

## **TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 2 Members of the public

#### **108. Apologies**

Cllr Grant

#### **109. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest.

#### ***Open Forum – 2 members of the public in attendance***

***Development at Buckingham Street. The meeting was advised that contractors arrived on site to clear the area on the morning of 22.08.25, no prior notice had been given. The cut down trees and scrub was burnt, as opposed to being chipped or removed from site. The burning went on over the Bank Holiday weekend, causing such a degree of smoke and ash that the fire brigade was called. Cllr Fealey had confirmed that the site belongs to Fairhive and that he has reported the incident to the council's planning enforcement team for action.***

***Videos of the incident will be sent to Cllr Mahon, who is on the board of Fairhive, he will pass them to Fairhive's operations director for comment and will report back to the Clerk.***

***It was questioned whether there was a potential breach of planning as work appears to be in excess of the approved planning permission.***

***Cllr Mahon will raise the residents' concerns regarding recompense for damaged garden furniture and arrange for a representative to meet the residents and Parish Councilors.***

***It was agreed that the clerk would write to Fairhives operations manager to gain an understanding of how this incident was allowed to happen.***

***Cllr Mahon will ask Fairhive to send out a site manager to assess the site as there are concerns that it is unsafe.***

***(Post Meeting Note: It has since been established that Fairhive are not the owners of the land and that it is in private ownership. The private owners have been identified and contacted.)***

#### **110. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 30.07.25**

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

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell      Seconded: Cllr Pearson      Approved

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

- **Item 85 b ii – First Aid Training** - Quote obtained from St Johns Ambulance £1,350 for 24 attendees on site. The Clerk will seek clarification on the figures and Cllr Pearson will check whether the Village Hall Committee has a more competitive option. **Action: Clerk**
- **Item 86 – Recreation Ground** - Cllr Maxwell has ordered a brown amenities sign from Buckinghamshire.
- **Item 94 – Development at the Royal Oak** - No response has been received from Mr French.
- **Item 97 – Footpaths** - Gorrell Lane/Deadmans Walk - Collapsed Fence. Cllr Sullivan attended the site and reported that the obstruction has been removed by the landowner.
- **Item 99 - Obscured Street Light at Forge Close** - The tree surgeon has recommended that the tree be cut down as opposed to heavily cut back at a cost of £1,275. As the tree is outside of the conservation area permission will not be required.

It was proposed that the tree surgeon be instructed at a cost of £1,275

Proposed: Cllr Pearson      Seconded: Cllr Sullivan      Agreed

- **Item 100. Replacement Bench at Stockley's Lane** - It was reported that as the bench is concreted in new wooden slats will be purchased to repair it. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**
- **Item 101 - Replacement Litter Bin** - the new litter bin will be installed at the bus stop on a new post. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**
- **Item 102. Replacement of Village Planters and Village Gate**
  - Village Planters –Various options have been investigated. The most appropriate are Galvanized water troughs, with suitable drainage at 40cm in height x 90cm or 40cm x 180cm.  
It was proposed that four troughs be purchased (40cm x 120cm) at £127.90 plus vat each  
Proposed: Cllr Pearson      Seconded: Cllr Newman      Agreed      **Action: Cllr Rennie**
  - Village Gate (Finmere Road). The Local Area Technician advises that the parts to repair the gate have been ordered and should be repaired shortly.

- **Item 103 School Playground Surface Repair**

The meeting received the three quotations for the work. It was noted that one did not offer under-surface groundwork repair and as such was ruled out. After discussion, it was agreed that Abacus appeared to be the most appropriate. A site meeting will be arranged between the company and Cllr Hornsey to further discuss the proposed work. The Clerk will also review the company's reviews. The matter will then be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey and Clerk**

- **Item 104 Encroachment of roads and pathways** Cllr Maxwell has cleared the areas of encroachments and it was noted that the school hedge has been cut.  
It was also noted that the footpath from the village to the roundabout and on to the golf club was dangerous due to overgrown vegetation. It is an important route, there being no public transport serving that area. This will be reported to Bucks Council. **Action: Clerk**

## 112. Buckinghamshire Councilors' Reports

Cllr Mahon and Cllr Fealey attended.

Cllr Fealy provided an oral report.

