

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 23rd OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Hornsey
Cllr Newman
Cllr Pearson
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Fealey, Buckinghamshire Councillor
Cllr Cornell, Buckinghamshire Councillor

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 Members of the public

142. Apologies

Cllr Rennie
Cllr Maxwell
Cllr Stutchbury, Buckinghamshire Councillor

The Parish Council has received the resignation of Councillor Lightfoot, Chairperson, from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Lightfoot for her many years of hard work and dedication to the village and the Parish Council.

143. Appointment of Chairperson

It was proposed that Cllr Hornsey be appointed as Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Pearson Seconded: Cllr Newman Agreed

Upon the appointment of Cllr Hornsey to the chair, the position of Vice Chairperson became vacant.

It was proposed that Cllr Newman be appointed as Vice Chairperson.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Pearson Agreed

144. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

Open Forum

Red Lion

Micheal Geelan and Debbie Bloomfield addressed the meeting regarding the purchase of the Red Lion as community based pub. A public meeting has been held and a survey conducted of the residents. A conditional offer has been made to the brewery which has been provisionally accepted. A legal entity is being formed to convert shares into equity and it is hoped that community members will buy shares.

The Parish Council was asked to assist with;

i Registration of the Red Lion as an Asset of Community Value – this will be considered at Item 153 on the agenda.

ii Provision of seed funding – It was agreed that the Parish Council will consider the legal position as to their ability to provide funding under s137 and the matter will added as an agenda item to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Relocation of speed sign

This is a matter that Buckinghamshire Council would need to address.

The current MVAS no longer functioning and is something that the Parish Council is considering.

Development at Barton Road

Concern was raised at the way the proposed development is being referred to, it is felt that it is misleading that flood alleviation leads over proposed development, and at the Parish Council's liaison with the land agents.

It is disputed that the meeting with the Land Agents in January 2024 was a consultation.

The Parish Council clarified that it has been working on flood alleviation measures for some three years and it was considered that two balancing ponds would be the most appropriate preventative solution. The cost of this was however prohibitive and it was noted that the proposed development included proposals for balancing ponds in their proposed scheme, hence the terminology. Regarding liaison with the Land Agents, the Parish Council advised them that they needed to arrange a meeting with the village to present their proposals, which they did.

It was noted that there has been some misinformation circulating regarding the Parish Council's position. For clarity:

NO PLANNING APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE TO BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE LAND.

THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS FORMED NO VIEW ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Notification of Parish Council Meeting

There was concern that the Parish Council's meetings are not being publicised. It was noted that the Parish Council prints the minutes with the dates of the next meeting and they are added to the notice board. The minutes are also added to Tingewick News.

It was agreed that the date of the meetings will be added to 'Tingewick Life'

145. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 25.09.24

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

Proposed: Cllr Pearson Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Approved

146. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 134 – Recreation Ground – Cllr Maxwell arranged a litter pick.

Item 139 – Cllr Maxwell has undertaken remedial works on the toilet block at the recreation field.

147. Buckinghamshire Councillors' Reports

Cllr Stutchbury provided a written report in his absence which was circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Fealey provided an oral report.

- a. Pension Credits – Encouraged all residents that are eligible in the village to register and claim.
- b. Salt Bins – The Parish Council was advised to check their bins and to report any that require filling on 'Fix My Street'.
- c. Buckinghamshire Council has been given £2.4 million to support vulnerable people during the winter. If residents require support they should contact 'Helping Hands'. Cllr Fealey and Cllr Cornell will also assist if required. It was acknowledged that some in need may not have access to the internet, support can be accessed via telephone.
- d. Energy Doctor – support offered to houses that have a poor insulation rating.

- e. Flooding – Funding has been obtained by Buckinghamshire Council which will include measures in Tingewick. Flood prevention plans are being drawn up to be implemented.

Questions:

1. Concern raised that armco has been installed in various locations that seem excessive, yet some potholes have not been repaired. Cllr Fealey will raise this with Highways
2. It was noted that Little Tingewick is not referred to in the flood alleviation measures but does suffer flooding. Cllr Fealey will look into this.
3. Cllr Fealey advised that he has had involvement in purchasing a local pub and is available to provide some advice should it be required.
4. Cllr Fealey has raised the issue of the misleading diversion signs and the redundant signs that have not been collected after work has been completed.

