

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish COUNCIL Meeting held on 23rd JUNE 2025 held at Tackley Village Hall

Present: Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) Chair), Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice Chair), Sue Lygo (SL), Steve Hill (SH), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO).
County Councillor Andy Graham (AG) (OCC), District Councillors Genny Early (GE) and Tim Sumners (TS) (WODC).
Julie Farren (JF) Village Hall Committee Chair.
Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council).
8 Members of the public

25/013:Public Participation:

- **Mrs Nudds:** Asked the Parish Council to please reduce all 5 sycamore trees at the rear of her garden. The trees are also impacting on her neighbours and the small amount of work undertaken by the PC a few years ago, was not sufficient in maintaining them.
LM agreed to contact Mark Blake and ask he looks at them again.
- **Angela Allen:** Asked that playground improvements and toilet access be accounted for from the S106 pot, AL confirmed that this has the support of the PC. She felt that the pump track scheme is too specific for one age group and would like the money to spread out across lots of small projects that would benefit a wider range of residents, for example junior football goals, floodlights on the hardcourt, and play area improvements.

AL advised that a neighbouring PC had set aside a pot of money which residents can apply to for smaller projects, he suggested making some enquiries regarding leaving the main VH doors open, so users of the playground can use the toilets, this would require a Risk Assessment.

Mrs Allen noted that she wanted the recreation to cover lots of projects, not just the toilets. AL explained that the PC set a threshold to report on ideas that had obtained 5 or more votes, then explained that to have recreation (lots of pots) would need to be democratic to include everything,

Mrs Allen asked that recreation be option 3, on any further S106 consultations. CC explained that the feedback received did not reflect this, and that the PC had asked the residents on 3 occasions for their ideas but agreed that it should be included.

It was advised that the S106 results had not been published to the residents, as the newsletter had not been produced this quarter, therefore residents had not been privy of the information the Cllr's and CC was referring to.

Judy Robson advised that she supported the idea of a grant pot, to be drawn down, and set aside a specific amount for local clubs to draw down.

John Cook asked if the VH was a validated project, there is no agreed scheme yet for the residents to count on. They should not be allowed to hold a lump of money based on a promise of a scheme. RHO updated that having an assured amount ringfenced from the TPC can release other funds from grant funding. Mr Cook commented that the VH Cttee should have gone to an architect for what the village hall needs, not what they want.

- **Julie Farren: Village Hall:** Extension update, talking to another architect about more of a phased approach, another meeting 24th June. VH meeting set for Monday 30th June, LM asked if they intend to speak to specific groups about what they would like, i.e. History group.

Mosaic – JF said they have spoken to the History Society, to see whether the tiles can be taken out of the concrete lumps that they are set in. The History Group confirmed that there needs to be some work carried out before that can happen. There have been now further updates.

AL advised that it is the groups intention to perhaps cover the cost of housing the mosaic, JF asked who would be responsible for ongoing costs, AL confirmed it would be the PC, AL will reach out to group and ask where they are that with doing this.

It was suggested that the group meet with JF.

She went on to update that the committee had washed outside of hall and patio area and weeded the area, they had also painted outside of hall, she asked if the PC would consider painting the bench – this was considered reasonable.

General Update - Received quotes for increasing the insulation in the roof, applied for 4 grants to help with the cost.

Church fete – Cttee will be erecting a marquee, JF asked if it could be left up for the Caribbean night the following week. PC agreed.

Judy Robson asked JF if the village will get to see the plans for the refurbishment / extension before it is decided, JF confirmed this.

25/014:Apologise of absence: Councillors Angus Paxton and John Gibbins were noted.

25/015:Declaration of interest: LM in item 13.iii – a family member is a recipient of a payment.

25/016: Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting held on 19th May 2025 were approved as a fair and true record: Proposer AL, seconder RHO.

25/017:Clerks Report:

- **Sandbag Store:** £460 plus £300 labour total cost of £760.00, the members agreed to proceed if confirmation is received that it is open fronted: Proposer: AL, Secunder SL – all in favour
- **External Audit Certificate for Open Spaces:** CC still outstanding.
- **Noticeboard: Martin Harris to submit a quote.**
- **Path (corner of field and school:** does not require tarmacing, quote for hardcore and ensure it drains
- **Bins:** relocate playground one to corner of field and school one further away from entrance.
- **Conifer tree:** passed exact location onto the school.
- **Benches:** request that the bench outside the shop be sanded down and revarnished.
- **Crecy Hill:** June Collier notified the council that the ragwort was in need of being pulled, and the entrance fences replaced, LM advised that the Naturespaces Cttee, have discussed it and will go up once it has started flowering and will pull, needs fencing replaced, contact OCC, LM to see rental agreement.
- **2 St Johns Road** – overhanging trees and hedge cutting back. SL will ask occupants.

25/018: To consider District Council matters.

GE: updated that:

- Quarterly service performance report had been published, this qtr. Showed progress in reducing empty land properties and leisure centre membership is up. Affordable houses under target, 122 affordable homes by July 2025, 102 in total for social rents. Percentage of household waste has reduced against a target of 62%, reaching 57%.
- Local Plan 2041 – preferred policy consultation options will open end of June, focusing on affordable housing and carbon and renewable energy. Discussions of a Rail link between Carterton and Oxford.

