

# TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 held at Tackley Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice Chair), Angus Paxton (AP), June Collier (JC), Richard Jackson, Andy Graham (AG) (OCC)  
Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council)  
2 Members of the public (one being Tim Sumners Lib Dem District Candidate)

**22/078:Public Participation:** Mr Mark Calkin spoke regarding rent an EV idea in Tackley.

*I wanted to put the feelers out about what support, if any, there would be for the idea of having a few EV's based in Tackley. The scheme would be run similar to the Car Club, whereby people sign up, their licence and insurances are checked. Almost like a pool vehicle where people can hire them to run errands. If there is an interest it may be possible to get to the stage where a car port with roof panels can be permanently based at the village hall car park.*

AL was very open to the idea, having used the Zip system in the past, he asked who is going to finance the scheme and how?

Mark Calkin said that if there is a strong interest he would look further into available grants and green loan options, he mentioned that technology is moving along rapidly and there is now a quadricycle available at an approx. cost of £15,000.

JC asked who would be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the vehicles, Mar Calkin replied that the maintance is minimal as the Car Club helps vet users by obtaining driving history upon sign up.

AL asked if the PC took ownership, who would work out the charge per use to ensure costs are covered? Mark Calkin said that the average use would be taken from existing car club charges and current schemes.

AP said he loved the concept but wondered if it was financially viable, LM commented that the PC does not need to make a profit, just provide a service. AP said there was a risk involved so we would need to cover costs.

AP asked how the initial capital outlay would be covered, Mark Calkin said there are several options for grants to be looked into.

RJ asked if any other council were currently running the scheme, Mark replied currently not.

JC suggested that Mark put an article into the newsletter and gauge public response, if positive look into it further.

It was all agreed to ask Mark to come back with more information.

**22/078: Matters from the floor:** None.

**22/079: Apologies for absence:** Councillors Richard Holland-Oakes, Martin Mahon. District Councillor Nathalie Chapple.

**22/080:Declaration of interest:** LM declared an interest in item 12.i – as a family member is a recipient of a payment.

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**22/081:** Minutes of Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved as a true and fair record, proposer JC, seconder AL.

**22/082: Matters arising from the December meeting:**

- i. S106 from County Council for VAS Signs: CC had chased Geoff Barrell (OCC Officer) twice to request the draw down of £4,000 sat in Tackley's S106 pot. She had received no repose. AG offered to chase this up.
- ii. S106 from WODC: CC was waiting to hear back from WODC in relation of using S106 money to cover the cost of the Catchment Survey for the village. It had been the Christmas break so would expect to hear by the next meeting.
- iii. Streetlights: The street lights are still on all night, AG said he would look into this if CC sent on the emails sent to highways.
- iv. Dog Poo Bins Crecy Hill and Jubilee Gardens: We are still waiting for the bin to be replaced in Jubilee Gardens, even though it was promised some weeks ago, in addition the Crecy Hill bin is yet to be resolved. Louise Oddy at WODC had chased Contracts to see what is happening.

**22/083: District Council Matters:** AG spoke on behalf of NC, where he updated that WODC had bought Marriotts Shopping Centre in Witney, for £9 million. It is a community investment and will see some return from car parking use and charges. They have also initiated a joint investment programme with Thames Water and are working cohesively with them to resolve the issues in the district and put in a Climate Change framework.

**22/084: County Council Matters:** AG advised that County had been working on the following:

- Catchment Study's new officer is Richard Bennett, they are appointing a consultant to do the study. LM said now is a good time as there is lots of water around. AG promised it will happen.
- The £2.00 ticket anywhere to anywhere on the bus routes has been very successful, people are using the buses and hope to keep the scheme.
- OCC are supporting PAN regional which is replacing the ARC project, so will have more information on this in the near future.
- AG had chased Hugh Potter at Network Rail to put Tackley back on the radar.
- Council Priority Fund of £1,000 was still available, if TPC can complete the grant request form with a project, he can approve the funds. It was **AGREED** to go ahead with the French drain at the entrance to Forest School as the project.
- Hensington Road heath centre and library project on library/police site in planning stages, Funding almost there.

**22/085: To consider planning matters:** None.

**22/086: Botley West Solar Park:** The members discussed possible dates for a village meeting regarding gauging the villagers views and opinions on the proposal. It was **AGREED** to hold this on the 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30-9pm, after the Council's main meeting which will start at 6pm. CC was asked to contact PVDP as request a representative come along to the meeting or at the very least send material. Tim Sumners offered to send CC some contacts so there was a balanced view of for and against represented.

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AP had contacted Rachel Strachen and Richard McCoy for their opinions on the biodiversity compliance of the project, due to a possible conflict of interest either were able to give personal opinions, but mentioned a study undertaken by Nature England in 2017 which concluded that the solar panels had no impact on the biodiversity. Building Research Establishment biodiversity guidance provides some suggestions for compliance, this project may not need to follow it, but it is advised to do so.

## 22/087: Parish Amenities:

- i. 20's Plenty Scheme: RHO had sent through photographs with the proposed locations of the three signs. It was agreed the Ball Lane and Medcroft Road suggestions are fine, but the Whitehill one be located opposite at the church opposite the daffodils. RHO had been in touch with a contractor for installation.  
LM asked if it is possible to have a 40mph section on the road before hitting the 20mph, possibly from the Snakes Tail section at Sturdy's? CC to ask EHO to look into this.
- ii. Heath update: Nothing to report at this meeting. LM to make sure all Heath minutes are on the village website.
- iii. Dog poo bins: Dealt with under Matters arising 22/082iv.
- iv. Flooding & Sandbags: WODC have asked if TPC are willing to have a permanent store for housing the sand and bags. It was **AGREED** that CC go back to WODC and suggest the corner of the car park, where they are currently kept, and ask if WODC will cover the cost of the store.
- v. Railings Nethercote Road: A resident had sent in a complaint regarding the railing appearance and questioning if they are fit for purpose. RHO was looking into their compliance with the Disability Act, but not present at meeting. WODC had already determined that they will not change them. CC is to reply to the resident and update him.

## 22/088: 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: AP, seconded: AL: **APPROVED**

Online	Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
	788.04	131.34	Greenscythe Ltd	Jan maintenance	Open Spaces Act
	797.33		Clerks Pay	November Salary	LGA 1972 S111
	25.00		A Marshall	Jan Bin Emptying	LGA 1972 S112
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## 22/089: To consider other matters:

- i. Cllr June Collier: JC wishes to resign as Cllr in May, she noted it would be good to have an election for her seat. The members discussed ways of gaining interest from the village to stand for her seat. It was agreed that she would write a piece for the newsletter to get the ball rolling.

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**Next meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:38pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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