

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Members of the public

18. Apologies

Cllr Rennie

19. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest.

***Open Forum – Two members of the public were in attendance.
Concerns were raised regarding planning application PL/25/6662/FA-High View Upper Street.
It was noted that Cllr Fealey and Cllr McMahon were assisting with this.
It was explained that the proposed extension will encroach onto adjacent property and prevent light.
The Parish Council will consider the application at item 23 below.
The Parish Council can ask for it to be called in so that it will go to a full planning committee for determination as opposed to a single officer.***

20. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 21.01.26

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

Proposed: Cllr Horney Seconded: Cllr Pearson Approved

21. Matters arising for information and reports only

- **Item 48 - Recreation Ground - Trim Trail** – It was agreed that maintenance should wait until the playground equipment has been installed adjacent to the trim trail.
- **Item 148 - Royal Oak** – The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the owner's agent regarding a lease of the car park and followed up but to date no response has been received
- **Item 158 - Footpaths – TIN38/1** -The weather has prevented the work being undertaken. The working party will arrange a new date.
- **Item 158 – Cemetery** – it was clarified that the moss will be removed from the entrance to the cemetery, it is the pathway to the memorial statue that will be left as it is.

- **Item 161 – Request for litter bin by airfield** – BCC have refused permission to install a bin as will ‘encourage fly tipping and littering’
- **Item 5 - Buckinghamshire Councilors’ Reports** – it has been clarified that the figure provided was in error and that the rate is £250 per square meter as opposed to per dwelling.
- **Item 5c** – Cllr Fealey has not yet provide the information requested.
- **Item 12 – Defibrillator** – It was noted in error that a handover meeting would be held with Mrs Lightfoot as she has already handed over responsibility upon leaving the Parish Council.

22. Buckinghamshire Councilors’ Reports

Neither Cllr Fealey nor Cllr McMahon were in attendance. This was noted to be disappointing as the Parish Council had wished to discuss the proposed sites in the village that had been provisionally identified in BCC’s Local Plan.

23. Planning

a. PL/25/6423/FA-Wood Farm House, Preston Road, Tingewick-Erection of an indoor equestrian arena.

No Objections

b. PL/25/6424/VRC-Grove Hill Farm Woods, Removal of a condition following grant of permission.

- The Parish Council had previously objected to the application on the basis of access to the A421.
- Noted that the traffic survey referred to was undertaken during lock down so limited traffic

The Parish Council notes that no factors mitigating their earlier concerns and objections have been presented in the current application and as such it is OPPOSED.

The Parish Council will also ‘call in the application’.

c. 25/02041/APP - The Royal Oak Main Street Tingewick - Erection of four detached dwellings (Use Class C3) on land to the rear of the Royal Oak public house (Sui Generis), utilising the existing access off Main Road, including the demolition of two outbuildings and a low-level wall, with associated hard and soft landscaping.

It was noted that the revised application sufficiently addresses the Parish Council’s previous concerns and as such there is NO OBJECTION to this application.

d. PL/25/6662/FA-High View Upper Street, Tingewick- Small rear ground floor extension off existing kitchen and first floor rear extension to width of property with removal of existing monopitched roof. Replacement of existing flat roof with new pitched roof to study to rear. New garage to side with utility to rear. Replacement of existing canopy porch to main entrance with new porch with brick plinth, oak frame and tiled roof. Removal of existing apple tree to rear. | High View Upper Street Tingewick Buckinghamshire MK18 4QF.

The Parish Council OPPOSES the application due to encroachment on neighbouring property, proximity to neighbouring property, loss of light and loss of amenity.

The Parish Council will also ‘call in the application’.

e. Buckinghamshire Council Local Plan –Three areas in the village have been identified. It was noted that all have previously been considered and found to be unsuitable. The next stage of work by BCC involves assessing the availability, suitability and viability of the sites with landowners and infrastructure providers. No decisions regarding site allocations will be made until this full technical assessment has been completed.

24. Accounts

Thanks were extended to The Community Café for their kind donation towards the cost of the school playground resurfacing.

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

a. It was proposed that the Transactions be paid.

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

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey	Seconded: Cllr Sullivan	Approved
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25. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting – Cllr Hornsey

A new streetlight has been installed by the Old Police House.

The light by the bus stop by the pond is broken. As this light is the responsibility of Highways, Cllr Maxwell will report.

Action: Cllr Maxwell

Defibrillator – Cllr Sullivan

The replacement pads have been ordered but there have been issues with them being received. Once received they will be installed.

Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

Roads – potholes continue a major issue across the whole county. Repairs are made inefficiently and not in a timely manner, leading to serious problems and costs that could have been avoided.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned at the lack of action by BCC, but there is little they can do other than continue to report and follow up requests for repairs.

Main Street – The Local Area Technician has advised that Main Street is a priority for remedial work but notwithstanding this a date for the work has not been provided.

The Clerk was requested to write to BCC to express the Parish Council's intense dissatisfaction with the delay in work being commenced at Main Street.

Action Clerk

Footpaths (rural) – Cllr Newman

Cllr Newman has provided a detailed report after inspecting all the village footpaths.

Gorrell Lane Footpath - It was clarified that the land to the middle of the lane is in the ownership of each resident and as such it will fall to the Parish Council to undertake the maintenance required. Two quotations have been received to undertake the clearance of the full lane.

- i. Big Trees at £2,250
- ii. Samuel George at £3,350

It was proposed that the Parish Council proceed with the quotation obtained by Big Trees.

Proposed: Cllr Pearson Seconded: Cllr Grant Agreed **Action: Cllr Newman**

The upkeep of this path will be part of regular maintenance as per the village contractor's manifest to prevent it deteriorating to such a degree again.

Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

It was reported that there has been a great deal of work undertaken.

