

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish COUNCIL Meeting held on 21st July 2025 held at Tackley Village Hall

Present: Councillors Andrew Lines (AL) (Chair), Sue Lygo (SL), Steve Hill (SH), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), John Gibbins (JG).
County Councillor Andy Graham (AG) (OCC), District Councillor Tim Sumners (TS) (WODC).
Cherie Carruthers (CC) (Clerk to the Council).
5 Members of the public

25/027:Public Participation:

Catherine Chayter from the Village Hall Cttee: Advised the cooker is not fit for purposes for village groups and hirers of the hall, the Cttee has had 3 phase electrics put through to accommodate a commercial oven. The cost for the oven is £2,324.00, the Village Shop has donated £1,000 towards the cost, the Cttee would like the PC to pay the rest £1,324.

AL asked if the VH cannot pay for it – Catherine said the bank balance looks healthy, but it is ringfenced and doing other projects like insulation etc. AL advised them to apply for a community grant, and it will be an agenda item for discussion at Sept's meeting.

25/028:Apologise of absence: Councillors Liz Marshall and Angus Paxton were noted.

25/029:Declaration of interest: None.

25/030: Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting held on 23rd June 2025 were deferred to Sept's meeting – no councillors had read them.

25/031:Clerks Report:

- **Sandbag Store:** The final design of the structure was not agreed, it was approved that if the project did not exceed the £760.00, approved amount from June's meeting, the design can be agreed offline.
- **External Audit Certificate for Open Spaces:** CC still outstanding.
- **Noticeboard:** Martin Harris to submit a quote.
- **Path (corner of field and school:** Martin Harris submitting a quote for type 1 hardcore.
- **Bins:** relocate playground one to corner of field and school one further away from entrance, confirmed waiting for date.
- **Benches:** Bench near shop and playground is being restored by Mr Farren.
- **Crecy Hill – rental agreement:** Outstanding, awaiting agreement from LM before contacting OCC.
- **2 St Johns Road –** overhanging trees and hedge cutting back. SL will ask occupants.
- **Hedge onto allotment –** SL will raise again with Cottesway. The access is padlocked so we cannot get access, if we needed to.
- **Tackley Horse Show:** £150.00 donation to the Nature space budget– the PC thanked to them
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25/032: To consider District Council matters.

TS: updated that:

- Reminded the meeting that the consultation on the preferred policy options for the local plan 2041 is open. In October a consultation on the actual proposed sites will take place. There are 254 site allocations, in January 2026, Reg 19, real draft of the plan. The plan then goes to inspectors after consultation of Reg 19.
- WODC text parking scam. TS confirmed this text is not real. Do not answer or respond.

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25/033: To consider County Council matters. AG updated that:

- Local Government Review: WODC working up a proposal for unitary which involves Cherwell and Oxford City Council, a two unitary solution is going forward, along with a 3 unitary option or 1 unitary option. Central Government is determined to go ahead with devolution. Oxford need to give their preference by November 2025 to Central Government.
- OCC website – pharmaceutical needs of the community consultation is open on their website.
- Oxford Congestion Charge is also being consulted on now – taking cars out of the city centre, use park and rides.

25/034: Parish amenities:

- i. Heath Pond – update from Nature Spaces Committee rep Mark Crocker talked through the proposal previously circulated by Cllr Liz Marshall for OxEcology to deliver a pond restoration plan at the Heath costing £1,226.90. The pond in corner of the Heath, has been identified as having ecological interest, The quote is to have a survey done to identify the species and management of the pond. CC advised there is a budget to cover the £1,200 charge for the survey. AL difficult decision, perception of the quote difficult to assess, JG noted he thinks ponds are worth saving and pondlife is an oasis and needs preserving. **Prop JG, Sec: SL – all in favour.**

25/035: To consider matters of finance and policies.

- i. **Ratification of Payments – all are paid via bank transfer.**

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**

Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Payee	Details
867.53		Clerks Pay	June Salary
50.00		B Marshall	June bin emptying
937.69	156.28	Green Scythe Ltd	April green space maintenance
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25/036: Next Agenda Items:

- **S106:** AL has done some work around a community fund, will bring the full proposal to Sept meeting. He is proposing a community fund with the money that cannot be used on the Village Hall, the community can out in requests to the pot and meet criteria. Jim Pitts and room felt this was the fairest way of moving forward.
It was noted that the PC will need to ensure the money is moved over from WODC before the LGR.
- **Bus Shelter Marestail** – needs removing from bus shelter, GS asked to strim but worried it will spread it. Spray or burn rather than strim.

Next meeting: 15 September 2025 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2025.

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