- Buckingham Street – it was agreed that the cutting and burning work over the Bank Holiday was not acceptable and has been passed to the planning enforcement team.
- Royal Oak - several concerns have been raised regarding the planning application to the rear of the property and planning officers are looking into it, but it will take some time for it to be considered.
- Cllr Mahon is trying to place the Royal Oak on the 'at risk' register due to lack of maintenance and the condition of the building, there are concerns that winter weather will cause severe damage. If registered, it will compel Admiral Taverns to maintain the property or sell it.
- It was noted that Parsonage Farm at the Triangle may benefit from inclusion on the 'at risk' register. Clerk to pass details to Cllr Fealey. **Action: Clerk**
- Election expenses – it was felt that the fees that the Parish Council is being asked to pay is a significant sum for an uncontested election. Concern was also raised that the process was unnecessarily bureaucratic. The Chairman asked that the meeting's concerns were passed to the County Council.
- There is no date yet for the resurfacing at Gawcott as it is reliant of the opening of the HS2 route.

## 113. Planning

- a. 25/02011/APP-TINGEWICK. The Old Bakery, Main Street, Tingewick. Proposed infilling of two internal doors to create two separate dwellings and installation of replacement steps to rear garden. **No Objections.**

## 114. 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 Pearson      Approved
- b. It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.  
Proposed: Cllr Hornsey      Seconded: Cllr Pearson      Approved

## 115. Village Maintenance Contract

Work is ongoing on this item.

## 116. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

### Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Hornsey

A light at Buckingham Street requires repair.

The defibrillator is in good order

**Action: Cllr Hornsey**

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

Anglian Water have undertaken work on Main Street (by Sunday School) but seem to have removed good tarmac and replaced with temporary tarmac.

Potholes are being repaired quickly.

Work is still required at sandpit hill

#### Footpaths (rural) – Cllr Sullivan

Nothing to report

#### Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

The noticeboard is due to be erected imminently.

Advice has been taken regarding the appropriate plants for the area.

The pond is completely dry but will refill when it rains. It was noted that it is not feasible to clear the dried silt at this stage as it will cost in the region of £40,000.

#### Recreation Ground Grasscutting – Cllr Rennie

All in good order.

#### Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

Comments received regarding how lovely the village is looking

Cut 5 was undertaken on 18.08.25, cut 6 is due 26.08.25. Two more cuts are due under the contract.

A different individual undertook that last two cuts and some areas were missed, this was reported and promptly rectified.

#### School Playground - Cllr Pearson

As above.

#### Recreation Ground Play Equipment – Cllr Grant

Inspections undertaken and all in good order

The damaged swinging basket is currently being stored ready to be reinstalled when the damaged hanging brackets have been repaired.

#### Cemetery - Cllr Newman

All in good order.

Report received of an isolated case of vandalism (flower heads being cut off).

The repair to the gate will be followed up.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey**

#### Recreation Ground-Cllr Hornsey

The football club will ensure that the premises are left in the same condition as they found them.

It was noted that the football club will need keys to the changing rooms and kitchen area.

Discussions to be had regarding white goods in the kitchen.

#### Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Nothing to report.

### 117. Christmas Lunch

The Parish Council would like to arrange a free Christmas Lunch for those on their own to take place on the afternoon of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Numbers will need to be known for village hall capacity and catering and we will need to be able to reach out to those who may wish to attend.

1. Cllr Newman will design a flyer which will be circulated to the Parish Council for views.
2. Cllr Rennie will speak with Rev Paula
3. Cllr Maxwell will speak to the Historical society

### 118. Correspondence.

- a. Thomas Cakebread – Application for Memorial Permit – Mr McAllister - Approved
- b. Buckinghamshire Council– Invitation to Buckinghamshire Highways' and Transport Stakeholder Conference 29.09.25. – Cllr Maxwell to attend
- c. Buckingham Community Board Meeting – Cllr Maxwell will attend if available.
- d. Calum Anderson MP-Invitation to Joint Parishes Meeting 17.09.25 5.30pm. Cllr Newman, Cllr Pearson, Cllr Hornsey will attend.

### 119. Recreation Ground Report/Development

A suitable gazebo has been identified that can be erected by the Parish Council. A further quotation will be obtained.

**Action: Cllr Sullivan**

The costings for a Pétanque pitch will be obtained.

**Action: Cllr Rennie**

It will be established whether the area is suitable for a cricket square

**Action: Cllr Rennie**

### 120. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Tingewick.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman's Signature.....

Date .....