

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd JULY 2026 AT 7.00 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 Member of the public

113. Apologies

Cllr Grant
Cllr Pearson

114. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest.

Open Forum – 1 member of the public in attendance.

It was reported that the environmental measures set out in the planning requirements at Field Close have been successful and attracted Swifts.

115. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 24.06.26

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

Proposed: Cllr Maxwell Seconded: Cllr Newman Approved

116. Matters arising for information and reports only

No matters that are not on the agenda as below.

117. Buckinghamshire County Councillors Reports

Cllr Fealey responded to the questions that had been put forward in advance

- Nomination of Main Street Road – repairs will be undertaken on 28.07.26. It is not known the nature, extent nor precise location. The Clerk will contact Highways for clarification.
- Update on the registration of The Parsonage, Tingewick, as a building at risk. It was confirmed that this has been registered. The meeting was advised that it had been visited in last 12 months and no concerns were raised. It was noted that the property passed to new owners via inheritance, but their details are not known.
 - Concern was raised that the boundary walls are dangerous. Cllr Rennie will obtain the details of the owners and pass to Cllr Fealey so that BCC can make contact.

- Update on the Royal Oak as a building at risk (condition noted to be poor) – it was confirmed that it has been visited in the last 12 months, no concerns were raised.
 - It was asked whether there could be a revisit as structural damage has been noted and it is very likely that there is water egress. Cllr Fealey will ask that a new visit be undertaken.
- County's position on the Buckinghamshire Local Area Plan and speculative applications. The plan is progressing; it will be issued by 23.07.26 when the consultation period commences. It will then be submitted to the Government by December for approval.
 - Noted that the public should be able to see the proposed area, but this is not possible. Cllr Fealey will follow this up.
 - It was noted that there is no access to the land that is contained in the plan. Cllr Fealey will take this issue up.
 - Cllr Hornsey attended the recent parish briefing Teams meeting for the plan, it was noted to be rushed. It was questioned how it can be that the north takes 75% of the new homes and south 25% when the south has 27 railway stations and North has 1. Infrastructure is already very limited, and flooding is a key issue. The Parish Council will respond to the consultation.
 - Has Cllr F spoken to the speculative planners at Sandpit Hill. Cllr Fealey advised that he has not. It was noted that the developers are marketing their proposal as flood alleviation with houses as opposed to houses with some flood alleviation. It must be made clear to the planning officers that it is a housing application.
 - Noted that Anglian Water has objected to the proposed development at Sandpit Hill on the basis that they can't handle the waste until at least 2030. It was confirmed that BCC cannot override Anglian Water's objection. Presumably it will be the same for the proposed areas identified in the Buckinghamshire Local Plan.
 - Noted that the medical facilities are entirely inadequate, the medical Centre at Lace Hill that was a requirement to meet the needs of that development has still not opened. It is not feasible to keep adding new homes without investment in services.
 - Cllr Fealey advised that BCC will look at all responses to the Local Plan and take on board what has been said but we are unlikely to receive a response.
 - As County Councilor, do you take a view and put our case? Cllr Fealey advised that he would take a view and will support the parish. Cllr Fealey will be copied into the response to the consultation. Cllr Fealey noted that the existing infrastructure is inadequate and the only way is for the developer to pay for it via CiL, which is part of the plan, and which will split the funds between the PC and BCC (BCC will use for infrastructure).
 - Cllr Maxwell noted that the flooding plan is out of date.
- Devolved functions
 - What devolved functions are available? There are many small jobs that the PC could undertake much quicker, more efficiently and for less cost than BCC undertaking them. For example, there are fallen trees waiting to be collected, the village gates are still awaiting repair (for some years) Cllr Fealey will make enquiries.

- Roads
 - Cllr Fealey advised that he sends the spreadsheet of road repairs that Cllr Maxwell sends him to Mr Roberts who is head of Highways. The issue of the contractor being asleep in their van was passed to Mr Roberts and he has asked for details of the contractor. Cllr Maxwell will pass these to Cllr Fealey
 - The Area Inspector will not repair potholes that are 40mm or less deep. It was noted that there is a pothole outside Little Tingewick House that is 60mm but has not been repaired. Cllr Fealey is meeting with the Area Inspector tomorrow and will raise it.

118. Planning

Buckinghamshire Local Plan Consultation – It was agreed that the Parish Council will start to draft their response. Cllr Hornsey will ascertain whether drafting assistance can be provided.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

119. Accounts

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

a. It was proposed that the Transactions be paid.

Proposed: Cllr Sullivan	Seconded: Cllr Newman	Approved
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b. It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey	Seconded: Cllr Rennie	Approved
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120. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting – Cllr Hornsey

The National Grid has asked for an inventory of types of street lamp. Cllr Maxwell will undertake the review.

