

# TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 held at Tackley Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Andrew Lines (AL), Angus Paxton (AP), Martin Mahon (MM), June Collier (JC), Richard Jackson (RJ). Tim Sumer (WODC Candidate).  
Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council)  
4 Members of the public

**22/040:Public Participation:** None.

**22/041: Matters from the floor:**

- i. Land for churchyard: Fr Robin Gibbons came along to the meeting to bring the members attention to churchyard, which is nearly at full capacity for burials. He said, and the members agreed that the people of Tackley have a right to be buried in the Tackley area. He also noted that TPC are within their legal rights to compulsory purchase land. He requested that, along with the PC, a working group be formed to see if there is any land, if so where?  
JC said that TPC have a responsibility to their Parish to bury their dead, the PC owns the churchyard, but it has always been run by the church, with TPC paying the church to do so with an annual contribution.  
She went on to say that the PC does own other areas of land in the village, one piece being up Church Hill past White Hill, the piece of land on the right hand bend including the old pond. If the pond was to be cleared, it could potentially act as an aesthetic feature along with a practical one, catching some of the surface rainwater.  
MM noted that there would need to be infrastructure, such as parking and running water on the new site, so trying to stay near the current site would be the best option.  
AP asked how much land would need to be bought? How is that amount determined, and how long would it last for?  
Fr Gibbons stated that once a certain amount of time has lapsed, you are able to go back and bury in the original plots.  
It was agreed to form a working party and CC will obtain prices from consultants who would be able to undertake a feasibility study of areas in the village.
- ii. District Councillor Tim Sumner introduced himself to the meeting, he will be standing as the Liberal Democrat candidate in next May's elections as Nathalie Chapple is standing down.

**22/042: Apologies for absence:** Councillors Richard Holland-Oakes (RH), Andy Graham (AG) (OCC), Nathalie Chapple (NC) (WODC) and Mathew Parkinson (WODC).

**22/043:Declaration of interest:** LM declared an interest in item 10.v – as she is a member of the Scout Group

**22/044:** Minutes of Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved as a true and fair record, proposer AP, seconder RHO.

**22/045:Matters arising from minutes of September 2022 meeting:**

- i. Open Space Harborne Road: WODC Officer Kelly Murray had passed the file to a Planning Technician Peter Pearson. He will focus on finding the original planning conditions and any transactions relating to the piece of land held by WODC.  
CC had not been able to get hold of Bowerman's; their phone line is not connecting so she has sent a chaser email.

- ii. Catchment Study: AG has sent an email chasing up OCC, he is hoping to have a meeting with OCC Officer Steven Fairhurst Jones and get this matter moving.
- iii. Request for marquee on side of village hall: CC has requested more information regarding the location of the marquee, and exact details on its erection and re-routing of the footpath. This will be brought back to November's meeting.
- iv. Playground Bin: LM had drafted an advert for display, with a closing date of the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, this was agreed. MM expressed concern about the content of the bins, was there hazardous waste. AP suggested carrying out a risk assessment and putting mitigation in place. JC suggested waiting to see who applies first and then decide how to proceed.
- v. Electric on the green: No further update, but JC had spoken with Peter Walker from the Christmas on the Green Committee, and they had decided to continue as normal, but asked for a volunteer to pull the cable through.
- vi. Section 106 feedback: CC had currently received 20 responses via email and approx. 20 via the post-box. She confirmed the 20<sup>th</sup> November between 1-4pm, in the village hall for the public consultation.

**22/046: To consider District Council matters:** None, NC sent apologies.

**22/047: To consider County Council matters:** AG sent apologies for the meeting, but hopes to be back face to face in November.

**22/048: To consider planning matters:** None.

**22/049: Land for Churchyard:** Discussed under minute ref 22/041(i).

**22/050: Parish amenities:**

- i. Remembrance Sunday: LM asked if any other members would be attending the service on the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. She will be double hatting as Scout Leader too, so appreciate the support in setting up. RJ offered his help and suggested asking RHO too. Tim Sumner agreed to ask Oxford Drama School for a bugler.
- ii. 20mph scheme update: No official update as RHO had sent apologies, however AL noted that VAS signs had reduced greatly in price. Parking and traffic around the school was mentioned and CC agreed to find out the cost of two children shaped movable signs saying, "think before you park" or "please drive slowly".
- iii. Footpath Fortnight report: There had been no further progress with the report. JC stressed that it is important to do this annually as it is a record that the footpaths be kept open by having been walked. If done annually there is no confusion over the last time it has been done, should any dispute arise.
- iv. Drain at Little Manor: RJ and MM had not had a chance to look at the original planning application yet. JC stated that there was definitely an inlet and an outlet in the ditch next to the drive. If the landowner owns the ditch there is little that can be done. It was suggested that MM contact Kingerlee and asked what is going on, or Mr Candy and notify him of the flooding issue in Tackley. MM to obtain his number.
- v. Dog Poo Bins: CC had contacted Publica Group and requested a replacement bin for both Jubilee Gardens and the bus shelter, as well as a new bin at Crecy Hill.

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- vi. Playground bin emptying: dealt with under minute ref 22/045(iv).

**22/051: To consider matters of finance and policies:**

- i. It was approved that the following payments were ratified and the impact the payment would have on the budget and reserves.

Proposed: AL, seconded: RJ: **APPROVED**

Online	Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
	2,626.80		Trevor Stewart	Fixing of playground equipment as per quote Nov 2021	Open Spaces Act
	303.95	50.66	C Carruthers Reimbursement	Donation of Bench to Friends of Tackley Primary School for sensory garden	LGA 1972 S137
	36.98		C Carruthers Reimbursement	Book of Condolence	LGA 1972 S112
	240.00	40.00	Moore Stephens	External Auditor 2022	LGA 1972 S112
	711.04		Clerks Pay	September salary	LGA 1972 S111

- ii. Joining the LGPS: CC had previously circulated the publication from OCC regarding the investment and structure of the OCC LGPS. AL suggested moving this to the Nov meeting to allow all members to read the information.

**22/052: To consider other matters:**

- i. Budget 2023-24: CC asked the members if there were any budget bids for the next financial year. She also suggested that the members should consider setting a budget with no increase in the precept, if financially feasible and prudent. In the current financial climate, with the cost of living crisis, she did not feel it was appropriate to raise the precept unless necessary. TPC is also in a unique position of having the large sum of S106 monies which will enable them to still do community projects. AP confirmed that the S106 money could not be spent on everyday revenue costs but agreed with trying to set a balanced budget.
- ii. Warm Hub: Katie Hoffman, Village Hall Cttee Chair, had been contacted regarding setting up a warm hub, unfortunately due to the number of bookings in the hall it is not feasible. LM had thought that the Methodist Church may be a better option but is there a need for it in Tackley? RJ asked whether it could be at the pub? AP said that the venue would need to ensure it is energy efficient as the opening would increase energy consumption. AL thought it was a good idea, with RJ suggesting that more people would likely use it if it was at the pub. JC agreed to speak to the shop and see if there is a need in the village for one.
- iii. Street Lights: A resident had noted that the streetlights are on all night. CC noted that there was a similar problem when the clocks had changed the previous year. She will contact OCC and ask them to be turned back onto a timer which switches them off during the night.
- iv. Greening up the bus stop: LM asked whether this was still something that TPC wish to do. It was agreed that a climber be planted in the playing field and trailed over the edge of the fence.

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**Next meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:31pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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