Cllr Cornell

- a. Buckinghamshire Council is still looking for foster carers.
- b. The street signs have been reported for repair.
- c. Cllr Cornell assured the meeting that the lights at the pinch point are being considered as a priority given the dark nights.

148. Planning

- a. 24/02076/APP-TINGEWICK Court Farm, Sandpit Hill, Tingewick. Demolition of the stable block and change use of land to on the erection of a single storey side/rear extension to the main dwelling. **No Objections**
- b. 24/02939/APP-TINGEWICK Fairview, Little Tingewick. Application for removal of existing structure and erection of oak framed carport. **No Objection**
- c. 23/01709/APP-TINGEWICK Grove Hill Farm Woods, Buckingham Road, Tingewick. Application for the erection of a new dwelling, together with incidental outbuildings (comprising garden store, lambing shed, machinery store and log and equipment store), and other associated development. **It was noted that this was considered by the Parish Council on the 28.06.23 when it was opposed due to excessive development of a rural site and the access to and from the site has limited vision. The Parish Council again considered it on 28.08.24 and opposed the application on the same basis. It would appear that no further proposals have been submitted which would change the Parish Council's position and as such it is Opposed on the same basis, this being that it is excessive development of a rural site and the access to and from the site has limited vision.**

149. Accounts

See Appendix for details of Transactions requiring approval and Budget report.

- a. It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.
Proposed: Cllr Newman Seconded: Cllr Pearson Approved
- b. It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.
Proposed: Cllr Pearson Seconded: Cllr Newman Approved

150. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Hornsey

Cllr Hornsey has will take over responsibility for street lighting.

Repairs have been undertaken to various street lights that required new bulbs.

Mrs Lightfoot will continue to check the defibrillator.

Footpaths, Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

Cllr Maxwell sent his apologies.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

The pond committee has planted bulbs and are arranging for a noticeboard which will be funded from the pond funds.

There has been further work to eliminate the moles. It was agreed that this will be funded from the pond fund.

Cllr Newman questioned the viability of the new members pack. This will be re considered.

Recreation Ground Play Area – Cllr Rennie

Nothing to report.

School Playground - Cllr Hornsey

Cllr Hornsey is meeting with a contractor to obtain costings.

Cemetery and Planning-Cllr Hornsey

A new light has been ordered for the chapel door.

Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

Nothing to report.

Recreation Ground-Cllr Hornsey

Plans have been received and costs are awaited.

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

As below at item 151.

151. Insurance Renewal

Policy renewal is due 05.11.24

- a. Hiscox have offered a renewal of £1,717, which excludes the pavilion. There is no three-year option on this occasion, however they have indicated that the premium is unlikely to increase other than in line with indexation or risk profile.
- b. Zurich have offered a premium of £1,926.76
- c. Aviva, via Clear Councils, have offered a premium of £1,338. It is noted that this is the more competitive quotation and offers the cover that is required.
This policy requires the Christmas tree lights to be installed by an electrician
This policy also requires that the playgrounds are inspected weekly.
Should we move away from this Hiscox we will lose the ability to make retrospective claims.
It was felt that the Parish Council has low exposure.

It was proposed that the Parish Council accept the quotation offered by Clear Councils with Aviva

Proposed: Cllr Newman Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Agreed

152. The Royal Oak

It was agreed that the Parish Council will support The Royal Oak being nominated as an Asset of Community Value. Evidence to support the nomination will be required to be passed to the Clerk.

Action: Cllr Maxwell

153 The Red Lion

It was agreed that the Parish Council will support The Red Lion being nominated as an Asset of Community Value. Evidence to support the nomination will be required to be passed to the Clerk.

Request for Seed Funding - It was agreed that the Parish Council will consider the legal position as to their ability to provide funding under s137 and the matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

154. Correspondence.

N/A

155. Recreation Ground Report/Development

The new drawings have been received and have been passed to the building contractor for costing.

156 Bank Signatories

It was proposed that Cllr Newman be added as a signatory to the Unity Bank Account

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded Cllr Pearson Agreed

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157 Village Notice Board

It was agreed that a new village notice board be purchased. A quotation will be obtained.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

158. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on 27th November 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairperson’s Signature.....

Date