

# TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 held at Tackley Village Hall

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

Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council) and June Collier (JC) (PC's Railway Representative).

Councillor Tim Sumners (TS) (WODC).

2 Members of the public

### 23/126:Public Participation:

Julie Farren – advised the council that the Village Hall Committee had held their AGM, the new board consists of 12 voting members and representatives. Mrs Farren had taken up the role as Chair. She asked the members how the PC was progressing with the Section 106 money available to the parish, she had had contact with the Finance Director of WODC, which indicated that the PC were meeting with the S106 officer at WODC, who would be able to advise better. She updated that the Pop-Up Pub would now be run by the Village Hall with the funds coming directly back into the VH reserves. The Committee is keen to progress with the extension and alterations to the hall and would welcome financial support from the PC and the S106 money.

CC confirmed that she was meeting with the WODC Officer for Leisure, who would confirm if use of the S106 fund for the VH aspirations is allowed.

AL went on to confirm that the updated consultation from residents confirmed the feature of the village hall, but it is necessary that the PC pick the 3 -4 strongest themes and acquire costs and designs for each. This would then be presented to the residents in a visual consultation at the VH.

**23/127: Apologies for absence:** Cllr's Liz Marshall (LM), Angus Paxton (AP), Richard Jackson (RJ) were noted. Andy Graham (OCC).

**23/128:Declaration of interest:** None.

**23/129:** Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved as a fair and true record: Proposer AL, seconder RHO.

### 23/130:Matters Arising from February meeting:

- i. Metalwork for hardcourt: CC to chase Playground Facilities.
- ii. Bench in new playground Barwood Estate: outstanding CC.
- iii. Tree Crown reduction: CC has approved the reduction of 2 trees in Harborne Road and 2 in Nethercote Road, each site costing £475.00 plus VAT.
- iv. S106 Data Collation: CC to collate the data and meet with WODC Leisure Officer.

**23/131: To consider District Council Matters:** Tim Sumner updated on the following.

- TS had met with the Head Teacher at the school regarding the planning application for the school, he is supporting the process.
- Affordable Housing: he is investigating further into eco affordable housing for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation villagers.
- Solar Motion Sensor streetlights: Campaigning for these to be installed where feasibly possible. Cost circa £158.00 per light.

RHO noted that low-cost housing is also required for the elderly members of the village who wish to downsize, there is currently none available.

AL advised that A Neighbourhood Plan would help state these requirements to developers in the future, CC to circulate any Plans she is aware of like the size of Tackley.

**23/132: To consider County Council Matters:** No update – Apologies from Andy Graham.

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**23/133:Gardiner Arms update:** No Update – Apologises from AP.

**23/134: TPC’s Statement of Case submitted for the Public Inquiry re Network Rail:** The attached Appendix, was submitted to the Secretary of State as the PC’s Statement of Case. The document was formally ratified. **Proposer AL, Seconder SH – all in favour.**  
 JC expressed her disappointment that OCC have not supported the objection nor made a request to speak at the Inquiry. She offered to speak on behalf of the PC, along with SL if necessary.

**23/135:Parish amenities:**

i. Nature Spaces Update: Rachel Strachen submitted the below report:

Crecy Hill

a) Crecy Hill is due its 10 yearly Local Wildlife Site survey this summer. This will be arranged by the Oxfordshire Wildlife Sites Project Officer at BBOWT (Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust); and the work carried out by TVERC (Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre). It involves no cost to the Council. A report is produced, which includes advice on managing the site.

**The Council formally gives permission that this survey can be carried out. Proposer AL, Seconded SL – all in favour.**

b) On Sunday 17 March a group of 12 Oxford Conservation Volunteers worked on the reserve. They used tree poppers and other tools to uproot scrub encroaching the wildflower areas and cleared some brambles on the access path. One local (Rachel Strachan) joined for the morning. More scrub removal is required, so it is planned to book OCV again in the summer and autumn for this.

It was **AGREED** that the £160 invoice for this work party should be met from the 2023-24 budget for Crecy Hill (when received).

c) The information boards have been repaired by Neil Wilson; expenses claim for the materials is submitted.

This is ratified under the finance section below.

Heath

Expenses claim submitted for First Aid materials and trimmer line for February's brush cutter training course. These will also be used at future Nature Spaces work parties.

This is ratified under the finance section below (the Brush Cutter invoice was paid in at February's meeting).

ii. Shop/Café/Public Toilet: AL will chase with Julie Farren.

iii. Cigarette Bins at VH: SL requested that AL ask Julie Farren if cigarette bins could be placed on the outside of the VH.

iv. Safety Railings: CC chased S106 money with Geoff Barrell at OCC, he has passed this to a colleague and will chase for TPC.

**23/136: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: SL: **APPROVED**

Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
840.66		Clerks Pay	Feb Salary	LGA 1972 S111
50.00		A Marshall	Jan bin emptying	LGA 1972 S112
872.35	145.39	Greenscythe	Feb Green spaces maintenance	Open Spaces Act
1776.00	296.00	Greenscythe	French Drain Installation & Build	Open Spaces Act

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50.00		OCC	Allotment Rent	Open Spaces Act
53.47		R Strachen	Nature Spaces Reimbursement	Open Spaces Act

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**ii. Approve Grant for £3,000 for outdoor classroom from Friends of Tackley School:**

It was agreed that the PC would approve £1,000 in the budget for grants, and the remaining £2,000 from the Mosaic ringfenced funds, the Mosaic Committee had agreed release of these funds.

**Proposer AL, Seconded SL – All in Favour – Approved.**

**23/137: To consider other matters:**

- i. Elections 2024: CC advised that the election notice period begins on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, the council will therefore be in the purdah pre-election period. Nomination forms need to be completed and returned by hand to WODC no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> April by 4pm, these forms can be obtained directly from WODC or CC.
- ii. Glass Greenhouses on Allotment site: CC confirmed to the PC that it is not normal practice to allow glass greenhouses on a site, due to health and safety reasons. The members agreed to follow this protocol.
- iii. Newsletter: SL agreed to write the newsletter.
- iv. Stream Jubilee Gardens: LM had received photographs and an email from a resident showing brown foam present in the stream. LM is looking into a citizen science project which may help get the water tested. She is also in contact with Thames Water.
- v. Rail User Group: AL had previously circulated a report from the group, SH requested that AL and the group ask if the Sunday service could be continued during the winter and more frequently during the day.

**Next meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:26pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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