

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November 2023 held at Tackley Village Hall

Present: Councillors Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice Chair), Sue Lygo (SL), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), Steve Hill (SH).

Councillors Andy Graham (OCC) and Tim Sumner (WODC).

Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council)

4 Members of the public

23/063:Public Participation: The following people addressed the meeting:

- i. Lucasz Wrobel – asked the PC’s permission to park and trade his burger van in VH car park, he requested twice a week Saturday and Wednesday evenings. It was agreed that once a week would be better, as other traders use the car park for their food vans on other evenings. Mr Wrobel asked if he could come during the daytime on Saturday to start with, this was AGREED, and updates will be given to SH.

Item 16.1 was dealt with at this part of the meeting:

23/064: Heath update: Rachel Strachen updated the meeting that a working party was held on the 5th Nov 23, 11 volunteers attended, 3 of whom were new. She requested that the PC as landowner of the Heath, send its **permission to TVERC** (an organisation who carries out surveys of the area over the last 10 years), to allow the release of the wildlife records for visibility on the i-record app for smart phones. This was **proposed by RHO, seconded by AL – all in favour.**

She noted that the contact details at the charity commission need updating to the VH address and clerks email, CC will action this.

It was previously noted that Heath Committee’s remit be extended to include Crecy Hill and Jubilee Gardens, although never minuted. Therefore, **it was proposed by SH, seconded by SL** that the remit be extended to all nature spaces within the village, including Jubilee Gardens and Crecy Hill, and be **renamed as Nature Spaces Committee.**

RS asked CC how much is left in the Jubilee Gardens £500 fund, and asked if the seat can be repositioned to overlook the garden rather than facing the bin – January agenda item.

JC requested that OCV are contacted regarding pulling of the ragwort at Crecy Hill – this is very important.

23/065: Apologies for absence:

Cllr Liz Marshall (Chair) – were noted.

Cllr Angus Paxton – were noted.

Cllr Richard Jackson – were noted.

23/066:Declaration of interest: None.

23/067: Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16th October 2023 were approved as a fair and true record: Proposer SL, seconder RHO.

23/068: Matters arising from the September meeting:

- i. Allotment hedge: This should now be complete.
- ii. Lower Hades to Balle Lane hedge & footpath been requested to Greenscythe.
- iii. Jubilee Garden (old) Dog Poo Bin: Ubicio confirmed removal on Friday 17th November.
- iv. Playground: under item 16.ii.
- v. Metalwork for hardcourt: CC reminded Cllr’s that photos were still needed.

- vi. Richard Banbury bench: Martin Harris will install bench when the field is less wet.
- vii. Footpaths: AP requested that another Cllr take this on, SL agreed to do it.

23/069: To consider District Council Matters: Tim Sumner updated on the following.

- WODC are holding a public consultation on Biodiversity – link will be emailed.
- Community First Oxon are holding two events on Affordable Housing – SL will attend for TPC.
- WODC are starting their spending priorities for the 2024-25 year.

23/070: To consider County Council Matters: AG had circulated his report, there were no further questions from the floor. He also noted the following:

- 20s Plenty scheme: the scheme has been approved; consideration needs to be given to reducing the limit from 30mph to 20mph down Church Hill.
- Catchment area study has been done with next steps being to arrange a meeting with all parties.

23/071: Planning:

- i. **23/0273/HHD** – Conversion of Existing car port to garden room
North Gardens Cottage. Medcroft Road, Tackley - **NO COMMENT**
- ii. **23/02654/HHD** – Erection of single storey rear extension & insertion of roof lights to side elevation
8 Balliol Close, Tackley - **NO COMMENT**

23/072: Gardiner Arms update: The members agreed to wait for AP to update on his return.

23/073: Section 106 update: The members discussed the next step for the S106 money, it was agreed the four favourite options from the public consultation be released with visuals and costings. They discussed other ideas on how to consult, possibly via Facebook or Google Forms. SL has written a piece for the newsletter. Agenda item for January.

23/074: EV Charging Units: SH updated that OCC have been given £3.6 million for micro hubs across the county, the ability to bid for money will be live from the springtime. Pilot Schemes in Kirtlington, Hereford and Worcester are receiving approx. £0.35 p/kw. He noted that half of all new cars sold in Oxfordshire are electric – 53%. Grants are in the region of £5-6,000 for a 7kw charging stand. SH has noted TPC's interest and named himself as the single point of contact.

23/075: Village Bungalows – Twynhams Road and St Johns: SL had attended the Community First Oxon event, she noted that WODC are responsible for these homes and that anyone interested or who would like to be on the waiting list contact the Housing Officer at WODC. TS and LM had a meeting on the 6th Nov in relation to 2 cases in the village, TS spoke to the WODC housing officer, who will be in touch with the families.

23/076: Flooding – Catchment Study: June Collier updated the meeting that OCC had circulated the Catchment Study, it is important that the recommendations get actioned, one being to get the landowners together with TPC and OCC to discuss options. JC noted that one being the reopening of the pond on the corner plot at White Hill owned by TPC. It is essential that we get a timeline action plan in place. She suggested Jan 2024 for the meeting, AG asked to be copied in. JC also requested CC contact WODC to obtain sandbags for the winter months. The members thanked AG and June Collier for their hard work.

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23/077: Rail Users Group: It was proposed by AL and seconded by SH, that the group should be set up.

23/078: Parish amenities:

- i. Heath Update: Under minute ref: 23/064.
- ii. Playground update: RHO proposed, seconded by SL – all in favour to accept the quotation for repairs works to the combine, tunnel and zip wire at £651.00, plus an additional £30.00 for self-amalgamating tape to repair the rings.
- iii. Shop/Café/Public Toilet: A meeting with all parties is scheduled for January 2024, AL will reach out to AG to see if there is any finding for this under the disabilities services.
- iv. 20's Plenty: Dealt with under minute ref 23/070, RHO expressed his disappointment at the negativity in the village towards the reduced speed limit.
- v. Safety Railings: RHO is progressing this.

23/079: 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: SL, seconded: RHO: **APPROVED**

Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
1014.30		Clerks Pay	Oct payroll & Back pay	LGA 1972 S111
50.00		A Marshall	Oct bin emptying	LGA 1972 S112
872.35	145.39	Greenscythe	Oct Green spaces maintenance	Open Spaces Act
45.90		R Strachen	Heath Consultation reimbursement	LGA 1972 S112
154.76	25.79	M McIntyre	Mailchimp Reimbursement	LGA 1972 S112
380.00		P Cheeseman	VAS Signs installation	Open Spaces Act
252.00	42.00	Morre Stephens	External Audit 2022-23	LGA 1972 S112
970.57		C Carruthers	Brush cutters & Face shield reimbursement	Open Spaces Act

- ii. The members **received** and **approved** the External Audit Report and **Conclusion of Audit** for 2022-23. They noted the review comments given.

23/080: To consider other matters:

- i. Newsletter: The draft newsletter circulated y LM, was agreed for publishing.
- ii. Botley West Solare Farm: CC had circulated the email received given notice of the second round of consultations. Closing date Feb 2024, Jan 24 agenda item.
- iii. Heyford Bridge: SL asked when this would be reopened, can TPC write to OCC and get a date.

June Collier asked what was happening with Footpath Fortnight – SL had agreed to take on this task, AL will forward SL the map and a copy of the previous reports.

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Next meeting: 20th December at 7pm - Finance Meeting for budgets

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

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

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