

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 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)
Councillor Tim Sumners (TS) (WODC).
9 Members of the public

23/111:Public Participation:

Mr Jim Pitts – Requested that the whole width of grass up to the allotment gate is cut rather than leaving long grass at one side as it is leading to the fences starting to rot.

Mrs Karen Ward (Tackley Primary School) - Numbers of pupils at Tackley Primary School have increased recently due to Wootton school amalgamating with Tackley. They are raising money for a self-contained classroom which can be used as a breakout room for SEN pupils, a room for musical instrument lessons and also potentially to provide workshops for parents. Aim is £30,000. So far Tackley Shop has promised £3,000 and the Pop up Pub is supporting their fundraising efforts. Would the PC also grant some money? Discussion was delayed until later (see 23/124/ii) as the Clerk (RFO) was unavoidably delayed and not present at this time.

23/112: Apologies for absence: Andy Graham (OCC).

23/113: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 14.i – a recipient is a family member and personal reimbursement.

23/114: Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2024 were approved as a fair and true record: Proposer AL, seconder SH.

23/115:Matters Arising from January meeting:

- i. Allotment hedge: Plot holders cut back the side, but top requires reducing – outstanding CC.
- ii. Playground: Complete.
- iii. Metalwork for hardcourt: Playground Facilities will look at area on next visit.
- iv. Bench in new playground Barwood Estate: outstanding CC.

23/116: To consider District Council Matters: Tim Sumner updated on the following.

- Community First Oxfordshire are advising on affordable housing in rural areas.
- TS is the portfolio holder for Leisure, Parks, and Projects at WODC – looking into green heating for leisure and swimming pools.
- Pitch Facilities – addressing new all-weather pitches across West Oxon.

AP asked if there was an update on WODC enforcing planning conditions on the pub. TS had not heard an update. AP to pick up on this.

23/117: To consider County Council Matters: No update – Apologies from Andy Graham.

23/118:Gardiner Arms update: AP requested the spend of approx. £50.00to obtain documents from Land Registry on how the last financial transaction was made. SH asked how long the residents can remain living in a non-running pub. AP advised that WODC gave an ambiguous response from their Chief Executive. This needed chasing up.

23/119: Flooding: LM updated that the catchment study meeting had gone well.

Following the meeting LM met with Hywell Morse (Peakes Land Agent), Tim Laughton, June Collier and two flood risk officers from OCC. This meeting was productive and awaiting suggestions of next steps.

23/120: Network rail level crossing TWAO Planning Inquiry:

It was agreed that TPC would attend as an objector and represent at the inquiry. LM asked if the PC wish to work with TRAC, British Horse Society and other groups. Alex Machin advised the BHS had asked to speak based on safety grounds. Hywell Morse updated on the position of the compulsory purchase of the land

Options available to the PC are:

- 1) Legal Representation – approx. cost £20,000 to the PC.
- 2) Engage an Expert Witness – approx. cost £10-15,000 to the PC.
- 3) Ask for legal support from a solicitor to look over our case and advise – a discovery call.

It was agreed that options 1 and 2 are not financially feasible for the PC. Take option 3.

Angus Paxton did not vote on ratifying the below.

23/121: Botley West second round Consultation response ratification: the below response was submitted on the 6th February 2024.

The Tackley Parish feedback to Botley West Phase II consultation logged 54% against and 46% in support and a significant number remain undecided. A majority (900+) did not take the opportunity to respond. As such the Parish Council do note the progress made through the consultation process which has been well received and resulted in a shift towards accepting the proposal, however unless further improvements are made to the plan the village cannot fully support it in its current format. One key change our parish demand to see enacted is an improvement in the grant provision; £50k PA is not acceptable when similar projects set a standard of nearer £500k PA for a project this size. It is our belief that delivering on this point would persuade a significant number of people in our parish to be more positive regarding the installation.

Proposer: AL, Seconder SL (AP Abstained) – All in Favour

23/122: S106 update: Responses following the Tackley Notices post was all in support of the refurbishment of the Village Hall and Accessible Toilets, with the pump track remaining a strong second.

Rob Marshall was requested to get further information from the pump track company and it was suggested to Alex Marshall (15) that he speak to young people in the village and get a list of names of others who would really like to see one built.

CC was waiting to receive a response from the Leisure and S106 Team at WODC to confirm this is acceptable spend for the funds. TS agreed to take this up.

CC was asked to put the responses into a table, top 3 to be mocked up and costed ready for public consultation.

23/123: Parish amenities:

- i. Nature Spaces Update: LM updated that the brush cutter course went well, and the Heath Committee is putting together a management plan.
- ii. Playground update: This is now complete.
- iii. Shop/Café/Public Toilet: AL met with representatives of the Village Hall and Shop, various options for the locating of an inclusive toilet for the playground users were looked at. Katie Hoffman will take options to the VH committee and feedback response.

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- iv. 20's Plenty: Scheme went live on 5th February 2024, except for Church Hill, which is likely to take a further 6 months. Thanks was given to RHO for his work on this project.
- v. Safety Railings: RHO had circulated a quotation for wrought iron railings both sides with spilt. The quote is £6,190.00 plus VAT. Check that S106 can be spent on this – Geoff Barrell OCC.
- vi. Pop up Pub: Noted that the car park can be used for Food Vans as long as they remove their waste.
- vii. Litter Pick: SL advised that the village will be taking part in Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean, the school are running a poster competition to advertise this.

23/124: 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: AP: **APPROVED**

Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
840.66		Clerks Pay	Jan Salary	LGA 1972 S111
50.00		A Marshall	Jan bin emptying	LGA 1972 S112
872.35	145.39	Greenscythe	Jan Green spaces maintenance	Open Spaces Act
18.99		L Marshall	Printer Ink	LGA 1972 S112
320.00		OCV	Crecy Hill Maintenance	Open Spaces Act
870.00		Cherwell Training	Brush cutter training	Open Spaces Act

- ii. **Grant request for outdoor classroom from Friends of Tackley School:**

It was agreed that the PC would look further into this and come back with how they could support the project. There is £1,000 in the budget for grants, but it may be possible to increase this.

23/125: To consider other matters:

- i. Elections 2024: CC Advised that the PC were going out for election in May this year.
- ii. FixMyStreet: LM asked if the PC could promote the use of this website more.
- iii. Portrait of King Charles III: RJ asked if the PC could apply for a free portrait of the King, CC had already applied.
- iv. Pizza Van litter: Rob Marshall asked if the pizza van could be asked to have a bin outside its truck, rather than use the bins in the village as they are becoming over filled.

Next meeting: 18th March 2024 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9:13pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2024.

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