

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January 2025 held at Tackley Village Hall

Present: Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) Chair), Angus Paxton (AP), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), Steve Hill (SH), Sue Lygo (SL).

County Councillor Andy Graham (AG), District Councillors Genny Early (GE) and Tim Sumner (TS).

Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council)

0 Members of the public

24/091:Public Participation: None.

24/092:Apologise of absence: Cllr's Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice Chair) and John Gibbins (JG), were noted.

24/093:Declaration of interest: LM in items 10.i – a family member is a recipient of a payment.

24/094: Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 17th December were approved as a fair and true record: Proposer SL, seconder RHO, with agreed amendments to 24/085.

24/095:Matters arising from minutes of Dec & Jan meeting:

- **Crecy Hill Dog bin:** CC has asked Publica to relocate bin, no response yet.
- **Sandbag Store:** Martin Harris asked the size to enable quote, agreed 2m²
- **Bench / Tree Barwood Estate:** LM will chase Barwood re tree replacement.
- **External Audit Certificate for Open Spaces:** CC still outstanding.
- **Noticeboard replacement:** CC received 1 quote circa £2,100.00 plus VAT, Awaiting further quotes.
- **S106 Feedback forms:** Form included in the newsletter, will also be in the shop.

24/096: To consider District Council matters.

GE: Woodstock LCWIP met the week before, there was nothing to report for Tackley from the meeting, but Neil Wilson has submitted a suggestion of an island on Banbury Road to aid with crossing the main road which is being considered. GE advised that none of the cycle infrastructure project is funded yet and a public consultation is due next month asking for comments and public opinion.

AG advised that once the consultation is over, it goes to the cabinet for a decision. He advised that this is currently at the intermediate stage with so much more to be done.

The 50mph stops after lay by south of the B4027 junction, it was asked if it could be extended as this would make crossing the main A4260 Banbury road safer? AG noted that there is a Highways element of the scheme can be done separately, for which there is currently a consultation out:

Re: Informal consultation - Proposed Speed Limit reductions on the A4260 (and adjoining sections of the B4030, B4027 and A4095)

Oxfordshire County Council is seeking your views on the proposed scheme to reduce speed limits, as illustrated in the attached drawings. The measures are being brought forward as part of the Vision Zero Speed Management programme.

Your comments will be taken into account when the scheme proceeds to detailed design and is subsequently subjected to a formal consultation process. Details of the proposed changes along the A4260 are as follows:

1. Banbury to Bodicote.
 - An extension of the existing 30mph speed limit, southwards to (and including) the Weeping Cross junction, replacing the current 40mph limit.

2. Adderbury to Deddington.
 - 50mph to replace the National Speed Limit (NSL), southwards from the 40/NSL terminal south of Berry Hill Road to the NSL/20 terminal at the northern edge of Deddington.
3. North Aston to Rousham Gap.
 - 60mph to replace the NSL on the northbound dual carriageway section;
 - 50mph to replace the NSL between the dual carriageway and Rousham Gap, except
 - 40mph on the approaches to the Hopcrofts Holt signalised staggered junction.
4. Sturdy's Castle to Shipton-on-Cherwell.
 - 50mph to replace the NSL from a point north of Sturdy's Castle, southwards to the existing 50mph limit, including the B4027 between the A4260 and the A4095.
 - 40mph on the approaches to the junctions with the A4095.

TS: had visited the Gardiner Arms and had a good evening. He had also called a meeting of the West Oxon Heritage team for the coming Wednesday regarding BWSF, OCC will be at the meeting, its aim is to protect the heritage of the areas the scheme is proposing to use.

