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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 20th March 2023 held at Tackley Village Hall

Present: Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice Chair), June Collier (JC), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO) and Martin McMahon (MM). Jan Read (JR) Allotment Representative, Andy Graham (OCC).
Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council)
6 Members of the public

22/099:Public Participation:

i) Matt Profit – Tackley United <8's Football team proposal.

Mr Profit asked the Council that "in principle" would the PC financially assist the set up of an <8's football team in Tackley, along with providing storage for their equipment. There are currently 2 coaches, currently taking their coaching qualifications.

AL thought this to be an excellent idea and gave his full support. JC asked if insurance was in place, and if any fundraising had taken place, as the PC would normally see what the requesting group were doing to raise money themselves.

Mr Profit advised that once he completes his coaching qualification he can apply for insurance, currently no fund raising had taken place, as he wanted to get an feel for support from the PC first.

LM asked if the team was part of a larger club, Mr Profit confirmed they were not, she went on to note that a club requires a Chair, Treasurer and adult volunteers to help run the administration of the club, these people are very hard to retain. She suggested that try and link with a bigger team / club who already have this structure in place.

She also queried where they would train during the winter months, as the playing field in Tackley has no floodlights. Mr Profit said they would likely hire the all-weather pitch in Kidlington.

MM asked whether or not there was interest for a team, Mr Profit said they currently had approx. 10-12 children. AL asked when they wanted to get started, Mr Profit suggested July, MM said he would need to register the team with the FA soon, as the closing date is close.

AL recommended that MR Profit go away and source some match funding and come back with accurate costings. All Councillors were in favour of the idea.

ii) Allen Clegg – Pond at Tackley Heath

Mr Clegg advised the council that the pond at the heath has lazy bubbles coming up to the surface, this means methane. There are also several trees leaning over the pond. The surface of the water has too much wood floating on it, and it needs a plan and money spending on it.

LM advised that a survey was undertaken in 2008 and that recently Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre had conducted a site survey. Although it looks like it needs a dredging, the pond is unique in ecology and biology.

She confirmed the Heath Committee are commissioning a proper survey, which will be done this year. Specialist advice will be sought following the survey, as we do not want to over work the area.

Mr Clegg asked if there was a timetable for this, LM said there was a Committee meeting the following day (21st March 2023), she offered to send Mr Clegg the 2008 report.

ii) Simon Gough – Gardiner Arms update

Mr Gough formally asked if anyone in the room had a conflict of interest regarding The Gardiners Arms, MM expressed an interest as he would to buy the pub.

Mr Gough updated that the village meeting held the previous week was well attended. He was sorting a dedicated email address to host enquiries following the meeting. He was waiting for some follow-up actions from the current owners, Martin and Jackie Perrin, but there was a possibility that the property could be purchased and the business run successfully.

He asked if he could have sight of the surveyors report from 7 years ago. AL confirmed he had this and he would pass it onto Mr Gough.

JC thanked Mr Gough for taking this on and the PC would wait to hear back in due course.

22/100: Matters from the floor: None.

22/101: Apologies for absence: Councillors Angus Paxton (AP) and Richard Jackson (RJ), District Councillors Nathalie Chapple and Mathew Parkinson.

22/101: Declaration of interest:

LM declared an interest in item 10.vi & 11.i – as she is a member of the Scouts, the recipient is a family member.

22/111: Minutes of Council meeting held on 20th February 2023 could not be approved as only LM had read them. CC reminded all Councillors to read the draft minutes before the next meeting.

22/112: Matters arising from the February meeting:

- i. Streetlights: CC has reported the lights on FixMyStreet, OCC confirmed the action had been completed and lights will turn off between midnight and 5am.
- ii. Dog Poo Bins Crecy Hill and Jubilee Gardens: JC had kindly sent pictures and description for the location of the Crecy Hill bin, CC forwarded these to Louise Oddy who has confirmed it will be installed within the next week or two. CC had chased the Jubilee Gardens bin with Contracts at WODC, she sent pictures along with a description of the location. They confirmed it will be returned on their next run.
- iii. Level Crossing Meeting: Network Rail cancelled the meeting on the 23rd March, we are awaiting a revised date.
- iv. Gardiner Arms Asset of Community Value status renomination: CC had spoken with an Officer in the legal department at WODC, they confirmed that the PC needed to record their intent to renominate the ACV, and attached the resolution to the nomination paper. See minute ref:
- v. Pedestrian Railings Nethercote Road: CC had sent an email to Planning at WODC, along with photographs showing that the railings had been damaged and need repairing. In the email she included the information found by RHO stating that the Guidelines of inclusive mobility 2021 clearly state that the gap between railings (in straight access) advise a 1250mm gap, the railings currently installed are 850mm at a 90-degree angle. CC asked WODC checked

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their compliance and requested that when they are replaced, they are of a design that is in keeping with the current rural streetscape and not of industrial design.

