

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE 2 Members of the public

32. Apologies

Cllr Holmes
Cllr Patrick Fealey (Buckinghamshire Councillor)
Cllr Caroline Cornell (Buckinghamshire Councillor)

32a. Co-Option of Parish Councillor

It was proposed that Stuart Rennie be co-opted as a Parish Councillor
Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot Agreed

33. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

Open Forum

A resident raised a concern that they had been blocked from the Tingewick Life Facebook Group. It was explained that the cemetery at the Church is a closed cemetery. The Parish Council undertakes some ground maintenance work but does not have the funds to maintain it regularly. The Chair apologised on behalf of the village for being excluded from the Facebook group. The Chair will speak to the administrator.

An offer was made to undertake some voluntary work clearing the church yard which Cllr Newman will pass to the PCC.

Concern raised at the visibility when exiting the junction from Stockleys Lane onto Main Street. Parking is a police issue over which the Parish Council have no enforcement powers.

The Parish Council will arrange for copies of the Tingewick News to be left at the village hall coffee shop and the village shop.

34. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2024

It was proposed that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.
Proposed: Cllr Pearson Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved

35. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 14/24 –the quotation for the proposed work has now been received and the application will be submitted.

Item 23 Recreation Ground – Cllr Lightfoot and the Clerk are meeting with Alice Williams of the Community Board on 02.04.24 to discuss funding that may be available for the fit out of the new pavilion.

Item 27 Village Maintenance Contract - It was reported at the last meeting that the current village maintenance contractor, Mr Bannister, is unable to continue. Upon further discussion with the contractor, it was noted that his assistant, Mr Unsworth, is prepared continue the work at the same rate and on the same terms. It was noted that had the contract been renegotiated we would have required three quotations under the Financial Regulations. It is felt that this is not a re contracting position as the work will be continuing with the same personal with payment to be made to them instead.

It was proposed that Mr Unsworth of M&M House and Garden Maintenance be approved to continue the village maintenance work.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded Cllr Newman Agreed

The clerk will issue a rolling contract to be monitored.

Action: Clerk

36. Buckinghamshire Councilors' Reports

None received.

37. Planning

- a. Planning Application 24/0071/APP/TINGEWICK – Land of Preston Road, Tingewick.
Erection of an agricultural building. No Objections

38. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and reconciliation report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted, and payments made with the addition of the following:

- a. BP 188- Reimbursement to Cllr Lightfoot of ink and printing £73.84
- b. Hiscox Insurance policy for the build work £566.73

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Seconded: Cllr Newman Approved

39. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Lightfoot

Lighting and Defibrillator are all in order.

Footpaths, Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

Anglian Water has repaired the pothole that they are responsible for.

Cllr Maxwell has a comprehensive spreadsheet of work and continues to press for the repairs to be completed.

The lights at Water Stratford corner and Sandpit Hill are still awaiting repair.

There are also potholes caused by the last flooding event that still require repair.

The tyres are still awaiting collection by BC as agreed by Cllr Fealey and Cllr Cornell.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

Cllr Newman reported that there are funds in an account for work towards work at the pond but that the pond may be in private ownership. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the funds.

Recreation Ground Play Area and School Playground - Cllr Holmes

Nothing to report.

Cemetery and Planning-Cllr Hornsey

Nothing to report.

Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)

The schedule and agreement have been received and will be signed.

There are three parts to the work – grass cutting, annual clearance and footpaths.

The maps and areas of work were reviewed, and it was agreed that the grasscutting and the 'annual maintenance' will be sent out for tender. The footpath work will be added the village maintenance contract.

Action – Clerk

Recreation Ground-Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Hornsey

As below

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Cllr Pearson updated the meeting on the work he has undertaken to ensure that there is suitable insurance for the pavilion build. It was recommended that the Parish Council purchase suitable insurance once the work recommences.

Proposed: Cllr Pearson Seconded Cllr Newman: Agreed

40 Village Litter Pick and Littering Problem

Notices will be posted around the village.

41 Survey by Buckinghamshire Council – EV Charging Points

It was agreed that it is a good idea but most of the land in the village that may be suitable is private land and other areas will hinder access and as such it is not feasible.

42 Correspondence

- a. A request has been received for two further dog waste bins. The Parish Council does not have the funding for further bins at this stage.
- b. The area to enter the allotments is very muddy. The allotments are in the control of the diocese the Parish Council is unable to assist.
- c. Cllr Fealey is in the process of assisting the Parish Council to obtain the refund of flood expenses from the Buckingham Forum.

43 Recreation Ground Report/Development

The first stage of the work commenced on 18.03.24.

It has been identified that a major gas supply is under the construction site and a seven-day hold has been put on the works to enable the gas company to provide further advice as to when and how the work can continue.

44 AOB

Website - The Clerk was requested to obtain the website viewing metrics and that all past events go into an archive. **Action - Clerk**

45 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on 24th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00am

Chairperson's Signature.....

Date

CLlr Trisha Lightfoot