

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th September 2025 at Tackley Village Hall

Councillors Present: Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice-Chair), Sue Lygo (SL), Steve Hill (SH), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), John Gibbins (JG), Angus Paxton (AP)
County Councillor Andy Graham (AG) (OCC), District Councillor, Genny Early (GE) and Tim Sumners (TS)

In Attendance: Sarah Kearney (Locum Clerk),

Members of the Public: 9

25/037 Public Participation:

Julie Farren: Update on Village Hall Refurbishment Plan B Scheme

Prior to the meeting, Councillors had been circulated with the revised architect's plans for the refurbishment scheme. These were provided to allow members to review the designs and raise any concerns.

Councillors discussed the plans in detail and confirmed that they were satisfied with the proposals overall. It was suggested that residents should also be given the opportunity to view the plans to ensure full awareness of the refurbishment project and to provide their feedback. Options included holding an open evening, as well as displaying the plans on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website.

It was noted that the only outstanding element of the refurbishment plans relates to the toilets.

Newsletter

A query was raised regarding the status of the Parish Newsletter. The gentleman currently responsible for compiling the newsletter is unable to continue at present due to personal reasons, and it is possible he may not wish to resume this role. Another individual has expressed an interest in taking over responsibility, but his attempts to make contact with the current editor have not received a response.

The Village Hall Committee expressed their willingness to coordinate matters from their side, as they are keen to ensure the continuation of the newsletter.

Action: Cllr SL to contact both individuals to clarify the situation and report back to Council.

Memorial Bench Donation

Matt Ryan attended the meeting to advise the Council that his mother, a long-standing resident of the village for 40 years, had recently passed away. The family wish to donate a memorial bench in her memory. They requested that the bench be located in the Playground, as this was a place where their mother had spent much time with her children and grandchildren, and where it would give them great comfort to see other families enjoying the area.

The family are content for the bench to be in keeping with those already in place, preferably the plastic style now being used.

Action: The Clerk to liaise with the family regarding the details of the memorial bench.

25/038 Apologies of Absence: None

25/039 Declaration of Interest: None

25/040 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 23 June and 21 July 2025, were approved as a fair and true record: proposer SL and AL, seconder AG and RH

25/041 Clerks Report:

- **Sandbags Store** – The Clerk has asked for an update, hopefully will receive by Monday
- **Noticeboard** – The Clerk hasn't received any complaints because of the lack of Noticeboard at the VH Car Park, suggested to hold on moving the Nethercote one. Councillors all approved to not moving the Nethercote noticeboard.
- **Path Corner** – The Clerk is still awaiting on cost, hopefully will receive this by Monday
- **Relocation of Bins** – Complete

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- **Bus Shelter Marestail** – completed, just need to keep cutting this down and hopefully overtime this will get rid of it.
- **Playground Bench** – Completed
- **2 St Johns Road Hedge** – Need to go back to complainant advising they will need to speak to Highways at OCC as this is not in the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.
- **PC Website and Gov.uk emails:** Parish Council decided to pick this up at the next meeting

25/042: District Council: WODC Updates

Genny Early:

- **Public Toilets:** West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) are currently reviewing all public toilets across different areas to assess whether responsibility for their upkeep could be transferred to Town Councils as part of the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).
- **Eynsham – Green Light Net Zero Standards:** The 2200 home Salt Cross development in Eynsham will be the first to be built to net zero standards, with WODC leading the way on this initiative.
- **Youth Development:** A Youth Leader has been piloting activity days for different age groups. The first event, held in Stonesfield, was very successful, and there are plans to roll out similar activity days to other areas, including Tackley.

Tim Sumner:

In the Carterton Area the public debate will include 17-24-year-olds as they are under-represented

WODC – [Council proposes £3.5 million investment to improve Leisure](#)

Calum Miller – Our local MP is very much interested in being involved in local events, so if you have anything coming up, please let his team know

24/043: OCC: Andy Graham:

[Oxford Rail Project](#) – Four new stations proposed in the New rail strategy

[Congestion Charges](#) – These charges will be going ahead for Oxford

[Oxford Station Problems](#) – Hopefully reopening next year

25/044 Planning: No objection to either of the applications:

[Fitting of an electric car charging socket to front elevation of dwelling.](#)



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[Internal and external alterations to fit an electric car charging socket to front elevation.](#)



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25/045 EV Charger:

Councillors held a detailed discussion regarding the proposed EV chargers. It was agreed that further information is needed on the tariff charges for residents who would be using them. Members also requested clarification from the company on whether the package offered would differ if the number of parking bays were reduced to 6, 4, or 2.

Action: Cllr SH to investigate these details with the company and report back at the next meeting.

25/045 Section S106:

S106 Funding Allocation

Cllr AL explained that he had conducted research into how S106 funding could be spent and outlined three categories:

- **Public Art:** £9,000
- **Off-Site Sports:** £108,000
- **Leisure, Sports, and Play:** £73,000

Cllr AL proposed potential allocations within these categories:

- **Mosaic:** £9,000
- **Village Hall:** £108,000

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- **Community Funding:** funds available for residents to propose projects, such as playground refurbishment.

The Council voted to approve the proposed allocations and to take this forward. **Cllr AL proposed and Cllr RH seconded.**

25/046 Parish Amenities:

Repair Works Approval

The Council approved Trevor Stewart to carry out the repair works for £3,000. **Cllr RH proposed and Cllr AS seconded.**

Regarding the roundabout, it was agreed to wait until the Parish Council has clarity on the S106 funding, as the roundabout project may fall within one of these allocations.

25/047 To consider matters of Finance and Policies:

- 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
£1,873.86		Clerks Pay	July Salary £895.29 August Salary £895.29 Pay Award backpay £83.28
100.00		B Marshall	July & August bin emptying
937.69	156.28	Green Scythe Ltd	July green space maintenance
60.00		Village Hall	Meeting Room hire
100.00		Locum Clerk	Meeting cover for Sept meeting

- The council approved the Clerk's Increment due to passing her CiLCA: Prosper AL Seconder SH.

Next Meeting: Monday 13th October, please remember that Monday meeting will be moving to Second week of the month, need to look at the February date to be agreed

Meeting Finished: 8.40pm

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 15th September 2025.

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