Action: Cllr Maxwell

Three light bulbs require replacement.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Defibrillator – Cllr Sullivan

The defibrillator has been checked and in good order.

The Clerk reported that she ordered a new battery in May which has still not been received and she is having difficulties contacting the supplier, no money has yet been paid. It was agreed that the clerk will seek an alternative supplier.

Action: Clerk

Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

As above at Item 117, subsection 'Roads'. Cllr Maxwell reported his frustration that so many queries he raises are not responded to.

A temporary operative, who was unaware of the area, left many bins unemptied. Cllr Maxwell discussed this with BCC and an improvement was noted this week.

The Church has asked if the litter bin by church can be removed. It is a well-used bin, but it is noted that the location is an issue. A site visit will be undertaken to assess and relocate it to a more suitable location.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

Footpaths (rural) – Cllr Newman

- A request has been received to reinstate the footpath by Maytree House as it has gradually diverted over the years. Cllr Hornsey and Cllr Rennie will undertake a site visit.

Action: Cllr Hornsey and Cllr Rennie

- Barton Road – the footpath requires cutting back. This is BCC's responsibility, but it is unlikely that they will act. Cllr Hornsey will review. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**
- Gorrell Lane – BCC has now cut back the dangerous trees after initially refusing; it was noted that our MP became involved.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

Volunteers have offered to dig out the pond whilst it is dry but are unable to dispose of the waste as it is considered hazardous environmental waste and the disposal cost would be in the region of £45,000 which is prohibitive.

Cemetery -Cllr Newman

All in good order.

Recreation Ground Grasscutting-Cllr Rennie

There has been a recent cut and all in order.

Devolved Powers Cllr Rennie

After complaints the cutting looks better, and the Parish Council has not been charged for a cut in recompense.

Recreation Ground Play Area- Cllr Grant

All in order and noted to be well used.

School Playground – Cllr Hornsey reported on behalf of Cllr Pearson

A fixing required repair, which has now been undertaken.

Recreation Ground -Cllr Hornsey

- The new CCTV is to be installed within the week with a camera focusing on the play equipment. A sign will be erected to advise that the area is subject to CCTV.
- The Parish Council will keep looking for other groups to use the facilities.
- Bench repairs are noted to be of a very good standard.

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Nothing to report.

121. Cemetery/GOR Mapping

The Clerk has identified a company that will use GPR to scan the Garden of Remembrance to identify plots that can be used where there are no records.

The Clerk has obtained a quotation from KBGPR Surveys in the sum of £1,400 plus vat however as there are 18 unidentified plots, which if identified and sold will cover this cost and it will also bring clarity to record keeping.

This is a niche area, and KBGPR Surveys specialise in mapping cemeteries, given this and the cost being under £3,000 (Financial Regulations 5.9 and 5.12) the Parish Council is able to proceed on one quote.

It was proposed that KBGPR be commissioned to undertake a GPR survey to scan the Garden of Remembrance to provide an accurate plan. **Action: Clerk**

Proposed: Cllr Newman Seconded: Cllr Hornsey Agreed

122. Christas Residents Dinner

The Christmas Lunch will take place on 12th December 2026.

The cost will be met by fundraising from the Village Cafe and the balance as a s137 expense, on the basis that it has the potential to benefit residents.

123. Christmas Tree/Lights

- Further Christmas Tree lights will be obtained along with Christmas Lights for the bus stop which will be battery operated on timer. **Action: Cllr Maxwell**
- The Christmas Tree will be put up on 26th November 2026 and the lighting ceremony will take place on 28th November 2026.
- The HS2 Engagement team will be asked to contribute towards the purchase of the Christmas Tree.

124. Village Welcome Pack

The Village Welcome Pack will be updated.

Action: Cllr Maxwell

125. Recreation Ground Development/S106 Funds

It was agreed that the balance of the s106 funds should be used at the Recreation Ground to reinstate the trim trail, to add further equipment to it and an extension of the patio area by the changing rooms. The Clerk will submit the request to BCC. **Action: Clerk**

126. Best Kept Village Competition 2026

As the Parish Council is not notified when the judging takes place, we do not know whether it has taken place. We will continue to keep village in good order and report anything that requires attention.

127. Correspondence

- a. Astonhill Land Ltd-Development at Sandpit Hill – This remains opposed, no reply required.
- b. Finmere Woods Land – The landowner does not wish to sell, as such the military veterans' project reported in June's meeting cannot proceed.

128. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 18th August at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall, Tingewick.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman's Signature..... Date