TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Hornsey

Cllr Rennie Cllr Maxwell

Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Members of the public

159. Apologies

Cllr Pearson

Cllr Newman

Cllr Stutchbury, Buckinghamshire Councilor

Cllr Fealey, Buckinghamshire Councilor

Cllr Cornell, Buckinghamshire Councilor

160. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

Open Forum - No issues raised.

161. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 23.10.24

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

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Clerk Approved

162. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 152 – The nomination for the Royal Oak Public House as an ACV has been submitted.

Item 153 – The nomination for the Red Lion Public House as an ACV has been submitted.

Item 157 – A quotation was received, approved and the notice board was ordered.

163. Buckinghamshire Councilors' Reports

No reports received.

164. Planning

- **a.** 24/03139/APP-TINGEWICK Land South of Preston Road, Tingewick. Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 4 gypsy families each with 2 caravans together with laying of hardstanding, erection of 4 No amenity building and construction of new access (retrospective). **The Parish Council maintains its Objections on the following basis;**
 - a. The entrance to the proposed development is on a blind bend
 - b. The proposed development is on agricultural land
 - c. The proposed development places a strain upon already stretched local services, schools, medical services etc.
 - d. The proposed development would set a precedent for future changes in the use of land, it being noted that there are existing encampments along this road that do not have planning permission in place.
- b. 24/03449/APP-TINGEWICK. Jukes House, Church Lane, Tingewick. Householder application for conversion of garage into residential accommodation. **No Objections**

- 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.
 - Cllr Maxwell provided an update. The Parish Council would request that this is called to a Planning Committee for consideration after 17 months.
- d. 24/03481/APP-TINGEWICK-The Old Manor, Church Lane, Tingewick. Householder application to remove current gas boiler flu to rear of the property and install wood burning stove and new clay chimneys to match existing. **No Objections**

165. 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 Maxwell Approved

b. It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved

As there is no meeting in December, it was noted that the Clerk has authority to make the regular contractual payments in December and that an items of additional expenditure will either be carried forward for approval at the next meeting in January 2025 or, if they are more urgent, to be agreed by the Parish Councilors by email.

166. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

<u>Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Hornsey</u>

It was noted that four of the village streetlights are dim. It will cost in the region of £350 per light to replace the bulbs. Cllr Hornsey will assess the lights and advise as to whether replacement is recommended.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

The defibrillator is in good order.

Footpaths, Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

West Well street sign has been replaced, however there are others outstanding.

The light at the pinch point has been replaced, but others are outstanding.

It is noted that the Parish Council's contractor is authorised to repair streetlights. The Parish Council will make enquires with the Buckinghamshire Councillors as to whether the Parish Council may have authority to instruct the repairs and be refunded.

Action: Clerk

There are various potholes still to be repaired.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

It was noted that an information board will be purchased by the pond team.

Recreation Ground Play Area – Cllr Rennie

The required checks have been undertaken. All equipment is in order save the backboard insert panel, which is damaged. Consideration should be given to replacing it, however there is no safety issue.

There is some graffiti which will be removed and paint chipping which will be repaired.

School Playground - Cllr Hornsey

Cllr Hornsey has made enquires of a local contractor that may be able to undertake the repairs and is awaiting a response.

Cemetery - Cllr Hornsey

The cemetery is in good order.

Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

Cllr Hornsey and Cllr Rennie will consider the proposal for contractors moving forward and report to the meeting in January.

Recreation Ground-Cllr Hornsey

We are still awaiting the quotation for the rebuild.

It was noted that disabled access to the field is possible but limited. Investigations will be made as to suitable access.

An update on the build will be drafted and circulated to the village. Action: Cllr Hornsey

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Nothing to report

167 Co-Option of Parish Councillors

- a. It was proposed that Joe Sulivan be co-opted as a Parish Councilor
 Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Rennie Approved
- b. It was proposed that Nicholas Grant be co-opted as a Parish Councilor
 Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Rennie Approved

168 Meeting with MP

The Parish Councilors will meet with the village's MP, Callum Anderson.

169 Purchase of Sand Bags

It was agreed that sandbags will be purchased along with sand in order that the bags can be filled by a working party and stored in the sand bag box in the bus shelter, excess bags to be stored in the chapel, in readiness for future flooding events.

Action: Clir Hornsey

170 Devolved Functions

Buckinghamshire Councill has offered a four-year devolved function contract; the current contract is annual. Discussion as to whether a one-year contract or a four-year contract would be more cost effective for the Parish Council

It was agreed that Cllr Rennie will make enquires with the grass cutting contractors as to whether there can be a discount should the Parish Council enter into a four-year contract with them which would then make a longer contract with Buckinghamshire Council viable.

Action: Cllr Rennie

171. Correspondence.

- a. Memorial Makeovers Application for a memorial permit for Melvin Lewis Approved.
- b. Angels Memorials Application for a memorial permit for Eleanor Sharples Approved.
- c. Request for an additional dog waste bin Finmere Parish Council. The Parish Council proposes that the costs be shared between the parishes, with Finmere purchasing the bin and Tingewick paying for the emptying.

 Action: Clerk

172. Recreation Ground Report/Development

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

173 Closure of Charity 'Recreation Ground Development Fund' (Charity Number 300338)

This is a dormant charity that was set up to manage the fundraising for the Recreation Ground, the Trustees being the Parish Council and a previous Parish Councillor. This charity has not been used since the establishment of the Tingewick Community Park Trust (Charity Number 1175851). There are no funds in the charity, and have not been for a substantial number of years. Advice has been received that it would be appropriate to formally close the charity.

It was proposed that the 'Recreation Ground Development Fund' Charity Number 300338 be closed. Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded Cllr Rennie Agreed

174 The Red Lion Public House, Little Tingewick

A request for seed funding was received during Open Forum at October's meeting. It was agreed that it would be added to the next agenda for discussion. Since that meeting the Parish Council has been advised that the brewery is considering a potential purchaser for the premises and as such the funding request has been placed in abeyance.

175. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on 22nd January 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, there being no meeting in December 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm	
Chairman's Signature	Date