

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY 22nd May 2025

Present:	Trisha Lightfoot	Chairman
	Martin Hornsey	Vice Chairman
	Ed Maxwell	Parish Councillor
	Robert Pearson	Parish Councillor
	Robert Holmes	Parish Councillor
	Stuart Rennie	Parish Councillor
	Martin Hornsey	Parish Councillor
	Caroline Cornell	Unitary Councillor
	Robin Stuchbury	Unitary Councillor
	Jackie Nash	Tingewick Historical Society
	Sara Churchfield	Tingewick Walkers
	Claire Groves	Tingewick Pre-School
	Dave Partridge	Tingewick Village Hall
Apologies:	Jackie Newman	Parish Councillor
	Leigh Handley	Head Teacher, Roundwood School

1. To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on the 29th April 2021

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Agreed

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 29th April 2021

None

3. To Receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council

Written report presented by Cllr Lightfoot, as attached to the minutes.

In summary;

The Parish Council has dealt with flooding issues over the year.

Work commenced on the refurbishment of the recreation field but had to be put on hold due to a gas pipe being located to the front of the existing structure.

We have applied to HS2 for funding for a car park at the recreation field to accompany the refurbished pavilion.

We now have devolved functions to undertake our own grass cutting which has just commenced this week. This should enable us to undertake 6 to 7 cuts as opposed to the 2 that County used to undertake.

We have again entered the Best Kept Village competition and undertaken a litter pick.

We said goodbye to Jonny Bannister who undertook our village maintenance contract and to Sandra at the Royal Oak, we thank her for all her work in the village.

The Christmas tree light ceremony took place again.

The Summer Party took place but it was extremely wet, we were not defeated and moved into the village hall.

The dog show will take place again and entries would be welcomed.

We again helped relatives of village families to trace their ancestors in the church and graveyard.

We have worked with the War Graves Commission to add a commemorative plaque to the cemetery gates .

Three new Parish Councillors have joined us over the year Cllr Pearson, Cllr Holmes and Cllr Newman, and Dawn Rogers has returned as our Parish Clerk.

Sara Churchfield expressed thanks to the Parish Council for all their work over the year.

4. To Receive the Financial Report of the Parish Council

The Clerk presented the year's financial accounts. The internal auditor has approved the Annual Return, and it will be submitted to the external auditor upon approval by the Parish Councilors this evening.

5. To Receive a Report by the Unitary Councillors (Presented by Cllr Cornell)

Written report received as attached and presented by Cllr Cornell.

In summary, it has been a difficult year for the council, they have a balanced budget.

They have focused on statutory services in children and adult social care, and housing.

They have continued to ensure that roads are kept in good order.

Community Boards have continued to support local areas and provide funding.

6 Green Flags awarded to Buckinghamshire parks

New Highways service ongoing programme of development.

The Council is supporting 'Dementia Awareness Week and it requires foster carers.

Cllr Cornell's contact details are on the website should residents need to contact her.

Written report as attached received from Cllr Fealey.

Questions:

Cllr Rennie raised concern at the speed of response to the old tires. It was noted that they had been removed.

Cllr Lightfoot raised concern that the signs at West Well close require urgent repair. This has been outstanding for some time. Cllr Cornell will follow this up.

Cllr Maxwell has sent an email to Cllr Cornell and fellow councilors regarding the road issue that requires repair.

6. To Receive a Report from St Mary Magdalene Church

Written report received as attached and presented by Sara Churchfield.

Work has been undertaken to repair sections of the Church roof.

There has also been work on the tower to clean out Jackdaw detritus.

A kind donation to the Fabric Fund was received from Derek Russell which enabled some repairs to be carried out.

New speakers for the organ were installed.

The toilet wall was suffering with damp and has now been repaired.

Lots of activities took place for Holy Week and Easter which involved the local children. There was a weekly lent programme.

Crafty Church continues on the third Sunday of each month.

Thanks were expressed to Sharron Clerk who gave up church cleaning after several years. Cleaning has been taken over by the members of the PCC.

There was a sad to say goodbye to Marrion Fenemore, a stalwart supporter of the Church.

A commemorative long weekend took place to celebrate King Charles III's coronation along with a Church tidy, which was a great show of community spirit.

A Harvest Supper did not take place but a Harvest Lunch took place instead.