- Required to provide 905 new homes each year in WODC, 14,480 new homes by 2041. Intend to add a 10% buffer in case of delays, overall, 16,000 houses. Policy says where these should be built, exact site mapping will take place later in the year. GE urged everyone to look at it – does it work for Tackley and its residents?

TS: updated that:


- Oxford airport meeting, main overview is that the solar panels around the airport in the BWSF, have been reduced, due to safety concerns. Aircraft movement allows for 160k movements per year, way under due to less private jets using the airport, rich are leaving the UK. Helicopter use is up, training is up, 66% of movements accounted for. Please report untoward flights over Tackley, they do follow it up.
- Airport not included in Oxford - Cambridge ARC.
- Community Activity Grants will be launched in the summer to run alongside West Hive. £500-1000 for voluntary organisations, charities and groups.
- Shop front improvement scheme grants up to £1000 for both visual improvements and accessibility.
- Rural enterprise growth grants for small businesses:
<https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/media/uggbhzak/rural-enterprise-growth-grant-guidance-notes-2025.pdf>

25/019: To consider County Council matters. AG updated that:

- Local Government Review: engagement with residents have been published and drop in days are underway – lots of questions and residents should have their say about what services they would like.
- Network Rail have asked for a TRO for 18 months, Secretary of State told them to look at option D, OCC asking for NR to reassure them that it is going somewhere and advise how they are going to respond to NR before they issue another TRO.
- Community activity grants – scheme launching in summer, running alongside Westhive, small scale that have an impact in the community. Min £500 max £1000, voluntary sector, sports clubs and charities. Shop front improvement grant scheme, make premises more accessible, Rural enterprise growth grant, support diversification, CIC West Oxford website.

25/020:Planning:

[Erection of a single storey rear extension and insertion of roof lights to side elevations \(Non Material Amendment to change the windows frames from white to grey, the cladding from white to oak brown and from horizontal to vertical, and the front side of carport from wood to brick\)](#)

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8 Balliol Close Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3AS

Ref. No: 25/01183/NMA | Validated: Fri 23 May 2025 | Status: Under consideration – No Comment

[Erection of first floor extension above garage with an external staircase](#)



3 The Hades Ball Lane Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3AG

Ref. No: 25/01173/HHD | Validated: Mon 12 May 2025 | Status: Under consideration – No Comment

[Certificate of lawfulness \(erection of a single storey extensions\)](#)



41 St Johns Road Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3AR

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[Erection of a rear extension](#)



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25/021: S106: AL updated that the PC has a meeting planned with the Youth Officer at WODC, hoping that he will be able give ideas.

AL outlined what the PC will do:

Continue working with VH, about phased development, support them to seek insight from groups we use.

Toilet issue – TPC to speak to VH re opening the toilets.

Reinvestigate an allocated fund, for which people in village can draw on for recreation use, via WODC

25/022: Neighbourhood Plan & Housing Needs Assessment: AL has finished drafting all 7 chapters of NP, going back to section 5 and feeding data in from HNA survey. Will start reaching out to stakeholders in the village to see their take on it.

25/023:Parish amenities:

- i. Received Quote for playground repairs, in excess of £6,000. The PC cannot pay the figures quoted, CC to chase Trevor Stewart, she will also contact Kidlington Parish Council and ask for their maintenance.
- ii. Received 2 Quotes for M365 and website costs; it was agreed that CC will go back to one proposer and ask for clarification and wait for the 3rd option.
- iii. To agree a financial contribution to a replacement memorial bench – it was agreed to support the replacement once the family had decided on the design.
- iv. Newsletter – The PC wished to thank Martin Edwards for all the time he puts into the newsletter and understands the health needs for a break in the usual cycle.

25/024:The Internal Audit report for 2024-25 was noted and accepted, it was noted that the budget figure needs minuting, in addition to the precept figure – agreed. Proposer: AL, Seconder RHO.

25/025:To consider matters of finance and policies.

- i. **Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Report 2024-25 was approved and signed:**
Proposer: AL Seconder: SL – all in favour.
- ii. **Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Report 2024-25 was approved and signed**
Proposer: AL Seconder: SH - all in favour
- iii. It was approved that the following payments were ratified and the impact the payment would have on the budget and reserves. Proposed: AL, seconded: AP: **APPROVED**

Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Payee	Details
867.53		Clerks Pay	May Salary
50.00		B Marshall	May bin emptying
50.00		OCC	Allotment Rent
234.57	39.09	OALC	Cllr Training pro rata costs
618.19		Clear Councils	Annual Insurance
200.00		Kirsty Buttle	Internal Auditor
937.69	156.28	GreenScythe Ltd	Inv 17874 – May 25 Village Main'

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25/026: Next Agenda Items:

- **LM – Bus stop:** ask GreenScythe to trim the bus stop, add this to their schedule.

Next meeting: 21 July 2025 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2025.

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