

## **TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Lightfoot (Chairperson)  
Cllr Hornsey (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Maxwell  
Cllr Pearson  
Cllr Rennie  
Cllr Newman  
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE 0 Members of the public

#### **96. Apologies**

Cllr Holmes  
Cllr Fealy (Buckinghamshire Councilor)  
Robin Stutchbury (Buckinghamshire Councilor)

#### **97. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

<i>Open Forum – No issues raised.</i>
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#### **98. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot      Seconded: Cllr Hornsey      Approved

#### **99. Matters arising for information and reports only**

Item 90 – Special Projects - Cllr Newman will update the New Residents' Welcome Pack

Item 90 – Cemetery - Cllr Horney will undertake the work at the cemetery with the digger when the weather permits.

Item 90 – Devolved Powers – Cllr Rennie is in contact with the contractor to agree a suitable schedule.

Item 90 – Insurance - Asset Register – Clerk and Cllr Pearson are reviewing the schedule.

#### **100. Buckinghamshire Councilors' Reports**

Apologies received from Cllr Fealey.

Cllr Cornell gave an oral report providing an update on the work that has been completed by Buckinghamshire Council including assisting residents at Church Lane with drainage issues, gully work at Tudor Barn, the gullies at Main Street are to be repaired. Some potholes have been repaired but there are more to complete which are in the system.

Buckinghamshire Council will be delivering their largest Highways capital project including carriage-way schemes, traffic signals, maintenance of bridges, improving drainage and road safety improvements.

In light of the recent extremely wet winters, an additional £500,000 is to be invested in extra drain and ditch clearance in addition to the commitment to cleanse every gully in Buckinghamshire to facilitate the easy flow of water.

Transport arrangements are underway for the new school term and a major re tendering exercise is taking place over the summer

Buckinghamshire Council has launched the 'Ask Angela' scheme, which local pubs are participating in.

Buckinghamshire Council is looking for foster carers and anybody interested is urged to visit Buckinghamshire Council's website for further information.

### Questions from the Parish Council

It was questioned how much of the money that has been spent by BC has been in the north of the county, it appears from publicity that it is being spent in the south of the county. There are areas in Tingewick that have been awaiting repairs for many months.

Concern raised by the Parish Council about the road diversions that are being imposed at short notice and there is often no clear diversion route.

Once work has been completed is often the case that the old diversion signs are not being removed by the contractor.

Concern raised that an issue that was dangerous was reported via Fix My Street, it was considered not to be dangerous by FMS, when escalated by the Parish Council, it was resolved.

It was asked that it be taken back to Buckinghamshire Council that it is felt that the charging policy at the tip is encouraging fly tipping

### **101. Planning**

It was noted that the plans that are received online are often lacking in detail, and it is difficult to view them when enlarged. Clerk to ask whether we can obtain better plans. **Action: Clerk**

- a. 24/00060/APP-TINGEWICK. The Willows, Barton Road, Tingewick. Demolition of existing garage building, subdivision of site into separate ownership, erection of dwelling and construction of associated parking area. No Objections
- b. 24/02076/APP-TINGEWICK. Court Farm, Sandpit Hill, Tingewick. Householder application for replacement of stable block for habitable space and single-story side extension. No Objections
- c. 24/02042/APP-TINGEWICK. Thatched Cottage, Mere Lane. Householder application for erection of garage. No Objections

### **102. Accounts**

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

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

### **103. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda**

#### Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Lightfoot

Lighting all in good order.

Defibrillator in good order

#### Footpaths, Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

Street Furniture - Salt bin has been damaged at top of Cross Lane. It was agreed that we would purchase another. **Action: Clerk**

Signs that are damaged have been reported

Cllr Maxwell will send photographs of potholes on Fix My Street.

Cllr Maxwell will re-report our faults as there is a concern that they are being closed but not repaired.

Sarah Fordy has kindly offered to assist with footpath inspections.

Cllr Rennie raised a footpath issue to be reported.

Stowe View, Buckingham Street and Main Street are due to have various works completed in August.

#### Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

Cllr Newman is holding a sum in the region of £2,000 that was raised towards the £45,000 that was required for the pond repair work. We are unable to undertake the substantial work that was envisaged.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will liaise with the local schools to see if they would like to engage in a project to revitalise the pond.

