

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors Liz Marshal (LM) (Chair), Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice Chair), Sue Lygo (SL), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), Steve Hill (SH).
Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council)
1 Member of the public

23/081:Public Participation: The following people addressed the meeting:

- i. Jeremey Posnansky– spoke in relation to the speed limit and traffic signs on Whitehill. He noted that there are currently national speed limit signs as you enter Whitehill from Bunkers Hill, but nothing from the Church Hill end so there may be some confusion. Some traffic travels far too fast and 60mph is not a sensible speed limit for the road which will lead to an accident at some point. He invited the PC to contact OCC and WODC and ask for official signage advising 30mph, he also asked the PC to:
 - 1) Sign Whitehill at the beginning and along the road, especially before the four sharp bends.
 - 2) Set the speed limit at either 20 or 30mph.PC agreed we would flag this with Andy Graham and investigate unofficial signage.

23/082: Apologies for absence:

Cllr Angus Paxton – were noted.
Cllr Richard Jackson – were noted.
Councillors Andy Graham (OCC) and Tim Sumner (WODC).

23/083:Declaration of interest:

LM – Item 10.i – a recipient is a family member.

23/084: Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 20th November 2023 were approved as a fair and true record: Proposer AL, seconder RHO.

23/085: To consider District Council Matters: Tim Sumner sent in the following update.

- In WODC's 2022 Youth Needs Assessment it was identified that 75% of young people were worried about climate change and 46% of those surveyed felt their voice was not heard. WODC has resolved to invite all secondary schools and colleges in the district to nominate 2 or 3 students to attend a youth assembly to take place in the Council Chamber in 2024. The aim being for assembly members to tell the Council how they would address the climate and nature emergency if they were in charge. This is part of the Council's aspiration to make the newly refurbished Council Chamber far more of a community space.
- As Exec Member for Leisure, I am inviting residents of West Oxfordshire to help shape the Council's leisure and wellbeing services by participating in a district-wide community survey. The survey is up and running until Friday 19th January when the Council's Executive will produce a report to assist with the future delivery of leisure activities. The survey can be found at WODC's site: <https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/physical-activity>
- A reminder that residents across West Oxfordshire are encouraged to provide feedback to the latest consultation on the proposed Botley West Solar Farm by visiting the website www.botleywest.co.uk. This feedback is as well as PC feedback .

23/086: To consider County Council Matters: AG had circulated his report, there were no further questions. from the floor. He also sent an update on the following:

- The Catchment area study meeting update was raised by me at full council when I invited the cabinet member for climate change to join me with officers to the meeting currently being scheduled for January and he gave me that assurance.

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23/087:Planning:

- i. **23/02948/FUL** - Change of use from former Telephone Repeater Station (Sui Generis use) to furniture workshop (Use Class B2) and erection of a single storey side extension Telephone Repeater Station Banbury Road Tackley – **NO COMMENT**

23/088:Network Rail Level Crossing: LM updated the meeting following the erection of the TWAO for Stopping Up the footpath at Pigeon Lock and Notice of application to acquire land rights in land compulsory and extinguish rights over land (Compulsory Purchase Order). She is waiting to hear back from Mr & Mrs Peakes land agent and Alex Machin regarding the BHS response. A response needs to be submitted to the Secretary of State by the 26th January 2024, therefore a January agenda item.

23/089:Gardiner Arms update: The members agreed to wait for AP to update on his return.

23/090: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: SH, seconded: RHO: **APPROVED**

Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
840.66		Clerks Pay	Nov Salary	LGA 1972 S111
50.00		A Marshall	Oct bin emptying	LGA 1972 S112
872.35	145.39	Greenscythe	Nov Green spaces maintenance	Open Spaces Act
3657.60	609.60	MD Blake	Tree works village & Heath 22-23	Open Spaces Act
84.00	14.00	Playground Facilities	Playground Inspection	Open Spaces Act
125.50		Tackley Village Hall	Hall hire meetings & Remb' Sunday	LGA 1972 S112

- ii. The Standing Orders, Risk Assessment, Financial Regs and Code of Conduct were **APODPOTED** for the year. Items were taken as one: proposed AL, seconded SL: **APPROVED**

23/091: Budget 2024-2025: The members had been circulated with the following for noting:

- i. Bank Reconcilitaion as of 30th Nov 2023: Noted and signed by LM and CC.
- ii. Payments Listing 01/04/23 – 30/11/2023: Noted.
- iii. Receipts Listing 01/04/23 - 30/11/23: Noted.
- iv. Income & Expenditure (Budget v's Actual) as of 30th Nov 2023: Noted
LM advised that the allotment water bill needed to be paid by the PC, currently billed to the village hall, if there is a separate meter, the account and bill should be in the PC's name not village hall.

The members went through the budget lines individually and discussed the proposed budget. They noted that to set a balanced budget the PC needed to levy a precept of £30,209. They noted the projected closing balance for the 2023/24 year and agreed to absorb some of the requirement through the reserves. The budget for 2024-2025 was **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

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23/092: Precept 2024-2025: The increase in the Band D tax base equates to £161.35 in monetary value.

There has been no increase in charge per house per annum for the past few years, with the increase in process across the board and the scope of the PC works getting larger, the PC needs to ensure it sets a prudent and progressive budget.

It was decided that a 3% increase would be levied in 2024-25, this is below the rise in the cost of living and current inflation rates.

The precept for 2024-2025 was set at £29,425, £58.19 per house per annum – proposed RHO, seconded SL – **APPROVED** and **SET**

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Precept	£28,017	£28,409	£29,425
Tax Base	495.87	502.82	505.67
Charge p/h p/a	£ 56.50	£ 56.50	£ 58.19
£ inc p/h p/a			£ 1.69
% Increase			3%

23/093: To consider other matters:

- i. Section 106: Add Section 106 to Jan 2024 agenda, SH noted that the PC needed to move forward with consulting on the top options. SL said these needed to be costed, LM noted that the disabled toilet option to be added to the list.
- ii. Cottesway Housing: SL will follow up with Cottesway and Tim Sumner regarding residents in the properties.
- iii. IT provision: AL to investigate grants to support the PC moving to a cloud based or SharePoint based structure.

Next meeting: 15th January 2024 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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

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