

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th AUGUST 2026 AT 7.00 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 Members of the public

129. Apologies

None

130. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest.

Open Forum – 3 members of the public in attendance.

The Clerk read out an email from a resident who was unable to attend the meeting regarding the land (0.04 acres) for auction at Gorrell Lane at a sale guide price of £8,500.

Noted that the land is outside of the Conservation Area.

The concern is that the land may be used inappropriately.

It was questioned whether an application could be made to the waste management sites at Finmere and/or Steeple Claydon to fund a community project in the village to purchase the land? This is likely to be outside of the auction timescales.

The Parish Council has the power to purchase land, but it must be demonstrated that it is for the benefit of the village in order for precept money to be used.

It was confirmed that an application cannot be made for HS2 funding to purchase the land as the Parish Council must wait 18 months before making a further application.

It was discussed whether the residents that are most impacted may be able to jointly purchase it.

It was noted that if the land could be established as a community asset it could delay the sale to enable funds to be raised. This will also be outside of the auction timescale.

Discussion as to whether there could be a Tree Preservation Order made on the Field Maple. It was noted that the procedure will be outside the auction timescale.

The Parish Council will approach the developer to ascertain whether they would wish to provide the land to the Parish Council given that Buckinghamshire Council, and latterly the Parish Council, have cut the grass and maintained it.

131. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 22.07.26

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

Proposed: Cllr Sullivan Seconded: Cllr Newman Approved

132. Matters arising for information and reports only that are not on the agenda.

Item 120-Street Furniture – The bin will be removed from the church telegraph pole and resited.

133. Buckinghamshire County Councillors Reports

Cllr Fealey provided an oral report noting the following.

- The Government has announced their revised National Planning Policy Framework which implements changes to facilitate the fast-tracking of the development of homes around train and tram stations. This will impact on Winslow and Aylesbury.
- A significant amount of infrastructure is required to meet the needs of the proposed developments in the Buckinghamshire Plan. It is envisaged that the CiL (Community Infrastructure Levy) will be used to provide infrastructure.
- Noted that the majority of development being in the north of the county is due to the greenbelt in the south.
- Will Cllr Fealey and Cllr Mahon use their nomination to nominate Main Street, Tingewick for comprehensive repair?
It was confirmed that they will first receive a priority list from BCC and then consider priority.
- The highway repairs from Gawcott Pond to the Tingewick/Preston junction have been raised and are being considered.
- It was noted that notwithstanding that footpath TIN38/1 has been reported numerous times for maintenance nothing has happened. Cllr Fealey will follow this up.

134. Planning

a. APP/EPR/738-Finmere Quarry-Appeal against revocation of environmental permit.

The Clerk has liaised with Finmere Parish Council. It was agreed that Tingewick Parish Council will support Finmere in their position.

b. Buckinghamshire Local Plan Consultation – Cllr Pearson, Cllr Hornsey and the Clerk have undertaken a site visit, taken images and will draft objections for consideration. **Action: Clerk**

135. Accounts

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

a. It was proposed that the Transactions be paid.

Proposed: Cllr Pearson Seconded: Cllr Sullivan Approved

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

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Rennie Approved

136. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting – Cllr Hornsey

Cllr Maxwell has completed the inventory of street lighting, which has been submitted to the National Grid.

Four streetlights have now been reported for repair.

Defibrillator – Cllr Sullivan

The defibrillator has been checked and in good order.

The Clerk located a different battery supplier; a new battery has now been received and installed.

Webinos need to update the expiry date of the battery on the website.

Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

Roads – concerns raised with Cllr Fealey as above

Focused on litter and dog bins this month. BCC has a new operative, and the quality of the work is intermittent. The supervisor provided further training but not with complete success. Cllr Maxwell will continue to monitor the situation.

Agreed to hold back payment for dog bins for 4 weeks in August.

Footpaths (rural) – Cllr Newman

Gorrell Lane – The work to clear the top and bottom of the footpath will take place on 14/15 September and thereafter will be maintained by the village contractor.

Other paths cleared and maintained as required.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

The pond has been cleared with the goodwill of residents.

The Parish Council extended thanks to those that gave their time and assisted.

Cemetery -Cllr Newman

The order for the GPR mapping has been placed and a date for the survey is awaited.

Hedge cutting and work to clear and level graves will commence in September.

When the graves have been leveled, local firm CJM have kindly offered to provide the turf to reinstate them free of charge. The Parish Council is grateful for their offer.

Recreation Ground Grasscutting-Cllr Rennie

The next grass cut was due to take place on 24.08.26, however due to the dry weather it was agreed that it would be put back to 02.09.26 if needed.

Three more cuts are due this season under the contract.

Devolved Powers Cllr Rennie

All in order.

Recreation Ground Play Area- Cllr Grant

Manuals for the equipment have been received, and the equipment is all in order.

CCTV has been installed to guard against anti-social behavior.

It was noted that the new playground has been extremely well used over the summer.

School Playground – Cllr Hornsey reported on behalf of Cllr Pearson

All in order.

Recreation Ground -Cllr Hornsey

The Clerk, Cllr Hornsey and Cllr Maxwell met with the Police Community Support Officer to discuss safety measures.

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Nothing to report.

137. Land for Auction at Gorrell Close

Further to the discussion above at Open Forum, it was noted that the Parish Council does have the power to purchase the parcel of land if the purchase would benefit the village.

It was felt that there is a risk to the village as a whole should the land be purchased and used inappropriately. It was noted that this has occurred in other local villages, impacting the whole village.

It was agreed that should the parcel of land be used inappropriately it would impact the village and therefore a potential purchase would be a valid use of precept funds pursuant to s137.

It was agreed that Cllr Hornsey will liaise with the developer to discuss the potential of a reduced price.

The matter will be referred back to the Parish Councilors for further consideration should the seller be willing to sell at a reduced price.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

138. Christmas Residents Lunch (12.12.26)

Update on numbers and planning

The Village Café is fundraising in October for the event.

139. Village Welcome Pack

Folders to hold the packs will be obtained.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

140. Recreation Ground Development/S106 Funds

The clerk has submitted a request for the balance of the s106 funds, £22,758.28, to be released to provide for the reinstatement of the trim trail and its enhancement by adding further keep fit equipment, to provide an area for those watching sport and events, along with associated benches, picnic tables etc. BCC has requested further information questioning whether there is sufficient remaining in the fund to undertake this work.

It was agreed that the priority will be the reinstatement of the trim trail and the patio and if there are funds remaining it will be used for the purchase of outdoor furniture for the field (picnic tables/benches etc).

The clerk will advise BCC accordingly.

141 – Village Maintenance Contract

It was noted that there are no further devolved powers that the Parish Council can apply to undertake for additional funds and that the expectation is that Parish Councils set aside precept funding for maintenance, notwithstanding that BCC should be undertaking the work.

It was agreed that a project would be identified and village support sought.
In the interim, the Parish Council will continue to undertake work they can for the village.
Footpath from Wood Lane to Barton Road – it will be considered what work the Parish Council could undertake.

142. Best Kept Village Competition 2026

Tingewick has been judged and received 193 points out of 200. The Judges noted that it is “a really lovely village with clear evidence of the efforts made by villagers in keeping it so.”

143. Correspondence

- a. Banbury Memorials-Memorial Permit-Mr Farrell-Approved

144. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 23rd September at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall, Tingewick.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman’s Signature..... Date