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22/113: District Council Matters: None – apologies from NC & MP.

22/114: County Council Matters: None – Andy Graham (AG) updated that he had chased the following:

- 20's Plenty Scheme with Geoff Barrell (OCC), he had not received a response so would try again, but believes it could be Sept / Nov time.
- Catchment Study: he had chased this with Lawernce King, EA at WODC, he would come back as soon as he had received a response. JC asked if he could chase up the fixing of the hole at Whitehill, she said OCC should be able to sort it between BT and Thames Water. This had been going on since 2017.

22/115: To consider planning matters: None.

22/116: Parish Amenities:

- i. 20's Plenty Scheme: RHO is waiting for Paul Cheeseman to send in an official quotation for the install if the signs.
- ii. Bent Solar Light: LM updated that when the main lights were being fixed on the path down the side of the school, the solar light got bent. She sent the registration number of vehicle to Mathew Parkinson who reported to SSE who have said that it is not their vehicle. AL asked if the CCTV showed the vehicle arriving and leaving the village hall car park, a quote for the repair of the light is £800.00. AL suggested the PC claim on their insurance. It was AGREED and RESOVED that CC would open a claim with the insurers.
- iii. Dog poo bins: Dealt with under Matters arising 22/112ii.
- iv. Flooding: JC and LM met with Richard Bennett and Andy Graham from OCC, Tackley is severe and have started a Section 19 Study. This seems hopeful and it will be good to get the landowners involved too.
JC had spoken with Chris Grain re the hole at Whitehill turn, they are still unable to identify what the problem is.
- v. Graveyard Update: LM asked for progress of the working group for locating potential site for a new graveyard. CC said she would send all the details to AL, who had agreed to head up the working party and he can convene a meeting.
- vi. Foodbank in Tackley: LM had been approached by a resident who had suggested a foodbank in Tackley. LM asked if the PC would be in favour of buying a small shed and having it located in the village for items. JC suggested outside the shop, Sue Lygo (member of public) suggested somewhere more private would possibly work better and get more use. LM is to look into demand for it and ask the Methodist Church if they would be happy for it to be located nearer to them.
All members agreed in principle to the idea.
- vii. Tackley Scouts: Tackley Scouts made a request to use the playing field to the annual fireworks display on the 4 November 2023. **AGREED** to grant this – all in favour.
- viii. Allotments:
 - a. Camera monitoring: Jan Read asked if a few plot holders could place some wildlife cameras near their plots. This was **AGREED**.
 - b. Request for a shed: Rachel Roberts: **AGREED**

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JR also noted that there are 9 people on the waiting list for a plot, she asked if the council could restart their search for an additional plot of land. She also asked if the half plot near the gate should remain as a half plot, members agreed this should remain.

22/117: 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: JC: **APPROVED**

Online	Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
	788.04	131.34	Greenscythe Ltd	Inv 15525 village maintenance	Open Spaces Act
	797.33		Clerks Pay	January Salary	LGA 1972 S111
	25.00		A Marshall	Feb Bin Emptying	LGA 1972 S112
	25.00		A Khan	Feb Bin Emptying	LGA 1972 S112
	576.00	96.00	Ron Varney	Annual Hedge trimming invoice	Open Spaces Act
	84.00	14.00	Play safety Ltd	Playground Inspection	Open Spaces Act
	50.00		OCC	Allotment Rent	Open Spaces Act
	40.00		OCC	Crecy Hill Rent 20-21, 21-22	Open Spaces Act
	79.08	13.18	Wel Medical	Defib pads	LGA 1972 S112

- ii. The Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Financial regulations and Risk Management Policy were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**: Proposed: JC, seconded: AL.
- iii. The members formally stated that Tackley Parish Council intend to renominate the Gardiner Arms as an Asset of Community Value, as per the current ACV19. This was unanimously agreed **ALL IN FAVOUR**.

22/118: To consider other matters:

- i. APM and APCM: It was agreed the date for these meetings would be 15th May 2023.
- ii. Mud Control: JC brought along a sample of mud control matting as a suggestion for a harder parking surface at he Heath, LM will take along to meeting the following evening.
- iii. Kings Coronation: The village hall is organising a shindig for the Kings Coronation; they have asked if some people from the Council can attend and help. The members suggested asking AP or RJ.
- iv. Dead Rowan tree Chaundy Road: One of the hornbeams planted last year has died. CC to contact Nicholson's and see if we can have a replacement.

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Next meeting: 17th April 2023 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 20:40pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 20th March 2023.

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