A toddler corner has been set up and the Church was a very joyous place over Christmas, with a crib service and a Midnight Mass.

The Church runs a food bank and the food is distributed locally and some residents receive support.

7. To Receive a Report from the Civil Charities Committee

An oral report was presented by Cllr Hornsey

The Civil Charity helps local people who need a little bit of financial help. It had been problematic finding people who needed support from the charity, so an appeal was issued with resulted in eight people being helped this year.

If anybody knows of anybody in need, regardless of age, let the charity know via Cllr Hornsey, Cllr Lightfoot.

8. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Village Hall Committee

Oral report presented by Dave Patridge

The hall has gone through a period of transformation and is a registered charity run three trustees. The hall is not linked to the Parish Council, all upkeep is managed by the trustees. This year drains have been installed all around the hall. The ceiling will be decorated this year and update the heating to a more efficient system. Thanks were expressed to the Tingewick Café for their generous donations which have helped to keep running costs down, especially at a time of increasing utility costs.

9. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick and District News

No report received.

10. To Receive a Report from Roundwood School

Apologies received.

11. To Receive a Report from Tingewick Pre-School

Written report received as attached and presented by Claire Groves.

The pre-school has been rebuilt following the devastating fire in 2021 and there was an early opening event on 16.03.24 with the ribbon being cut by Robin Stutchbury.

Grants have been applied for and £14k was received from BCC. The lease expires next year and they have received a letter of intent to renew the lease so that further applications for funding can be made. The Parish Council were thanked for their help with this.

Thanks were also expressed to the local community especially the Pierces, the Village Hall committee and the Tingewick Café who have provided several donations.

An Ofsted inspection took place during the year and the Pre-school maintained their Good rating in all areas.

Thanks to the staff who provide quality care to the children.

More fundraising activities will be held when have their base but they do need new committee members.

12. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Historical Society

Oral report presented by Jackie Nash

New committee members were elected at their recent AGM.

The society has been active and have organised various talks during the year. Each meeting is attended by 20-30 people and sometimes more.

This year the committee will be talking about RAF Finmere.

The society has continued to receive queries on family histories that they have been happy to assist with.

The society will continue to record the past and present history of the village.

13. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick and Water Stratford Horticultural Society

Written report received as attached and presented by the Chair.

The society was worried that it would not be able to continue in its centenary year, however four new members came forward and with existing members they have been able to continue.

The centenary will be celebrated with a trip to Rutland Gardens and Barnsdale Gardens.

Many activities took place last year including the popular plant swap and sale, trip to Wisley and wreath making.

The Summer Show took place in Village Hall and Roundwood School which provided more space but sadly there were not many exhibits. This year they have decided not to hold a show.

Activities are planned for the coming year.

14. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Patchers

The Patchers meet weekly and have 45 members. They make items for Milton Keynes hospital and clothes for children abroad. They sell materials not needed and donated the proceeds to young people needing support. They have outings to patchworks shops and the NEC

15. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Line Dancers

The Line Dancers are a small group but still going strong, enjoying it and keeping fit.

Meet every Monday evening in Village Hall, consider themselves a group of friends who learn new dances together. All music now comes from Spotify! Contributions are low to cover hire of village hall and a small dinner at the end of the year.

16. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Café

Written report received, as attached, and read out by Cllr Lightfoot

This is the café's ninth year and continues each Friday with two Saturday cafes held each year.

The Village Hall lottery is drawn at the café each month.

Apart from the social benefit of the café money is raised for various causes throughout the year.

A total of £14,390 was raised and donated this year as set out in the report.

17. To Receive a Report from the Village Walkers

Oral report received from Sara Chuchfield.

The walkers meet the last Tuesday of each month at the village hall car park. They walk 4-5 miles and share lunch at a local hostelry. They have enjoyed a range of lovely walks during the year but had to plan their winter walks carefully to avoid muddy fields. Notwithstanding the weather non of their walks were cancelled. They have walked around many local villages and further afield. They has a loyal membership of eight walkers and new members are always welcomed. Since Covid they have had difficulties finding pubs that are open on Tuesday afternoons so now have to include cafés.

Cllr Maxwell asked the walkers to report back to the Parish Council should there be any issues regarding the village footpaths.

18. To Receive a Report from other Local Organisations

No further reports received.

The Meeting Closed at 9.15pm