans were passed, to change it from a barn to a house, were to restrict any further growth of the building -

Condition 7 of the original planning permission, reference 91/00899/APP, restricted any form of alterations to the dwelling other than with express planning permission.

There is no indication as to what materials are to be used.

The homeowner has changed all the windows (without requesting permission in the application) in the existing house and new part to aluminium frames. The original plans in 1991 demanded wooden frames with glazing bars and a brown paint colour. Over time, the three different owners are moving it further and further away each time from a controlled barn conversion it was supposed to be. The second owner added double glazing and removed the glazing bars. The third owner painted all the frames cream colour and this application requests black alloy frames.

c. **Planning Application-23/03691/APP- Beersheba, Water Stratford Road, Tingewick-** Erection of a steel framed agricultural building. No Objections.

- d. **Planning Application-232/00060/APP-The Willows, Barton Road, Tingewick**, for the splitting of existing C3 use site to form 2 ownerships and erection of dwelling. No Objections.
- e. **Planning Application-24/00175/APP, Winbush Farm, Gawcott Road, Tingewick**-for the erection of a steel portal framed building to cover existing silage camp. No Objections.
- f. **Certificate of Lawfulness-24/00023/CPE-Woodview Preston Road, Tingewick**, for existing use for confirmation work has commenced on barn conversion. It is not clear what is being asked for, the Clerk to confirm.
Action: Clerk

7. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and budget report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted and payments authorised.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot Agreed

It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot Agreed

8. Budget 2024/2025

The draft budget was presented by the Clerk.

The councillors discussed the items of expenditure.

It was proposed that the budget be approved as drafted as attached to these minutes.

Proposed: Cll Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

9. Precept Request

It was proposed that a precept request be made to AVDC in the sum of £41,000

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Agreed

10. Review of Cemetery Fees

Discussion of draft fees. It was agreed that the fees should be increased but further investigation required as to whether there should be additional fees for the erection of memorials and interment. Cllr Newman to consider further. **Action: Cllr Newman**

11. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Lightfoot
All are in order.

Footpaths, Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

Cllr Maxwell escalated the PC's concerns regarding lack of action on reported issues. This has resulted in the following;

Street lights at the pond have been repaired in a day

The salt bin at Field Close that had not been refilled for 55 weeks was refilled during the Christmas period.

The pot hole at West Well Close has been repaired.

All the trees/bushes to the roundabout have been cut back and the footpath cleared.
Cllr Maxwell will circulate the updated repair spreadsheet.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

Cllr Newman will consider cemetery fee (as at Item 10 above)

Pond – we require clarity as to who owns the pond.

The clerk will undertake a land registry search to ascertain ownership and if this does not confirm ownership to follow up with BC. **Action: Clerk**

Cemetery, Planning-Cllr Hornsey

Cemetery as above at Item 10

Planning, as above at Item 6

Devolved Powers (Grasscutting) – TBC once we have further information regarding from BC regarding the fees payable.

Recreation Ground-Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Hornsey

The Deed of Variation has now been signed.

Cllr Lightfoot has requested new costings for the build given the time that has elapsed since the initial quotation.

IT and Playgrounds- Cllr Holmes

IT - Nothing to report.

Cllr Holmes will take over responsibility for the recreation ground play area and school playground.

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

The PC's insurance has been obtained and a detailed asset register provided to the clerk.

12 Public Planning Meeting 20th January 2024

The developer will be presenting the proposed project at a public meeting at the Village Hall on Saturday 20th January 2024. This is not a PC instigated meeting, but all Cllrs will attend at various points during the afternoon.

13 Correspondence

- i. Resident's concern regarding development at Wood Lane. It was noted that the site has been cleared, which is permitted provided no planning regulations broken.
- ii. MVAS-Cllr Hornsey has spoken with Alice Williams and Simon Scullion, regarding possible sites. However, a survey fee of £500 is required to survey the site along with a deleted application and risk assessment. Cllr Hornsey will continue with the application.
- iii. The Pinch point at sandpit hill has been hit and damaged. BC are aware.

14 Recreation Ground Report/Development

Awaiting revised quotation for building work.

It is likely that there will be a shortfall between the s106 monies and the funds held by the recreation ground charity. Fundraising options will be considered if necessary. The clerk will approach HS2 to ascertain if funding may be available. **Action: Clerk**

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on 28th February at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairperson's Signature.....

Date

CLlr Trisha Lightfoot