

## TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Lightfoot (Chairperson)  
Cllr Hornsey (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Maxwell  
Cllr Pearson  
Cllr Rennie  
Cllr Newman  
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr Fealey, Buckinghamshire Councillor  
Cllr Cornell, Buckinghamshire Councillor

IN ATTENDANCE 0 Members of the public

#### **111. Apologies**

None received.

#### **112. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest.

<i>Open Forum – No issues raised.</i>
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#### **113. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 24.07.24**

It was noted that Cllr Cornell was present.

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

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot      Seconded: Cllr Hornsey      Approved

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

Item 101 – The Clerk was advised that should Councillors require more detailed plans the Clerk can contact 'AV Development' at Bucks Council.

It was noted that the diversion routes provided to the Parish Council are no longer clear on the notices received. Cllr Fealey explained that this was difficult due to the number and nature of the various diversions. It was also noted that 'One Network' provides full detail.

Item 103 – The Footpath has been cleared.

Item 103 – The salt bin has been ordered and will be delivered to Cllr Maxwell.

Item 103 – Pond Funds – Clerk to provide bank details to Cllr Newman.

**Action: Clerk**

Item 103 – Cemetery Light – Cllr Hornsey is investigating whether it is still under warranty, if not a new one will be purchased.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Item 103 – Devolved Powers – It has been agreed that the additional area at Tingewick Park will be cut under the current contract with CGM should it cease to be cut by Bovis.

Item 106 – All tree work is completed save the work at West Well Lane which will be undertaken upon the contractor's return from leave.

Item 106 – It has been agreed that £200 will be paid towards the maintenance of the hedge at the pond.

#### **115. Buckinghamshire Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Fealey provided an oral report.

The new change of government has led to many policy changes. Most notably the National Planning Policy Framework, and the associated debate regarding 'Green Belt' and 'Grey Belt' land.

The key issue for Tingewick, and surrounding villages, is that Buckinghamshire Council cannot demonstrate a five-year land supply and the 'build out' rate has slowed, this makes the County more attractive for speculative applications.

The Buckinghamshire Plan is due to be implemented in 2027 but may be delayed

A Neighbourhood Plan for the village may be prudent. It was noted that the Parish Council has considered this in the past, but the cost of preparation has been prohibitive. There is support available at BC level.

The council is awaiting details of designation of local sites as 'green', 'grey', 'brown', 'agricultural'. Cllr Fealey will update the council in due course.

BC may consider a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) that local councils can bid for as opposed to S106.

It was noted that the Parish Council will also discuss this with our new MP when he is able to attend the meeting.

Discussion:

- a. The footway by the highway out of the village towards the roundabout requires cutting back. Cllr Hornsey will provide details to Cllr Maxwell to report to Fix My Street.
- b. There is no update as to the potential use of the land at Preston Bissett Road given the gates that have been recently added.
- c. The failure of BC's contractor to take away the signs after road works. It was noted that BC can fine the contractor for this.
- d. Notification of work being undertaken but then failure to attend to undertake the work. The issue for the Parish Council is that we notify residents, but work is not undertaken. There are issues outside of BC's control that leads to work being rearranged. Cllr Cornell will ascertain the reasons and let the Clerk know. **Action: Cllr Cornell**
- e. Lamp post at the pinch point. BC have advised that the work will be completed and the Councillors can only rely on what they have told. The weather can cause issues along with staffing issues.

## 116. Planning

- a. 24/00060/APP-TINGEWICK. Arabia, Mere Lane, Tingewick. Removal of existing single storey side extension and erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension.

**No Objections**

- b. 24/02321/APP-TINGEWICK. The Firs, Main Street, Tingewick. Householder application for demolition of single storey side and rear elements of existing dwelling. Erection of front porch and two storey rear extension including alternations to the fenestration. Increase ridge height of existing garage and replace corrugated roof with slates. Removal of wall to create dropped kerb and driveway with automatic gates.

**No Objections. However, it should be noted that the trees must be regularly maintained to ensure the adjacent street light is not obstructed.**

- 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.

**Opposes the application on the basis as previously submitted on 28.06.23 namely:**

- a. It is considered excessive development for a rural site
- b. The access to and from the site has limited vision.

- d. 24/02499/CPE-TINGEWICK. Certificate of lawfulness application for existing permanent residential use of static caravan.

