

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 21st March 2022 held at Tackley Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), Angus Paxton (AP), Martin Mahon (MM)

Andy Graham (OCC)

3 Member of the public

21/066:Public Participation: 2 members of the public addressed the meeting:

- i. Gill Withers introduced Ukraine crisis and Tackley together initiative who are meeting to discover what Tackley might be able to do. She asked if the school would be able to accept refugee children? AG suggested “wrap -around funding”, he also mentioned information security and the difficulty in getting the paperwork and visas processed. Catherine Bearder (former MEP) has some good contacts, so suggested Ms Withers contact her.
- ii. Vi Banbury requested a tree to be planted on the playing field, ideally a flowering, non-fruit apple tree. LM agreed to speak to Rachel Strachen about possible locations and varieties.

21/067:Apologies for absence: Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Parish Council), Councillors Andrew Lines (AL), Richard Jackson, June Collier (JC), Nathalie Chapple (WODC) and Mathew Parkinson (WODC).

21/068:Declaration of interest: MM in the Memorial Match – Field request (AOB).

21/069:Minutes of meeting held on 21st March 2022 were approved as a correct and true record.
Proposed RHO, Seconded AP: **APPROVED**

21/070: Matters arising from minutes of January 2022 meeting.

- i. Recycle Bin fencing replacement: The village shop are now progressing with the project. It was noted that WODC requested the invoice to be specific. CC to check before submission.
- ii. Dog poo bins: All have now been replaced with the exception of Jubilee Gardens, this needs doing. The bin by the stone bus shelter has been removed. CC to pick up with WODC. The Cherwell Rise new bin has been ordered with a 6 week lead time.
- iii. Rail Crossing: AG has spoken with Hugh Potter (OCC) asking for a clear and solid plan for the way forward. AG requires Network Rail to meet with the County Officers and Parish Council April/May time or after the OCC officers have received plans and documents.
- iv. Railings between the new path between the Cherwell Rise estate exiting onto Nethercote Road: AG feel that he has been fobbed off by WODC, he reiterated to them that the disabled access is insufficient and is awaiting a further response.

21/071: To consider District Council matters: AG updated that:

- i. Landscaping at Cherwell Rise had started and Kim Smith from WODC is the Officer responsible for overseeing this. She will inspect the scheme when it is finished.
- ii. The play equipment on the Cherwell Rise development will take 4 months to do, aiming for a completion date of the 18th July 2022, and the PC assumes this is going ahead due to the failure of the handing over of any land or S106 money. AG will keep on top of this.
- iii. LM will email AG regarding the section of the hedge that needs replenishing at Crecy Hill, he will forward this to Kim Smith for actioning.

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21/072: To consider County Council matters: AG addressed the following issues:

- i. Pot Holes and resurfacing: He noted that Rousham Road should have been done by now, but is scheduled for a months' time. The holes will be refilled but to a better quality than before. Simon Holloway (OCC Highways) oversees this project.
Church Hill to Sturdy's was noted by AP as an area needing attention, especially at the top of the hill. RHO mentioned the dip halfway along the road, it was agreed LM will email AG to chase this up. She will also mention the Gigaclear holes along Rousham Road.
- ii. 20's Plenty Scheme: Tackley's scheme has been given a reference number, but we are not in the first tranche, AG is not sure which tranche we are in but should hear soon.

21/073: To consider planning matters: None.

21/074: To consider Parish Amenities:

- i. Tackley Heath Sub Committee:
 - 3rd April has been set for the first working party. CC to confirm that volunteers are covered under the PC's insurance.
 - Funding is required to fix the verge, the sub-committee asked the members if they could obtain agreement in principle to use S106 money for this. It was discussed and concluded that there could be a cheaper option than Grass-crete, they had no particular objection but felt that other projects also need funding (trim trail, pump track etc) so an overall S106 spending strategy needed putting in place.
 - They requested broom handles for bracken bashing on the 3rd April. This was **APPROVED**, proposed by AP, seconded by RHO and MM.
- ii. Lower Hades overgrown path: A quotation had been requested but no yet received, it was **AGREED** that as the work is urgent, the spend can be approved by CC under delegated powers. Proposed RHO, seconded AP.
- iii. Jubilee Celebration: RJ is progressing with this and will bring a plan to the April meeting.
- iv. 20's Plenty Scheme: No further updates currently.
- v. Allotment/horse paddock fencing: Unfortunately, OCC, WODC and the tenant are unable to help undertake the work, with the PC paying for the materials. As it is our responsibility we will need to get out and get quotes from a contractor.

21/075: 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: RHO, Seconded: MM: **APPROVED**

Online	Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
	685.84		Clerks Salary	February 2022 salary	LGA 1972 S112
	1380.00	230.00	M Rudge Tree Surgeon	Tree works – as per quotations	Open Spaces Act
	987.40	164.57	Greenscythe Ltd	14173 balance & 14268 Maintenance	Open Spaces Act

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- ii. The members **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations and Risk Management Policy for 2021/22 year, as previously circulated by CC.

21/076: To consider other matters:

- i. Memorial Football match 28th August 2022: MM requested exclusive use of the playing field for this event. He had declared an interest so abstained from voting. Proposed AP, seconded RHO.
- ii. Sustainable Tackley Jubilee Gardens update:
 - The fence between the Thames Water Sewage Pumping Station and Jubilee Garden has been damaged in recent storms, and needs repairing or replacing. It belongs to Thames Water. CC to contact TW and mention a new flower bed was created next to the fence last summer, so these plants need to be protected during any fence repair.
 - A hedgehog house and bird nesting box kindly donated by Alan Diver have been installed in the garden.
 - 2. The Princess Elizabeth rose has been pruned by Emma Rogers.
 - 3. Tree surgeons have cut back the low overhanging ash branch near the stream (Liz has the details about this)
 - 4. A volunteer work party at the end of February removed the old stems from the Pollinator Patch and weeded.
- iii. Dog poo bin in Jubilee Gardens: ST has requested that the new bin is put near the intersection of the tarmac paths; on the grass strip next to the fence on the left hand-side of the path leading out to Harborne Rd. This was **NOT APPROVED**, the members felt this needed further discussion as they had some concerns regarding the smell in the summer months as the new bins have no lids.
- iv. AP suggested that the PC might want to consider requesting a TPO on "Gabrielas tree", a silver birch at 84 St Johns Road. The council discussed the pros and cons but did not agree to pursue a TPO.

21/077: Matters from the floor:

- i. Dog poo bin near school: concern was raised that the new style bin will smell near the school and is somewhat unhygienic.
- ii. Goal post removal update: Jim Tarry and Graham Agutter have agreed to cut up the old goal posts and remove them from the field.

Next meeting: TBC as 18th is Easter Monday.

Meeting closed at 8:37pm

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 21st March 2022.

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