

## **TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Hornsey (Chairman)  
Cllr Grant  
Cllr Rennie  
Cllr Sullivan  
Cllr Pearson  
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)  
County Councillor Mahon

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 Member of the public

#### **121. Apologies**

Cllr Newman  
Cllr Maxwell  
County Councillor Fealey

#### **122. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Sullivan declared an interest in Item 134 being a contractor who has quoted for the work.  
Cllr Sullivan will take no part in the discussion.

#### ***Open Forum – One member of the public in attendance***

***Discussion regarding whether there are rules around garden bonfires and resulting smoke. Concern regarding burning of garden waste at the Church. The Parish Council will look into this. The general rules regarding nuisance are applicable and it can be reported to the County Council who have the power to issue an abatement notice. Should a bonfire be dangerous the fire brigade will act accordingly.***

#### **123. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 27.08.25**

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

Proposed: Cllr Sullivan      Seconded: Cllr Pearson      Approved

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

- **Item 85 b ii – First Aid Training** - Quote obtained from St Johns Ambulance £1,330 for 24 attendees on site at £55.41 per person. Cllr Pearson advised that the Village Hall Committee has obtained a quote for £7.50 per person for one hour, which they have accepted and the first session will take place after their next committee meeting for their team. Cllr Pearson will attend the training and will report back as to whether the Parish Council should commission training.

- **Item 100. Replacement Bench at Stockley's Lane** – Repairs have commenced but it has been identified that the metal frame in the concrete posts have rusted beyond repair. A new bench will be sourced. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**
- **Item 101 – Replacement Litter Bin** – It will be installed at the same time as the bench at Stockleys Lane
- **Item 102 – Village Planters** – They have been purchased and arrangements made for collection.
- **Item 104 - Encroachment of roads and pathways**  
The encroachment over the footpath from the village to the roundabout and on to the golf club was reported. BC have advised that it is not an urgent matter and will be added to a package of work for a later date.  
Working party to be established to clear weeds etc in due course.
- **Open Forum-August 2025-** it was noted that the land in issue is not the responsibility of Fairhive but in private ownership.

## 125. Buckinghamshire Councilors' Reports

Cllr Mahon attended and provided an oral report.

- Buckinghamshire's Local Plan has been circulated for consultation, a substantial number of new houses and a new town are required. It was noted that due to a lack of 5-year land plan it will be very difficult to refuse planning applications.
- Buckinghamshire is 640 pitches below what is required for Travelers sites, further applications will be made.
- The first new Community Board meeting will take place on 25.09.25.

### Questions

- Can we seek funding from the Community Board? The Community Board no longer has funding to provide to local areas. They however have staff who will assist with identifying funds and drafting applications.
- Who is responsible for removing signs after highways work? The utility company that undertook the work is responsible. There will be a daily fine due to BC for each day a sign is uncollected. It is acknowledged that this is a county wide issue. Cllr Mahon will follow this up with Highways.

## 126. Planning

No applications received

## 127. Accounts

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

- a. It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted along with the following additional-payments
    - a. BP516 Forde and McHugh – street light repair - £192
    - b. BP517 to Cllr Hornsey – reimbursement for weedkiller - £16.50
    - c. BP518 to Cllr Hornsey - reimbursement for petrol for mower - £25.27
- Proposed: Cllr Rennie                      Seconded: Cllr Sullivan                      Approved

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

Proposed: Cllr Grant

Seconded: Cllr Sullivan

Approved

### **128. Village Maintenance Contract**

Cllr Pearson and Cllr Sullivan have met with the village contractor to agree a revised schedule.

Proposals were received and were discussed.

- Trickle Charger for Ride-On Mower: Agreed to be purchased by the Parish Council.
- Tyre Pump for Ride-On Mower: Agreed to be purchased by the Parish Council
- Servicing of Ride-On Mower: Agreed to be funded by the Parish Council
- Petrol for Parish Council mower: Agreed to be reimbursed by the Parish Council
- Beech Hedge Along Chapel Track: This requires substantial work and is outside of the contract. A specialist contractor will be approached. **Action: Cllr Rennie and Cllr Pearson**
- Cemetery Dump Site: This will be considered but there are access issues for a grab lorry.
- Cemetery Bench: This is in process
- Broken Gate Posts: The Parish Council is dealing with this

#### Contract Fee.

An increase in the contract fee has been requested.

It was noted that inflation from 2020 to 2025 would have increased a £500 contract to £650 (as per Bank of England inflation calculator).

It was proposed that the contract fee be increased to £650 per month commencing from end of October 2025.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey

Seconded: Cllr Sullivan

Agreed

### **129. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda**

#### Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Hornsey

Lights in good order.

The defibrillator is in good order.

#### Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

No report

#### Footpaths (rural) – Cllr Sullivan

Popular footpaths have been added to the manifest.

It was agreed that village working parties are a good idea and will be explored.

#### Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

An issue has arisen with the information board as there appear to be water marks on the inside.

This has been reported and will be rectified.

It is proposed that the remaining money will be used in the in the Springtime to plant etc.

A separate fund is now being kept by Graham Goodrich.

#### Recreation Ground Grasscutting – Cllr Rennie

Next playing field cut due 26.09.25.

Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

Cut number 5 took place on 18.08.25, two more cuts are due as were slowed down due to the dry weather.

School Playground - Cllr Pearson

Equipment checked and in order.  
As below at Item 130.

Recreation Ground Play Equipment – Cllr Grant

Equipment checked and in order.

Cemetery - Cllr Newman

All in good order.

No more issues have been reported regarding 'scattering of flowers'.

The repair to the gate has been followed up and a response is awaited.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Recreation Ground-Cllr Hornsey

As below at item 134.

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

The broker has suggested a new insurance company, Ecclesiastical, with a higher premium than last year. However it was noted that there is now the increased cost of the changing rooms at the recreation field.

Cllr Pearson has raised questions with the broker and will report back with a proposal.

**130. School Playground Resurfacing**

A detailed site visit took place and after detailed measurements taken and varying depths of surface required for different play items a revised quote of £19,379.44 (plus VAT) was provided.

It was proposed that the Parish Council proceed with the work as quoted. The money will be funded by the Parish Council but grant funding will be investigated. It was suggested that surface colour be requested at no extra cost.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey    Seconded: Cll Rennie    Approved

**Action: Clerk**

**131. Christmas Lunch 13.12.25**

Flyer has been drafted and will now be finalised and printed.

**Action: Cllr Newman**

Flyers will be circulated.

**Action: Cllr Sullivan**

It was noted that there have been many kind offers of assistance with the lunch.

**132. Christmas Tree Lighting 29.11.25**

Tree to be erected 27.11.25.

Tree lighting ceremony 29.11.25 accompanied by a silver band and school choir.

**133. Correspondence.**

- a. Heritage - Application for a memorial tablet permit - Approved

- b. Resident – Trim Trail at Recreation Field – CGM to be approached to cleared of encroaching weeds.

**Action: Cllr Rennie**

**134. Recreation Ground Report/Development**

Gazebo - consideration given to a larger structure (8m x 4m) with a pitch roof, costings for design and build, quote received for £4,975. It was noted that this is higher than the previous quotation but will be a larger structure and more suitable for the space available.

Proposed: Cllr Grant    Seconded: Cllr Pearson    Approved

HS2 Funding – Clerk is chasing up for the final quote for the play equipment.

**135. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall, Tingewick.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman's Signature.....

Date .....