

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 2nd October 2008

PRESENT: Peter Smith - Chairman
Richard Fenemore - Vice Chair
Pat Swinburne - Councillor
Carol Thurlby - Councillor
Tim Poil - Councillor
Morag Collins - Councillor
Tony Diston - Councillor
Dawn Rogers - Clerk

APOLOGIES None

IN ATTENDANCE: 8 members of the public

120 Apologies
None

121 Declarations of Interest
None

122 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2008
Approved. Proposed: Pat Swinburne Seconded: Carol Thurlby

123 Matters Arising for information and reports only

Item 91 - The kerb repairs have been carried out

Item 94 - Street Cleaning - The Chairman has obtained costings for the areas to be cleaned and a provisional cleaning schedule was agreed subject to negotiation with SITA on reducing costs.

Item 95 - Mr Styles is arranging the extension to the rope ring as recommended

Open Forum - A meeting with a Highways Officer is to take place to discuss the parking issues in the village.

Item 109 - Mr Styles has been approached regarding a possible transfer to him of equipment as recommended in the audit. Mr Styles may make an offer for the strimmer but would not wish the transfer to him of the other items

Item 110 - The street lighting is in good repair

Item 110 - Overgrowth along the footpath at Gorrell Lane/New Street has been cut.

Item 110 - The Clerk reported that a letter had been issued regarding the realignment of the footpath at the aerodrome but no response had yet been received

Item 114 - Buckingham Local Area Forum - Cllr Collins attended.

Item 114 - Transport Users Group - Cllr Diston attended - Cllr Diston asked village members to report any issues regarding public transport in order that he can raise these at the next meeting. It was agreed that a notice would be inserted into the Tingewick News accordingly

Action - Clerk

Item 116 - Parish Plan Actions.

Fault reporting sheet being prepared by Chairman
Draft Information Leaflet to be circulated
Directory of local services - Tingewick News are willing to assist the Parish Council. An insert will be included with the next issue of the Tingewick News asking people to indicate if they wish to be included.
Footpath map - Cllr Poil is awaiting a response from AVDC as to any assistance they can provide and will feedback to the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Poil

124 County Councillor's Report

None

125 District Councillor's Report

None

Open Forum

*The Parish Council was asked whether it had received a response from Mr Brooks regarding the straw from his vehicles. The Clerk reported that a response had not been received. The Parish Council was advised that the Enforcement Officer at AVDC is now involved and will request Mr Brooks to take positive action to reduce the problem. It was agreed that the Parish Council will write to Mr Brooks again and will also send a copy the letter to the Enforcement officer at AVDC. **Action: Clerk***

It was queried whether the Parish Council should discuss the proposed sites for affordable housing when it had responded to a query raised regarding future development at Wright's Field (2008/08/27) that it was unable to comment upon a hypothetical development. The Chairman clarified the distinction between Open Market (commercial development) sites and the Exception (non-commercial) sites used for Affordable Housing schemes, and outlined the role of the Village Design Statement in future planning applications.

It was further queried whether AVDC would be proceeding with affordable housing development given the current economic climate. The Chairman reported that AVDC had not given any indication that the development would not be progressing.

It was reported that the ditch to the south side of Barton Road had begun to fill up again with debris. The Parish Council monitors its condition and when necessary asks the landowner to keep it in reasonable order. It was noted that the outfall from this ditch does not connect with the village drainage as was originally believed, but drains out at the Willows where there was once a small pond.

The balancing pond at Finmere has been investigated and it was found that its outflow pipe is of small diameter and does not contribute materially to Tingewick's pond. This is overwhelmed by field run off there is no way to stop this.

The ownership of the ditch at the east end of Main Street near Lucas Cottages cannot be established; however BCC have agreed to dredge it at their expense. There is to be a Flood Fair in Buckingham which will be advertised.

The issue of parking was raised. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council was taking advice as to steps that could be taken by BCC and the Parish Council to alleviate the problem. One step that the Parish Council was taking is the placement of bollards/large stones opposite the auction house to prevent parking on the verge. The chairman is dealing with this and will update the council at the next meeting.

Action: Chairman

Open forum closed and meeting reopened

126 Planning

08/02129 - 22 The Maltings - No objections

08/02096 - 31 The Maltings - No objections

127 Accounts

See Appendix for details; Proposed: Pat Swinburne, Seconded: Tim Poil

128 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Lighting and Street Furniture

It was agreed that 'Christmas lights' will be added to the agenda for the next meeting

It was agreed that a Christmas tree will be provided for the village.

Action - Chairman /Cllr Fenemore.

The lights at Field Close have been changed from orange to white so as to be in keeping with the rest of the village.

Footpaths

Matters requiring attention have been dealt with.

Cemetery and Grass cutting (Burial Records and Plans)

It was reported that the verge cutting had taken place but that there was some concern as to the quality of the cuts. This will be monitored.

Recreation Ground

Nothing to report

Playground and Pond

Two pairs of waders have been donated to the Parish Council. It was agreed that Cllr Diston will retain one pair and Jenny to be provided with the other pair.

Special Projects

A list of best kept villages was received and will be retained by the Clerk

The village gates require painting. I was agreed that Mr Styles would be asked to paint them.

Action: Cllr Collins

129 Standing Orders and Financial Procedures

Copies of draft Standing Orders and Financial Procedures were provided to the councillors for comment and adoption at the next meeting.

130 Children's Play Equipment for the Recreation Ground

Two quotations for new play equipment were provided to the meeting. They will be circulated during the next month for detailed consideration and discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to review the current budget to see if there is scope for the purchase of equipment given the unavailability of grant funding. **Action: Clerk**

131 Vital Villages Grant Scheme

The Parish Council is not able to apply under the scheme; however the post office, village hall and the public houses may be eligible. Copies to be circulated to the village organisations that may benefit. **Action: Clerk**

132 Correspondence

2008/10/21 - Bucks Playing Fields Association AGM
2008/10/30 Ticket for the Aylesbury Vale Concert Band
2008/10/31 Village Halls and Playing Fields Seminar

133 Parish Plan Actions

All progressing.

134 Affordable Housing

Planners' informal comments have been received on the list of suggested sites submitted by the Parish Council (drawn from those put forward by residents via the Affordable Housing survey form) of which only three sites have been marked as possible.

They are: a) Land to the east side of Barton Road, beyond The Willows; b) Land to the west side of Barton Road, beyond The Little House; c) land to the south side of Main Street, near to Lucas Cottages.

BCC's Rural Housing Enabler has asked the Parish Council to take initial soundings from the landowners before formal contact is made.

135 Village Appraisal

The committee does not meet until the middle of the month and thus no further information at this stage.

136 Date of Next Meeting

6th November at 8.00pm at Tingewick Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.35