The bench and pathway will be cleared and cleaned in May.

It was agreed that the Tommy silhouettes will be removed for cleaning and for sharp points to be made safe. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Discussion as to whether the hedge to the rear of the pond should be substantially cut back. It was noted that the hedge offers privacy to the neighbouring residents from users of the pond area. There was also concern that the tree on the corner of the footpath is overhanging the garden of the bungalow.

It was agreed that the hedge and the tree will be assessed accordingly. **Action: Cllr Hornsey**

Cemetery -Cllr Newman

- Security Light – a contractor is attending 26.02.26 to repair the sensor.
- Bench in Garden of Remembrance – It was confirmed that the relatives of the owners of the bench have confirmed they have no objection to it being moved back to provide further space for the interment of ashes.
- Compost Site -Cllr Hornsey and Cllr Sullivan will meet to arrange the work to be undertaken.
- Cleaning of War Memorial – It was proposed that the war memorial be cleaned of moss and debris at a sum of £200
Proposed: Cllr Newman – Seconded: Cllr Pearson Agreed **Action: Cllr Newman**
- Memorial Tablet – Correspondence has been received that a memorial tablet in the Garden of Remembrance has been incorrectly sited. The Clerk will review the location and if it is incorrect arrangements will be made for it to be rectified. **Action: Clerk**

Recreation Ground Grasscutting-Cllr Rennie

Nothing to report.

Devolved Powers Cllr Rennie

Nothing to report.

Recreation Ground Play Area- Cllr Grant

All in order.

School Playground – Cllr Pearson

All inspected and in order

It was confirmed that an order has been placed with Wickstead to undertake the annual inspection

Recreation Ground -Cllr Hornsey

As below at Item 26

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

Cllr Pearson clarified that volunteers and employees of the Parish Council would have a right of recourse against the Parish Council under the Employers Liability section following bodily injury caused by the Parish Council's negligence or breach of statutory duty, provided that they are undertaking work on land maintained by the Parish Council at their instruction, and the Parish Council is aware of the nature of the work being undertaken.

There is also a personal accident section within the package policy that we buy from Ecclesiastical Insurance Office which offers a schedule of non-negligence type accident benefits to Employees and Volunteers.

Similarly, the Public Liability section offers the same response for the Parish Council should "non employees" sustain bodily injury or damage to their property caused by the Parish Council's negligence or breach of statutory duty.

Work should not be undertaken on land owned by BCC unless they give permission. It was noted that it was highly likely that a response would not be received from BCC and the Parish Council would be in difficulty as there may be a hazard that they would be able to rectify/remove themselves and to do nothing would be contrary to the safety of the residents.

Cllr Pearson will contact the insurers and seek clarification on this point.

Action: Cllr Pearson

26. Recreation Ground

- a. Play Equipment – the quotation from Proludic has been accepted and work is due to commence 06.04.26 and conclude 01.05.26, weather permitting.
- b. Car Park - the quotation from CGM has been accepted and work will commence in March, weather permitting.
- c. Pathway by Changing Rooms – a pathway has been laid; the trim trail will be reinstated around it and the area made good with topsoil and grass seed where required.
- d. A hole was reported by the Pergola. This will be inspected and made safe.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

27. Parish Council Village Update

Cllr Newman proposed that the Parish Council issue a regular village update to keep residents informed of actions and projects. It will be circulated on Facebook, on the website and posted on the notice board.

A first draft was reviewed and agreed.

Action: Cllr Newman

28. First Aid Update

(Item 85 b ii am Item 124/25) Cllr Pearson advised that he had attended the Village Hall training and it was just CPR. After discussion it was agreed that further training was not necessary.

29. TVP Crime Prevention Fund

Cllr Hornsey has made an application for funding for three speed cameras. A response is awaited.

30. Gate Cemetery/Allotments

A resident has kindly offered to repair and re paint the gate. This was approved.

31. Maintenance of Hedge at Rear of Cemetery

Space in the cemetery is limited to one further row, which will last approximately 20 years. The diocese has previously refused to sell the land to the rear of the cemetery to the Parish Council to extend the cemetery.

It is noted that the hedge to the rear of the cemetery has greatly expanded over the years and that if it were taken back to the original cemetery railings there would be space for another row of graves, providing a further 20 years supply and extending the estimated capacity of the cemetery to 40 years in total.

Cllr Newman obtained three quotations for the work.

- a) ELSTS - £6,360
- b) Big Trees - £7,380
- c) Samuel George - £5,880

Cllr Newman recommended that Big Trees be instructed. It was noted that it is the most expensive quotation but was considered to most appropriate meet the brief for the work to be undertaken.

It was proposed that, subject to a site visit by the Parish Councilors and the scope of the work being considered acceptable, BigTrees be instructed to undertake the work to the cemetery hedge as set out in their quotation dated 24.02.26 in the sum of £7,380. This will double the existing supply of graves for residents and will be cost neutral over time in that the cost will be recovered from the purchase price of the grave plots.

Proposed: Cllr Pearson Seconded: Cllr Newman Agreed **Action: Cllr Newman**

32. Bin at Cemetery

The provision of an additional bin by the compost pile was discussed. It was noted that there is an existing bin by the Chapel. It was agreed that there will be a site visit to assess this.

Action: Cllr Hornsey

33. Water Stratford Warning Sign

It was noted that sign warning of ice and the chevrons warning of the sharp bend are no longer present. As the areas have regular run off water these are considered important. BCC will be asked to reinstate them.

Action: Clerk

34. Parish Council Logo

Options were received for consideration and discussion at the next meeting.

35 Correspondence

- a. LP Finn Memorials-Application for additional inscription and a new memorial – Agreed

36. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Tingewick.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman's Signature.....

Date