**No Objections**

- e. 24/01011/AOP-TINGEWICK Land at Buckingham Street, Tingewick. Outline application for planning permission for demolition of garages and erection of up to three dwellings all matters reserved.

The Parish Council has previously noted their concern regarding the size and the affordability of the dwellings as such it is not proposed that a representative of the Parish Council attends the meeting.

### **117. Accounts**

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

- a. It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot      Seconded: Cllr Hornsey      Approved

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

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot      Seconded: Cllr Hornsey      Approved

It was noted that Mr Bannister had been reappointed as the village's groundsman during the month, upon the withdrawal of the agreed contractor. The Chairman arranged for Mr Bannister, the previous contractor, to resume work and the Parish Council did not wish to delay given the growing season.

It was noted that it was an emergency reappointment which will be reviewed by full council in February 2025.

Cllr Lightfoot is meeting with Mr Bannister and will discuss the manifest and timesheets.

**Action: Cllr Lightfoot**

### **118. 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

Cllr Maxwell has raised issues, as above, with the Buckinghamshire Councillors. Numerous issues remain outstanding.

Cllr Maxwell will report the tree that has fallen in Strangers Lane and the overhanging branches on the footway exiting the village to the roundabout that require cutting back. **Action: Cllr Maxwell**

Sarah Fordy has kindly assisted with reporting of footpaths and liaising with Buckinghamshire Country

#### Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

It was agreed that a pond working party be arranged to cut back/plant/tidy pond using the pond funds. **Action: Cllr Newman**

#### Recreation Ground Play Area – Cllr Rennie

Cllr Rennie agreed to take responsibility for this item.

#### School Playground - Cllr Hornsey

As below at Item 119.

The weeds have been sprayed with weedkiller.

### Cemetery and Planning-Cllr Hornsey

The Chapel light will be repaired.

The working party took place and tidied the Garden of Remembrance and cleared brambles from some overgrown graves.

It was agreed that the unmarked children's grave area will be marked. Cllr Lightfoot will consider how best to achieve this.

Letter of thanks received regarding the improvements made in the maintenance of the cemetery.

### Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

The next cut will be 02.09.24 with the last cut of the year planned for 23.09.24. Eight cuts will have been undertaken as the first two were combined.

It was agreed that the last cut will be put back to the end of September 2024.

Given that the growing season will continue, a quotation will be obtained for an additional cut in late October. **Action: Cllr Rennie**

It is envisaged that next year the contracted seven cuts will be able to be spread throughout the season as there will not be the overgrowth to commence the year.

### Recreation Ground-Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Hornsey

As below at item 122.

### Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Cllr Pearson has been liaising with the current insurer regarding the work, and old pavilion, at the recreation ground.

BHIB (brokers) will be contacted for competitive quotations for the Parish Council's liability insurance.

### IT – Cllr Holmes

Cllr Pearson has continued his work regarding the website and there will be a meeting on 20.09.24 with the website administrator to discuss further.

### **119. School Playground Repairs**

Two quotes have been received to repair the subsidence. It has proved difficult to obtain a third without a fee being paid for inspection.

Abacus Playgrounds - £1,675.00

RTC Safety Surfaces - £2,227.00

An alternative quotation will be requested from CGM.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey**

### **120. Correspondence**

a. Resident – Tree debris at Gorrell Lane. Cllr Hornsey will remove.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey**

### **121. Village Pubs**

Cllr Maxwell reported on the proposals for the Red Lion to be purchased by the community, funded by the sale of shares.

### **122. Recreation Ground Report/Development**

The first payment of £15,142.23 has been received from the S106 monies being held by Buckinghamshire Council.

The area is being cleared ready to start the rebuild. Costs are awaited.

Solar Panels – Cllr Hornsey will obtain a quotation for solar panels to be installed on the new building which will enable an application to be made for grant funding. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

**123. Flood Alleviation**

Buckinghamshire Council’s Environmental Team are visiting the village 29.08.24 to survey the area in consideration of kerb drainage options.

**124. Tredwell Proposed Development**

The land agents have collated the comments received at their recent consultation meeting and will be attending the Parish Council’s next meeting on 25.09.25 to discuss further.

**125. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairperson’s Signature.....  
Cllr Trisha Lightfoot

Date .....