

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2025 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Hornsey
Cllr Rennie
Cllr Maxwell
Cllr Newman
Cllr Pearson
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 Members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr Sullivan
Cllr Grant
Cllr Cornell, Buckinghamshire Councilor.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

Open Forum - No members of the public in attendance

3. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 27.11.24

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

Proposed: Cllr Rennie Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved

4. Matters arising for information and reports only

None

5. Buckinghamshire Councilors' Reports

Cllr Fealey provided an oral report.

- a. The issue at Stowe View has now been resolved.
- b. Some council elections are being postponed, however the elections in Buckinghamshire will go ahead, given that it is already a unitary authority.
- c. Issues have arisen regarding the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) and the challenges that have been made to the greenbelt.
- d. Over the period of the NPPF the government is expecting 90,000 houses to be built in Buckinghamshire and there may be a possible new town with 10,000 additional houses. The Parish Council will be updated once further information is available.
- e. Buckinghamshire Council has been given authority to install cameras to monitor moving traffic offices (Padbury, Buckingham).
- f. There is an opportunity to apply for a free defibrillator. The Parish Council considers that one will be appropriate for the recreation field. Cllr Fealey to provide information to the clerk.
- g. National Lottery Community Fund is available.

Cllr Hornsey asked why we have been refused reimbursement for the money spent on the emergency flooding in 2023. A promise was made that we would be reimbursed and over a year later

we have been told that it will not be refunded. Cllr Fealey will support Cllr Hornsey to take this higher.

It was noted that Tingewick's flood committee was asked to advise a team of residents in Buckingham on how to move forward with establishing a flood group.

6. Planning

No planning applications for consideration this month.

It was noted that the planning application at the Firs has been withdrawn.

7. 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 Newman Approved

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

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Newman Approved

8. Budget

The Clerk presented a draft budget for discussion. The following were noted.

Village Maintenance Contract

Cllrs Rennie, Cllr Pearson and Cllr Hornsey will review what the Parish Council expects from the contract and report.

Action: Cllr Rennie, Cllr Hornsey, Cllr Pearson

Devolved Services

Cllr Rennie has made enquiries with CGM (current contractor). The Parish Council has been advised that it can enter into a contract for the devolved services four years on the basis that in year 1 there will be no cost increase and in years 2, 3 and 4 the increase would be fixed at 4% per year. Alternatively, there could be an annual contract that would increase at RPI which can be between 2% and 10%.

It was proposed that the Parish Council enter into a 4 year contract with no rise in year one and a 4% rise thereafter as opposed to RPI to provide for certainty.

Proposed: Cllr Newman Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Approved

Rec Grass Cutting

The contractor is increasing their fees to £125 per cut, further discussion will be undertaken.

Action: Cllr Rennie

The budget was considered, and it was proposed that it be approved as attached.

Proposed: Cllr Newman Seconded: Cllr Pearson Approved

9. Precept

It was proposed that a precept request be made in the sum of £42,000

Proposed: Cllr Newman Seconded: Cllr Pearson Approved

10. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Hornsey

The lights have been checked and are in working order. There is some cutting back to clear obscured lights which Cllr Hornsey has arranged to be cut back.

The defibrillator is in good order.

Footpaths, Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

Anglian Water will be making repairs to Main Street in March and have requested a closure of Main Street for three days.

The outstanding list of repairs is shorter than it was, however, the ones older than one year will be re reported.

Concern raised that some have been closed on the system as repaired, when they haven't been. They will be re reported.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

Cllr Newman sought clarification as to the cost incurred to date and the balance available.

The pond committee will be meeting 23.01.25 and will consider the information board and the moles.

Recreation Ground Play Area – Cllr Rennie

All in order.

School Playground - Cllr Hornsey

All in order.

Cemetery - Cllr Newman

Cllr Newman will take over responsibility for the cemetery.

Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

As above

Recreation Ground-Cllr Hornsey

Enquiries will be made as to the cost of cutting the hedge at the recreation field.

Action: Cllr Maxwell and Cllr Rennie

Quotes will be obtained to replace the roof on the toilet block, this will reduce the need to hire toilets for events such as the Fete.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

All in order.

11. The Red Lion and The Royal Oak

The Parish Council's nominations for the Red Lion and The Royal Oak to be registered as Assets of Community Value (ACV) were accepted by Buckinghamshire Council and they have accordingly been registered.

The Red Lion – An intention to sell has been lodged by the owner and the Red Lion Community Group have submitted their intention to bid for it.

The Royal Oak – An intention to sell has been registered by the owner. This means that any community group that would wish to purchase the property can express their interest but must do so and complete the paperwork, with 6 weeks of 10th January 2025. Cllr Hornsey has notified the village via Facebook. Time is limited to establish a group and issue an intention to bid. A group would need to have the skill and expertise to formulate the bid and then to arrange its running/management.

The Parish Council has investigated funding, and it could obtain funding, but it would be by way of a large loan and a separate company would need to be formed. The Parish Councilors do not feel that they have the necessary skill or experience to do this, and they question the financial viability of such a venture, that would expose the Parish Council should a loan be obtained. The Parish Council will support any community group that wishes to bid.

12. Tree on the Triangle

A resident has offered to contribute to a tree on the Triangle. Cllr Hornsey has made enquiries as to a suitable tree. To purchase the tree, plant it and erect a suitable barrier will be in the region of £500. Cllr Hornsey will liaise with the resident, and it was agreed that the Parish Council will meet the balance. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

13. Correspondence.

- a. Resident – Footpath behind the potteries. Enquiries have been made and the Parish Council has been advised that the electric fence at hand height has not been turned on.
- b. Tingewick Midsummer Fete 21.06.25 at 1.00pm – Callum Anderson MP will be asked if he will open the fete. **Action: Clerk**

14. Recreation Ground Report/Development

The revised quotation has been received but is well in excess of the funds available, further quotes are being obtained. The team is meeting and will report back

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to take place on 26th February 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman’s Signature.....

Date