

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Hornsey (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Maxwell
Cllr Pearson
Cllr Holmes
Cllr Patrick Fealey (Buckinghamshire Councillor)
Cllr Caroline Cornell
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE 1 Member of the public

16. Apologies

Cllr Lightfoot (Chairman)
Cllr Newman

17. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

Open Forum

Concern raised regarding the proposed new development;

- 1. That the proposed developers do not have accurate information as to the areas of flooding.*
- 2. That a link road between the development and Finmere road will open up the opportunity for development.*
- 3. A development of this size will change the character of the village.*

It was noted that no planning application has been made yet and that there is no assumption that the development will proceed. The Parish Council will respond as a statutory consultee when the proposal has been received.

The Parish Council is in the process of applying for devolved powers to take over maintenance of areas of the village undertaken by BC.

The old Royal Oak signs will be removed as it has now closed.

18. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2024

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

Proposed: Cllr Pearson Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved

19. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 14/24 – the clerk confirmed that the HS2 grant application was underway and that a quotation for the proposed car park was awaited to complete it.

20. Buckinghamshire Councillors' Reports

Cllr Fealey presented an oral report.

The meeting was updated on the various Buckinghamshire Council road repair projects. There are numerous teams working on the roads including.

- a. Carriageway repairs on A43.
- b. Osier Way in Buckingham

- c. The Roundabout at Aldi
- d. Road into Gawcott is closed due to a drain issue.

Cllr Fealey asked that there be accurate reporting of issues through either 'Fix my Street' or if it relates to an enforcement issue via the form on the website to ensure that the report reaches the correct department and is therefore dealt with more quickly.

The first HS2 tunnel has been completed.

Buckinghamshire Council's budget has now been set and information has been circulated. Savings have had to be made; money has been taken from reserves for roads. The council is looking at how to reduce costs where possible but without reducing services ie children's services, adult social care, better use and rationalisation of council buildings.

Cllr Cornell presented an oral report.

- a. The Local Area Technician will review the pot holes in Tingewick.
- b. There will be a litter pick on the bypass shortly which will require traffic lights.
- c. A422 to Westbury to be repaired.
- d. A413 still has traffic lights due to flooding, it is proving problematic to repair.

Questions from the Parish Council

Cllr Maxwell reported that a local resident has cleared a large area of land. A large number of tyres were found dumped in the gully. They have been removed but we cannot dispose of them without paying for them. Concern was raised that BC was not undertaking litter picking. It was agreed that Cllr Cornell and Cllr Fealey will make enquires as to how the tyres can be disposed of. It was asked whether BC could consider issuing a permit to Parish Councils to dispose of waste such as this.

The consultation regarding parking fees in Buckingham is ongoing. Concern raised at the proposed changes.

Buckinghamshire Council is looking for foster carers and would welcome applications.

Progress is being made on a new health centre in Buckingham.

It is not yet known what other facilities will be provided with the proposed new houses on the outskirts at Buckingham as there is only outline planning. It will be set out in detail in the detailed planning process.

Concern raised at adequacy of the proposal for new balancing ponds as proposed by the developers who are basing their plans on a 'one in a 100 years event' and whether they would be fit for purpose given that flooding is almost a yearly event in Tingewick. When the application proceeds to planning the proposals for flood prevention will be analysed.

BC are drawing up a Buckinghamshire new plan for housing development in Buckinghamshire, likely to be available in 2027.

21. Planning

- a. Planning Application 24/00263/ALB - The Old Manor Church Lane Tingewick Buckinghamshire MK18 4RB. Listed building application for closure of door way and reduce size of other opening. Removal of roof glass sheets and replace with Conservation Roof Light. Installation of timber deck and create opening within masonry wall. Installation of swimming pool. No Objections
- b. Planning Application 24/00263/APP - The Old Manor Church Lane Tingewick Buckinghamshire MK18 4RB. Householder application for closure of door way and reduce size of other opening. Removal of roof glass sheets and replace with Conservation Roof Light. Installation of timber deck and create opening within masonry wall. Installation of swimming pool. No Objections

- c. Planning Application 24/00269/APP – Land at Wood Lane Cottage, Upper Street, Tingewick. Erection of dwelling and carport. Opposed.
- d. Planning Application 24/00556/CPE - Windbush View, Preston Bissett Road, Gawcott, Milton Keynes MK18 4HF Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use to regularise the use of a static caravan for residential use – No Objections.

It was agreed that only planning consultations that pertain to applications and are prefixed with 'APP' will be automatically added to the agenda for discussion. All other consultations will be circulated by the clerk for councillors to consider and added to the agenda for discussion if requested.

22. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions and reconciliation report.

It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted, and payments authorised - Authorised

It was proposed that Brian Floodgate be appointed as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor to cover the year 2023/2024. Approved

23. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Lightfoot

One light to be reported at Barton Road,

Footpaths, Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

9 potholes reported at various village locations

The damaged light at bottom of Water Stratford Road and the light at Sandpit Hill by the pinch point will be followed up.

Cllr Maxwell noted that some faults go back three years and have not been actioned by BC notwithstanding the efforts of Cllr Maxwell.

The Excel fault report kept up to date and there are 24 items outstanding.

Cllr Maxwell will keep chasing BC councillors for assistance and resolution to the outstanding issues.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

Nothing to report.

Cemetery and Planning-Cllr Hornsey

Nothing to report.

Devolved Powers (Grasscutting) – TBC once we have further information regarding from BC regarding the fees payable.

Recreation Ground-Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Hornsey

The building work can now commence and the builder has been given the go ahead.

Costs have increased due to the delay caused by the requirement for a deed of variation. A proposal to address this is to be discussed at Item 30 on the agenda.

The clerk will investigate whether and application can be made to the Buckingham Community Board for funding towards the internal fit out.

Action: Clerk

Recreation Ground Play Area and School Playground - Cllr Holmes

Nothing to report.

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Cllr Pearson to be sent the revised quotation for the pavilions building work in order that he can look into build insurance.

Action: DW/Cllr Pearson

24 Review of Cemetery Fees

Consideration was given to the fees of other councils.
A revised fee structure was agreed.

25 Risk Assessment and Management 2024

Risk Assessment and Management document presented by Clerk. Approved

26 MVAS

Cllr Hornesy reported that after investigation it would not be cost effective to make an application for MVAS funding from Buckinghamshire Council due to the preliminary costs required to make the application. Alternative sources of funding will be sought.

27 Village Maintenance Contract

The current contractor has sadly provided notice that he is unable to continue. It is likely that his assistant is able to continue.
Financial regulations provide for 3 quotations to be obtained.

28 Village Litter Pick

The village litter pick will take place on 27.04.24.

29 Correspondence

- a. 09.02.24-Memorial application received from Heritage and Sons-Simons-Approved
- b. 28.02.24-Memorial application received from Heritage and Sons – Kensett-Approved

30 Recreation Ground Report/Development

It was proposed that £7,500 of the £12,000 in the Parish Council’s reserves that is ringfenced for the development of a car parking area at the recreation ground be utilised towards meeting the increased costs of upgrading the existing sports pavilion, which was due to the delay caused by the requirement to obtain a deed of variation. Agreed.

An application is to be made to HS2 for the £7,500 to meet the car parking costs. Detailed costings and plan are awaited.

31 Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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

Date