

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th JUNE 2025 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Newman (Vice Chairperson)
Cllr Rennie
Cllr Maxwell
Cllr Pearson
Cllr Sullivan
Cllr Grant
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Mahon Buckinghamshire County Councillor

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 Members of the public

74. Apologies

Cllr Hornsey, Chairman. (Vice chairperson Cllr Newman took the chair)

75. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

<i>Open Forum - No members of the public were in attendance</i>
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76. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 28.05.25

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

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Sullivan Approved

77. Matters arising for information and reports only

None raised.

78. Buckinghamshire Councilors' Reports

Cllr Mahon presented an oral report.

It was noted that he has been appointed Chairman of the North Buckinghamshire Community Board. The Board is seeking greater engagement with the parishes. As such each Parish Council will be asked to nominate a member to attend the board meetings. It is envisaged that the meetings will initially be via Teams and then in person to be held in parishes with car parks, Tingewick being one. As the budget is limited, a survey will be sent to each parish seeking information as to priorities for the board to consider.

Questions

1. Follow up on last month's question re collection of community rates. Cllr Mahon passed this to the relevant officer at Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Pearson followed it up but has not received any response from the officer. Cllr Pearson will follow it up.

2. Finmere Mill sign on the Bypass, and the summer road resurfacing programme, particularly the Gawcott to Grendon Underwood road. Cllr Maxwell noted that there has been no response to his questions raised by email. This will be followed up.
3. Concern raised regarding the comments on planning applications on the planning portal being removed.

79. Planning

- a. 25/01697/APP-TINGEWICK. The Coach House, Grove Hill Farm, Tingewick. Householder application for a single storey extension and car port to dwelling house. No objections subject to no increased traffic.

80. Accounts

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

- a. It was proposed that the Transaction Report be accepted.
Proposed: Cllr Grant Seconded: Cllr Sullivan Approved
- b. It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.
Proposed: Cllr Grant Seconded: Cllr Sullivan Approved

The fete accounts are in the process of being collated and will be available for the next meeting.

81. Village Maintenance Contract

Review of village maintenance contract and request for increase in contract payment.

The clerk read out the contractor's email dated 20.06.25 which sets out a further proposal for reduced work, with the bin emptying being excluded, but with no increase in costs.

Actions:

- a. Bins – It was agreed that Cllr Maxwell will arrange for Buckinghamshire Council to empty the bins.
Action: Cllr Maxwell
- b. Working Party –Cllr Sullivan and Cllr Pearson will review the current work schedule and will report at the next meeting

82. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Hornsey

No report.

Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

A light requires repair on Water Stratford Road. This is the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council and has been reported for repair.

Various potholes have been repaired this month.

Footpaths (rural) – Cllr Sullivan

Sara Fordy attended the meeting.

Sara kindly assists the Parish Council with walking the village footpaths and reporting concerns. It was noted that Gorrell had been reported but was still in a poor condition. It was asked what the position is for the maintenance. It was noted that there is a contract regarding general village maintenance that included footpaths and that it is due to be discussed this evening.

Cllr Sullivan has responsibility for footpaths, and he shared his details with Sara.
Sara was thanked for her continued assistance.

Footpath at Gorrell Lane –Cllr Sullivan and Cllr Pearson will walk the path and cut back what they can and if further work is required will report back as to action required. **Action: Cllr Sullivan**

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

There will be a report next month.

Recreation Ground Grasscutting – Cllr Rennie

The work is being undertaken to a good standard and it was noted that Recreation Ground looked very good for the Fete.

Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

We should have been at cut 4, but only 2 have taken place so far due to the dry weather conditions. Cllr Rennie reported that the contractor is flexible, and we will have credit for the cuts/roll over to the next contract.

School Playground - Cllr Pearson

Inspection undertaken and minor remedial work has been identified which will be undertaken.

Recreation Ground Play Equipment – Cllr Grant

Inspections undertaken and all in good order

Cemetery - Cllr Newman

All in good order.

The gate and fence posts have not yet been repaired, this will be followed up.

Recreation Ground-Cllr Hornsey

No report, however it was noted that the changing rooms and welfare unit have now arrived and connected.

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

The new units at the Recreation Ground have been added to the insurance policy and the premium paid.

83. Obscured Street Light at Forge Close

This will be considered at the next meeting.

84. Grasscutting at Stowe View and The Maltings

The Maltings – This was the responsibility of AVDC and has now been taken over by Buckinghamshire Council. It is cut annually. This year's cut has been delayed due to lack of staff. Concern was raised at the area only being cut once a year. Enquiries will be made as to whether BC will be prepared to add it to our devolved schedule. **Action: Clerk**

Stowe View – Fairhive have responsibility for this area and have been requested to attend to it.

85. Correspondence.

- a. Arc Memorials – Request for a memorial permit-Bennett - Approved.
- b. Daisy First Aid - Community First Aid Courses – It was agreed that consideration should be given to funding first aid training for representatives of the village societies.

It was agreed that

- i. Cllr Pearson to take it to back to Village Hall Management Committee to enquire as to costs and alternative quotations. **Action: Cllr Pearson**
- ii. Enquiries are to be made of Buckinghamshire Council as to whether they offer first aid training. **Action: Clerk**

86. Recreation Ground Report/Development

The changing room and welfare units have arrived and been installed.

Following from the Parish Council's wish to encourage a wider use of the recreation field, Cllr Rennie proposed further investigation into the following options

- a. Outdoor yoga and to consider funding the first session.
- b. Establishing a running club
- c. A pétanque pitch

Action: Cllr Rennie

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Village Pubs

The Red Lion - An update is awaited regarding the community purchase. The clerk will contact the community group for an update. **Action: Clerk**

The Royal Oak - There is no information available. Clerk to contact Admiral Taverns for further information. **Action: Clerk**

88. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday 30th July at 7.00pm** (this being the fifth Wednesday) in the Village Hall, Tingewick.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman's Signature.....

Date