

# TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 held at Tackley Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), June Collier (JC), Angus Paxton (AP).

Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Andy Graham (OCC)

1 Member of the public

**21/055:Public Participation:** None.

**21/056:Apologies for absence:** Councillors Andrew Lines (AL), Richard Jackson (RJ) Martin Mahon (MM) Nathalie Chapple (WODC) and Mathew Parkinson (WODC).

**21/057:Declaration of interest:** None.

**21/058:**Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved as a correct and true record.  
Proposed RHO, Seconded AP: **APPROVED**

**21/059: Matters arising from minutes of January 2022 meeting.**

- i. Recycle Bin fencing replacement: Still awaiting a response from WODC on how we can draw down the financial reimbursement against the provided two quotes, AG agreed to chase this up on TPC's behalf.
- ii. Lower Hades/Ball Lane path works: On-going, LM will contact Martin Harris.
- iii. Solar Lights: The faulty light has been replaced and all are now in good working order. Agreed to release the payment against their invoice.
- iv. Freeths – Open Spaces Land query Chaundy Road: CC has chased, Freeth's contact has been on annual leave for 2 weeks, so there is a delay in obtaining the information requested.
- v. Flooding: AG updated that Owen Jenkins at OCC was dealing with the progression of the catchment study. There is nothing further to report currently.
- vi. Rowan Trees Chaundy Road: The trees have been dug in and a volunteer has agreed to take care of the watering.

**21/060: To consider District Council matters:** AG informed the meeting that WODC does not currently have a Monitoring Officer, following the retirement of Keith Butler. He expressed his shock and annoyance that WODC had not used Keith's ample notice period and planned for a replacement with a handover. WODC are now job sharing with OCC's Officer at a cost of £72,000 per annum for 2 days per week. He feels this is a terrible use of the council's money.

**21/061: To consider County Council matters:** AG addressed the following issues:

- i. Station Crossing: AP and JC had sent onto AG all historical email threads, which he then took to David Paull at Network Rail. He seemed quick to respond but has so far shown no evidence of any action being taken. Hugh Potter and Paul Firmer of OCC had met to discuss the illegal items on the expired temporary traffic order. AG has demanded a timed process of engaging TPC, OCC and Network Rail with the aim to commit to a solution and start moving towards the solution.

JC yet again expressed her frustration that NR keep stalling, the newly appointed consultants had no history to the site, no idea of what had previously been agreed and no idea of what the village likes or wants as a solution.

AP asked what OCC's process is for granting temporary traffic orders and if TPC or the public can object to them. AG said no that they are approved on safety grounds. AP noted that he was aware the closure of the level crossing was strategic and not for safety reasons by NR.

**21/062: To consider planning matters:** None.

**21/063: To consider Parish Amenities:**

- i. Poo Bins and signs: The current bins have now been replaced, but the new bin requested for Cherwell Rise had not been installed. CC to chase this up with Louise Oddy at WODC. LM had received several complaints about dog fouling and suggested putting up some signs. The other members felt that this would be fruitless so the idea has been put on hold.
- ii. Railings between the new path between the Cherwell Rise estate exiting onto Nethercote Road: JC updated that OCC had stated that the current installation is their standard solution, this however does not address the three main problems:  
That the path has not been lowered – reflecting the need for the chicane, the chicane is too narrow and not fit for purpose with disabled access and finally it is not in keeping with the scenscape of the village.

AG asked that LM forward him the email and he will follow up with OCC, he asked what TPC's priority is? Look and practicality? He suggested that if the chicane had been signed off, then there is a possibility that it can be painted. This however does not address the use of it for disabled access.

JC asked that the gap in hedge where the gate was installed at Crecy Hill be reinstated, AG to follow this up with Nathalie Chapple.

