

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th April 2024 held at Tackley Village Hall

Present: Councillors Andrew Lines (AL) (Acting Chair), Liz Marshall (LM), Sue Lygo (SL), Steve Hill (SH), Angus Paxton (AP), joined the meeting at 7:30pm
Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council).
Councillors Andy Graham (AG) (OCC) and Tim Sumners (TS) (WODC).
2 Members of the public

23/138:Public Participation: None.

23/139: Apologies for absence: Cllr's Richard Jackson (RJ) and Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO) were noted.

23/140:Declaration of interest: LM in item 12.i – a family member is a recipient of a payment.

23/141: Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 18th March 2024 were approved as a fair and true record: Proposer AL, seconder SL.

23/142:Matters Arising from March meeting:

- i. Metalwork for hardcourt: SL suggested a local company – she will meet with them to obtain a quote.
- ii. Bench in new playground Barwood Estate: outstanding CC.
- iii. S106 Data Collation: CC to collate the data and meeting with WODC Leisure officer is scheduled for 14th May 2024.

23/143: To consider District Council Matters: TS updated on the following.

- WODC Local Communities team have launched a guide to Nature and Wildlife in the Area, he noted that there are funding sources on the last page of the guide, which the PC or local groups may be interested in exploring.

23/144: To consider County Council Matters: AG had circulated his report, there were no further questions on this. He went onto to verbally note:

- £7 million additional funding had been ringfenced for pothole repairs for Oxfordshire roads.
- 2 SEND schools will be opening within the county.

CC asked if OCC were representing at the public inquiry for the Network Rail bridleway, as she could not find their response. AG will look into.

23/145:Neighbourhood Plan: AL verbally briefed the meeting that having a plan approved would benefit the community, in ensuring ringfencing of open spaces. He also noted that the PC had looked into it a few years ago when the plans were in their infancy, this had moved on with plenty of resources available a little cost. He had support for the idea and will bring more information back to the PC.

23/146:Planning:

- i. **Ref: 24/00796/CND - Little Manor Church Hill Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3AE –[Discharge of conditions 4 \(details of integrated bat roosting and nesting opportunities\) and 5 \(details of external lighting\) of Planning Permission 23/01641/S73](#)**

Action: Noted

- ii. Ref: 24/00693/LBC – 8 Ball Lane Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3AG –

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and porch, concrete sectional garage, coal/log store and outside toilet. Internal and external alterations to include erection of replacement single storey rear extension to dwelling together with internal alterations to existing outbuilding.

Action: No Comment

- iii. Ref: 24/00692/HHD - 8 Ball Lane Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3AG –

Erection of a replacement single storey rear extension, erection of detached car port/garage building and provision of a vehicle turning area. 

Action: No Comment

23/147:Gardiner Arms update: No official update other than the property is showing Under Offer on the website.

23/148:Parish amenities:

- i. Nature Spaces Update: Rachel Strachen submitted the below report:
 - Heath Workparty 13 April. The 5 volunteers carried out the following work:
Creating dead hedge fill of a new gap in the hedge on Fox Hill close to 2 existing entry points - to reduce wildlife disturbance and trampling.
Clearing dead bracken clumps from a stretch of 'core' path. This was to deter birds nesting close to the paths, as preparation for using brushcutters to keep the paths accessible during the bracken season. It also lets more light in to encourage grasses and flowers.
Making tree guards around a few self-sown oak saplings - to protect them from deer browsing, damage by brushcutters undertaking path bracken clearance over the summer, and to encourage some oak regeneration.
 - Breakfast on the Heath 6 May - request for permission to hold event including taking vehicles onto the Heath, and for TPC insurance cover dealt with in separate communications with TPC by Jane Walker and Tony Perry.
For consideration - The May Breakfast is when the most people visit the Heath. Very few villagers are aware of TPC's responsibility for the Heath. Asking the organisers to acknowledge this event is held 'with permission of Tackley Parish Council, Trustees of Tackley Heath' would be an opportunity to improve awareness and clarify the situation.
 - Heath Management Plan - work is ongoing on this, compiling background information and developing draft objectives.
- ii. Hatwells Fair: The PC **APPROVED** the request to use the playing field 7th – 14th July 2024 for the fair.
- iii. Paddock: Notice on the paddock ends in Sept 2024, it was agreed that the PC will speak to OCC and see if we can take over the lease. AL will enquire.

23/149: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: SH: **APPROVED**

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Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
840.66		Clerks Pay	March Salary	LGA 1972 S111
50.00		A Marshall	Mar bin emptying	LGA 1972 S112
872.35	145.39	Greenscythe	Mar Green spaces maintenance	Open Spaces Act
247.13		OALC	Annual Membership	LGA 1972 S112
3000.00		Friends of Tackley School	Grant for outdoors provisions	LGA 1972 S112
38.99		R Strachen	Nature Spaces Reimbursement	Open Spaces Act

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.

23/150: To consider other matters:

- i. Village Hall Bookings: CC to check the VH is booked for the PC meetings and correct dates on website.
- ii. Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting: Meetings to be held on 20th May, APM @ 7pm followed by APCM. Invites to School, Rail Users Group, Village Hall, Village Shop, Nature Spaces and Police to be sent.
- iii. Kite Flying: John Giddins highlighted that he had seen a kite flying near an 11kva cable supply, this is lethal. Pop out on notices to not do this and dial 105 if anyone is seen doing so.

Next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting @ 7pm 20th May followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:07pm.

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

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