24/097: To consider County Council matters. AG updated the following from County:

- **Devolution** – OCC leaders have been trying to find the best way forward to have discussions with neighbouring authorities mainly Berkshire, regarding the Governments plans for devolution. It is suggested that a Mayoral combined authority, probably with Berkshire, would work best and OCC have put forward a proposal for it. The Local Government reform then considers how the two tiers of district and county work, this is likely to be removed and a Unitary Authority formed. OCC are trying to make sure democracy is not lost in the bureaucracy and hope to get it enshrined in policy and procedures beforehand. The 31st of this month will give a clearer picture on where the government is going with this.
- **Local elections May 2025** will go ahead.
- **Woodstock Doctors Surgery** – a strategic group with Callum Miller MP chairing , raised the issue in house of commons, he has also spoken to Wes Streeting, who has expressed support in that Woodstock will get its sorted. AG has had one meeting with the Doctor's and the ICB on what they need and want. There is some piecemeal going on now for scoping and requirement, not just for Woodstock but for the whole area. Expecting results of the study by March 4th – where timeline will be agreed.
- **Flooding:** County have done a review of the latest flooding county wide, the report is going to cabinet this or next month, go on the OCC website and enter flooding review will get to see the report. If more than 5 properties have flooded, OCC must do a local flooding plan. LM advised that Lewis Purbrick (OCC flood risk team) is looking into the blockage in the drain which may be the cause of the flooding near the green. We are hopeful that this may be fixed early this year.

24/098: Botley West Solar Farm: It was agreed that the PC's Relevant Representative will be SH. CC will register him and the Clerk's email. Proposed: SL, Seconded RHO. All in favour.

24/099: Parish amenities:

- i. **Safety Railings:** works to replace the railing is starting w/commencing 20.01.25
- ii. **Heath** – LM updated the following:
 - Separating Expenditure for Tackley Heath
Reminder that, as trustees of the Heath charity, the expenditure on the Heath needs to be shown separately in TPC accounts and budget. Both in a manner to enable the required financial reporting to the Charity Commission, as well to inform management planning and actions.
A dedicated line for Tackley Heath is needed in the 2025/6 and future years budget and accounts. Contractors need to be asked to separate out in their quotes and invoicing for work done in relation to the Heath. This includes all tree, hedge and path work on this site.

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- Volunteers have created a marked diversion for the flooded section of Heath public footpath. This was done in time to enable some 150 fun runners to run along it on Boxing Day. LM asked if any underspend from the 2024-25 Heath budget could be ringfenced and carried forward to the 2025-26 year. CC advised that a council resolution is required, as the projected underspend was accounted to fall into the main pot of £9,000. It will leave the general reserves low if agreed in Feb 2025.
- iii. **Grass / Hedge Cutting contract renewal** – CC updated that once the Heath map is received, she will circulate for tender.
- iv. **Burial ground:** SL had a meeting with Mr and Mrs Peake and Reverend Harriet, it was agreed that when churchyard is full it will be officially closed. It will however be kept open for ashes internment.
- v. **Use of playing field request:** Birthday Party 2nd March 2025 – redacted, no longer required.
- vi. **Ratify long term use of the playing field for Rachels Bootcamp and Jim’s Fitness** – proposed RHO seconded SL All in favour.

24/100:To consider matters of finance and policies:

- i. Ratification of Payments – invoices to be emailed beforehand: 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
867.53		Clerks Pay	Dec Salary	LGA 1972 S111
50.00		B Marshall	Oct bin emptying	LGA 1972 S112
906.00	151.00	Greenscythe	Oct Green Spaces maintenance	Open Spaces Act
40.00		Tackley Village Hall	Room hire Jan	LGA 1972 S112
225.60	37.60	Playsafety Ltd	Playground inspection	Open Spaces Act
200.00		Tackley Bell Ringers	Annual grant 2023 & 2024	LGA 1972 S137
100.00		Warm Space Grant	Warm Space Grant	LGA 1972 S137

24/101:To consider other matters:

- i. **RHO:** the terrible weather has meant no power to enable use of solar panels – VAS sign not working Church Hill. He suggested purchasing replacement power batteries at a cost of £40 each. CC confirmed she could authorise this spend under delegated powers therefore agreed.
- ii. **LM:** asked if the VH Committee could be asked if the PC can pop a small notice board on side of village hall A3 size. CC to email

24/102:Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Section 106 feedback
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Noticeboard Quotations
- Council resolution for Heath budget C/fwd. underspend.
- Blanford Flies

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Next meeting: 17th February 2025 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 20.08pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 17th December 2024.

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