

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 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), Angus Paxton (AP), Richard Jackson (RJ),
Jan Read (JR) Allotment Representative & Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council)
Councillors Andy Graham (AG) (OCC) and Tim Sumners (TS) (WODC).
2 Member of the public

23/094:Public Participation: None.

23/095: Apologies for absence: None.

23/096:Declaration of interest:

AP – Item 11 – he has taken up a position working for National Grid ESO where he will be involved in strategic energy planning and must retain a neutral, independent perspective on energy system investment proposals.

LM – Item 15.i –a recipient is a family member and personal reimbursement.

23/097: Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 20th December 2023 were approved as a fair and true record: Proposer AL, seconder SL.

23/098:Matters Arising from November and December meeting:

- i. Allotment hedge: This is outstanding.
- ii. Lower Hades to Balle Lane hedge & footpath complete.
- iii. Jubilee Garden (old) Dog Poo Bin: Complete.
- iv. Playground: works are underway.
- v. Metalwork for hardcourt: CC sent pictures for quotations.
- vi. Footpaths: AL handed over info to SL, she is preparing a timetable.
- vii. Richard Banbury bench: Complete

23/099: To consider District Council Matters: Tim Sumner sent in the following update.

- Invited 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>
- WODC are focusing on Community narrative and what local rural communities instead of focusing on national narrative topics. He assured TPC that he will be representing us.

23/100: 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 is scheduled for this month, he will send a premeeting verbal as he is unable to attend
- Education Cttee at OCC are appointing a Youth Development Officer who will work with WODC and TPC to focus on youth service provision.
- 104 electric buses are coming to Oxford, second biggest fleet outside London.
- £142 million is to be spent on infrastructure, including roads.

23/101:Gardiner Arms update: AP has received no update. AL noted that the price had been reduced to £480,000 from offers in excess of £600,000.

23/102: Rural Housing: SL had met with Fiona Brown of Collaborative Housing, she is happy to come along to a PC meeting (April), she will also help to advise how we can work with WODC to ensure Tackley families stay with in Tackley.

SL also updated that an eviction notice had been served on the illegal occupants.

23/103: Flooding – Catchment Study: Meeting has been arranged for the 31st January, with OCC, WODC, TPC. The landowners will also be invited, this is to set the next steps.

23/104: Network rail level crossing TWAO and letter response: It was agreed that CC would respond to Network Rails letter stating that they had not addressed our questions or concerns and that we had not been consulted on well.

Sue Ealey, on behalf of local horse riders, spoke to the meeting to express her concerns on the rerouting of the bridleway. She noted that consultation report leaflet is misleading, the schematic of the new route and old route looks like a mirror image – this is not the case. The report published in December 23 says it is safer for an enclosed track with fence, this is not the case with a horse rider, horse and other public users. She confirmed the British Horse Society and local riding clubs are against the reroute.

It was agreed that TPC would formally object to the TWAO reiterating our concerns voiced to Network Rail and safety grounds for the horse riders and other users. It would also state that the consultations process did not feel like a two-way process and that other options have not been looked at properly.

Proposer: SL, Seconded AP – all in favour – Object to the Sectary of State re the TWAO.

Angus Paxton left the table and did not participate in the following discussion.

23/105: Botley West second round Consultation response: Following a discussion it was felt that the members were undecided in their response to this round of consultations, it was felt that the developers had take into account comments made from the first round and incorporated them, however they were conscious of the village meeting where many people voiced their objection to the initial consultation. They agreed TPC did not have enough current feedback from the residents regarding the new consultation, to represent it in favour or against to Botley West. AL will draft a Notices asking residents to respond to the Clerk so TPC can gauge the village opinion.

Item 14.1 was dealt with at this part of the meeting:

23/106: Heath update: Rachel Strachan requested that the PC authorise spend of £870.00 for 6 people to attend training on use of the brush cutters. CC confirmed there was enough money in the budget line so authorised the training.

RS also noted that the information boards at Crecy Hill needed repairing, this would be undertaken for a small fee of approx. £25.00 for materials. CC confirmed this is covered by the current budget provisions.

23/107: S106 update: deferred to February's meeting.

23/108: Allotments: JR requested that the PC approved the issuing of temporary half plots, this will help unworked plots get allocated, albeit on a temporary basis when the full plot holder wishes to resume work. This was unanimously agreed.

AL, along with all members of the council thanked Jan Read for her time and work with the allotments, it is greatly appreciated.

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23/109:Parish amenities:

- i. Heath Update: Under minute ref: 23/106.
- ii. Playground update: Trevor Stewart had started the repair works.
- iii. Shop/Café/Public Toilet: A meeting with all parties is scheduled for 26th January 2024, update at Feb meeting.
- iv. 20's Plenty: No date had been set as yet and Church Hill is in progress, we are just waiting for update from OCC.
- v. Safety Railings: RHO has found it challenging to find a company willing to undertake a small job, he has sourced one and is waiting for the costs to be submitted..

23/110: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**

Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
840.66		Clerks Pay	Dec Salary	LGA 1972 S111
50.00		A Marshall	Oct bin emptying	LGA 1972 S112
1744.70	290.78	Greenscythe	Nov & Dec Green spaces maintenance	Open Spaces Act
10.50		L Marshall	Black Bin Liner reimbursement	Open Spaces Act
84.00	14.00	Playground Facilities	Playground Inspection	Open Spaces Act
110.00		Martin Harris	Installation of bench	Open Spaces Act

- ii. **Grant request for from Tackley Village Shop for Bookcase**: A request for £250.00 was received to provide a bookcase on wheels to provide an area for the sale of second handbooks and act as a book exchange:
Proposed AP, Seconded RHO – All in Favour – Grant for £250.00 awarded.

23/110: To consider other matters:

- i. Bench in new playground Barwood Estate: AP asked if we could put a new bench at the new playground. CC to ask Barwood for permission.
- ii. Mole Hills on playing field: RHO noted the mole hills – Green Scythe have previously advised that the moles will move on when the vibrations of the mower start.
- iii. Rail Users Group: LM advised the group had now been set up.
- iv. Newsletter: It was agreed that the Botley West consultation feedback request would be published in the newsletter.

Next meeting: 19th February 2024 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:58pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2024.

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