

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 Members of the public

16. Apologies

Cllr Sullivan
Cllr Pearson
Cllr Newman
Cllr Fealey Buckinghamshire Councillor
Cllr Cornell Buckinghamshire Councillor
Cllr Stutchbury Buckinghamshire Councillor

17. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

<i>Open Forum - No members of the public were in attendance</i>

18. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 22.01.25

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

Proposed: Cllr Rennie Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved

19. Matters arising for information and reports only

Item 10 – Recreation Ground. The roof has been repaired, and the hedge has been cut

20. Buckinghamshire Councilors' Reports

No councillors in attendance as they are required at a full Buckinghamshire Council meeting.

21. Planning

No planning applications for consideration this month.

22. 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 Rennie Approved

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

Proposed: Cllr Rennie Seconded: Cllr Grant Approved

23. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Allocation of roles: Cllr Grant will take responsibility for the recreation ground play area

Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Hornsey

The defibrillator is in good order.

There have been no reports of lights that are out of order.

Shading issues have been reported, one has been resolved by the resident and Cllr Hornsey is assisting with another.

Old Forge Close – an unowned tree obscures the light. Cllr Hornsey is obtaining two estimates to remove the tree.

Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

Numerous litre nitrous oxide cannisters have been found next to the village approach road from A421. The matter to be reported to the police. **Action: Cllr Maxwell**

Various street signs still need to be repaired. They will continue to be reported.

Junction at Stockley's Lane, has been reported, marked up and will be repaired.

Junctions at West Well Lane and Strangers Lane have been reported, marked up and will be repaired.

Repairs to be undertaken at the village boundary with Water Stratford.

Cllr Hornsey has made enquires as to how best to deal with the moles.

Footpaths – Cllr Sullivan

Tingewick Park/Maltings – a new sign has been erected without the knowledge of the Parish Council. This will be reviewed.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

Cllr Hornsey has made enquiries as to how best to deal with them.

Cllr Maxwell has tried a sonic device to repel the moles, with little success.

It was considered that laying traps could be dangerous to residents.

Gassing has been recommended but is costly. Cllr Hornsey will obtain further quotes.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Recreation Ground Grasscutting– Cllr Rennie

It was noted that the proposed increase in the cutting fee was proportionate.

The papers for the four-year contract are awaited.

The first grass cut will be scheduled for mid-March, subject to weather conditions.

Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

Awaiting the contract for the four-year contract.

It is anticipated that the first cut will be early April subject to weather conditions.

School Playground - Cllr Pearson

Cllr Hornsey is waiting for a quote for the playground repair.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Recreation Ground Play Equipment – Cllr Grant

All in order.

Cemetery - Cllr Newman

The woden gate requires repair. It was noted that the gate is not used and could potentially be replaced by a fence. Cllr Hornsey will investigate and make a recommendation as to whether the gate should be repaired or whether a fence should be erected.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Cllr Grant will obtain a quotation for a potential fence.

Action: Cllr Grant

Recreation Ground-Cllr Hornsey

The toilet block roof has been repaired.

The hedge has been cut.

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Nothing to report.

24. Cemetery

A request has been received to use a burial plot in the cemetery for the interment of cremated ashes as opposed to a plot in the Garden of Remembrance. It was agreed that this will be permitted.

Concern raised as to dogs being allowed into the cemetery and the dog waste in the cemetery. Discussion as to whether dogs should be allowed in the cemetery. It was felt that dogs on a leash should be permitted. A sign will to this effect will be obtained. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

25. Correspondence.

- a. Resident – Approval of wording for memorial plaque. Approved
- b. Finmere Parish Council – Concern regarding light pollution from the service station. Question raised as to whether the current lighting levels were approved. A letter to be sent to the planning department, copied to the service station, asking whether the agreed lighting levels are being complied with. **Action: Clerk**
- c. Resident – letter of thanks received regarding the Tingewick Civil Charities
- d. Finmere Parish Council – concern has been raised regarding a dangerous tree by the bus stop in Little Tingewick. It has been suggested that it is not the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council. A quote for its removal has been obtained for £275. This was approved.
- e. The Christmas tree has been disposed of with a request of £5.00 to the British Heart Foundation. As the Parish Council does not have a debit card or petty cash it was agreed that Cllr Hornsey will make the donation and be reimbursed.

26. Recreation Ground Report/Development

Changing Rooms

Cllr Hornsey, Cllr Newman and Mrs Lightfoot visited a club that has purchased a prefabricated changing room from the company that the Parish Council is liaising with. The units are custom made and can be adapted to accommodate disabled facilities.

Cllr Hornsey set out the various options that are available.

A 30% deposit was required however it was explained that the s106 funds will not be released until proof of delivery and the company agreed to it being waived.

It was recommended that there be an outdoor boot cleaning area.

An outside decking area would also be helpful

Cleaning costs will also need to be factored into ongoing costs in due course.

Proposal:

It was proposed that the Parish Council purchases a prefabricated 40ft x10ft changing facility in the region £40,000 and a prefabricated 20ft x10ft welfare area with disabled toilet in the region of £21,270. Site preparation costs estimated to be in the region of £12,500

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Maxwell Approved

Car Park

Cllr Hornsey, the Clerk and Mrs Lightfoot are meeting with the HS2 community fund on 28.02.25 to discuss how they may be able to offer additional funding/help towards the project at the Recreation Field.

There was discussion as to the size of the proposed car park and whether a car park was required. It was agreed that there will need to be provision for disabled parking and emergency services access/parking is necessary.

It was agreed that Cllr Hornsey will make enquiries as to options and will report back to the Parish Council.

The issue of litter at the recreation field after the football games will be raised with the retailer.

Action: Cllr Rennie

27. Date of Next Meeting

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

Annual Parish Council Meeting – as there are to be local elections on 1st May 2025 the Parish Council must meet within 14 days of the election of the councilors. It was agreed that the Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman's Signature.....

Date