- iii. Village shop bins: Andrew Smith from the village shop had sent through a design and two quotations for the relocation and bin shelter of the shop bins. The first being £5,850 and the second £1,750 plus VAT. The members agreed and supported the suggested location at the entrance to the allotments was the best place and agreed the lower price is the best way to go. They confirmed the fence reimbursement funds from WODC would go direct to this project.
- iv. Tackley Heath work: The Sub-committee met on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 with Liz Marshall, Rachel Strachan, Jon Chaplin, John Reynolds and Malcolm Ridout present at the meeting. 9 main priorities were identified:
  - a. Attention this year should be focused on access along the main paths so the heath can be used all year, including in the summer when bracken and bramble can block many of the paths.
  - b. A tree survey is required alongside the main paths to determine if any are dangerous. This needs to be undertaken by a professional and insured company/individual.
  - c. Some small areas of bracken will be managed so we can see what woodland plants and bulbs may come up if we were to control more areas in the future. This will need doing 2 or 3 times during the year, starting in May/June as the bracken starts to grow.
  - d. Bird survey done as this is not something BBOWT would include in their surveys.

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- e. To ask BBOWT to conduct their 10 year survey of the Local Wildlife Site early as it may help to direct what work needs to be done.
- f. The hedge along Fox Hill road has not been managed well, there are many gaps and it has been cut back too hard. Possibly plant a new, mixed native hedge to be managed for wildlife.
- g. Funding was briefly discussed. The Parish Council has some money which can be used this year. From the next funding year, the PC has agreed that money will be specifically budgeted for work on the heath.
- h. Charity status: The PC holds the heath in trust for the village. RS said that in the past there has been a reluctance to spend money on the heath as there is some reporting to the Charities Commission required.
- i. Car parking was briefly discussed. LM has been in touch with Chris Grain from OCC highways about what would be allowed. Grasscrete would cost approx. £25,000 so definitely not an option.
- v. Cherry Tree replacement: LM suggested planting a replacement tree on the left hand side of the carpark near the entrance. AP noted that the location is ideal for charging points that are still an ongoing project for the PC. It was decided to hang fire for the time being until a new location can be agreed.
- vi. Jubilee Celebrations: LM updated that RJ had had a meeting with local groups, and it was decided that the school and church would run their summer fetes the same weekend as the celebrations to make the occasion a whole village event.
- vii. Ball Lane/Lower Hades path: Dealt with under minute ref 21/059 ii.
- viii. 20mph Scheme: RHO has submitted and applied to OCC for approval of the scheme, OCC have acknowledge receipt of the application but no further information has been received. CC to chase up OCC to see if any S106 monies can be allocated to the VAS signs.

### 21/064: Matters of finance:

- i. It was approved that the following payments were ratified and the impact the payment would have on the budget and reserves.  
Proposed: JC, Seconded: RHO: **APPROVED**

Online	Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
65448916	4282.80	713.80	Proelectric Ltd	Solar Lights – Jubilee Gardens & Village Hall Footpath	Open Spaces Act
44511593	30.00		Tackley Village Hall	Meeting Room Hire fees	LGA 1972 S111
33118971	987.40	164.57	Greenscythe Ltd	14173 Jan Maintenance	Open Spaces Act
55518879	685.84		Clerks Salary	January 2022 salary	LGA 1972 S112

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- ii. PTA Jubilee Donation: The school had written to the PC asking for a donation towards their Sensory Garden project in celebration of the Queens Jubilee. They have asked for a contribution towards a circular bench to be placed around the tree in the garden.

JC proposed £500.00, seconded by AP. LM to go back to the school and ask them to obtain some quotes. The PC will purchase the bench and donate the physical item rather than move money.

**21/065: To consider other matters:**

- i. Paddock on Medcroft Road: The PC had agreed to purchase the materials to replace the collapsed fencing in the hope that the resident would be able to undertake the work. Unfortunately this is not possible. CC to contact OCC and request that he fence be fixed under our tenant contract.
- ii. Surgery Allocations: RHO requested that the surgery timetable be re-established so each member is aware if their week

Next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Meeting closed at 8:58pm

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

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