**Action Cllr Newman and Cllr Rennie**

#### Recreation Ground Play Area and School Playground/IT - Cllr Holmes

No report.

The groundsman will be asked to spray the weeds at the school playground now that the children are on holiday.

**Action: Cllr Lightfoot**

#### Cemetery and Planning-Cllr Hornsey

It was reported that the pathway light come on during daylight and the Chapel door light does not come on. Cllr Hornsey will investigate.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey**

#### Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

Pond cutting is on the cutting schedule, but it is not being undertaken as it is currently being cut by the Parish Council's grounds maintenance.

We have been notified by BC that they have adopted further areas at the Bovis Estate and as such it now falls under the Parish Council's devolved duties. We have only been given an additional £7.18 for the year to undertake this. It was agreed that we will make enquiries as to whether we can substitute this additional work for the pond that was in the initial devolved schedule.

**Action: Cllr Rennie**

It was noted that the grass is now looking good.

#### Recreation Ground-Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Hornsey

As below at item 108.

#### Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Nothing to report.

#### IT – Cllr Holmes

Cllr Pearson has started work reviewing the website.

### **104 The Royal Oak/Red Lion – Potential Community Assets**

It was noted that Fimere has identified the Red Lion as a community asset.

This is not something that the Parish Council will pursue with The Royal Oak.

### **105 Fete Accounts**

Cllr Hornsey provided an oral report as to the income received and the expenditure incurred. A profit in the region of £1,000 was made.

It is noted that the Fete's primary aim is not to make a large profit and that there was a great deal of hard work undertaken by the Fete Committee to ensure that the event was an enjoyable village event.

The committee will consider how to increase income for next year's Fete, including sponsorship.

### **106 Tree Works**

Cllr Lightfoot has received the following costings for tree work.

£575 to cut the hedge to the rear of the Cemetery - Agreed

£575 to top the Irish Yews at the Cemetery - Agreed

£1,250 to pollard the Ash tree at the Recreation Field. It was noted that the tree can be cut down or pollarded. It was agreed that the tree be pollarded, however the cost quoted was considered excessive. Cllr Lightfoot to make further enquiries as to costs. **Cllr Lightfoot**

£200 to cut the hedge at the rear of the pond. Cllr Newman to make enquiries as to whether the donors to the pond fund (as above at Item 103) will agree to the money collected being used towards this. **Action: Cllr Newman**

A resident has sought permission to cut the rear of the hedge by the pond that backs onto their garden which has been given.

£375.00 to reduce the Cherry Tree - Agreed

£375.00 to remove the failed Hawthorn on the Triangle - Agreed.

A price will be obtained to replace the tree with similar - Double Pink May Hawthorn

### **107 Correspondence**

a. Resident – Speeding out of the village up Water Stratford Road. The Parish Council is sympathetic but has no powers to enforce or monitor speeding. This is a police matter.

b. Resident – Gorrell Lane brambles require cutting. The Parish Council will arrange for the brambles to be cut back. **Action: Cllr Rennie**

There is a dead badger in Gorrell Lane. This has already been reported to Buckinghamshire Council.

Concern raised at damage to footpath due to site traffic at Field Close, Cllr Maxwell will report the footpath via Fix my Street. **Action: Cllr Maxwell**

c. Resident – Request to remove light on land at Hickman's Close. Cllr Hornsey will inspect.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey**

### **108 Recreation Ground Report/Development**

a. An estimate has been received from our contractor to demolish the remaining structure, removal of debris, leaving the existing ground floor slab in place, bringing in topsoil for levelling off the area and seeding with grass seed in the sum of £7,148.32 plus VAT £1,429.66. This sum will be paid from the s106 monies that are being held by Buckinghamshire Council, however, will require initial payment by the Parish Council until funds are released. It was proposed that the estimate be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Secinded: Cllr Hornsey Approved **Action: Cllr Lightfoot**

b. Revised drawings and costings for the pavilion are awaited to proceed with the build.

### **109 Cemetery Working Party**

A cemetery working party was agreed and will meet at the Cemetery at 10.00pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 to tidy the Garden of Remembrance.

### **110 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairperson's Signature.....  
Cllr Trisha Lightfoot

Date .....