

# TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Tackley Village Hall

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

**In Attendance:** Cherie Carruthers (Clerk),

**Members of the Public:** 7

**25/048 Public Participation:** None

**25/049 Apologies of Absence:** DCllr Tim Sumner (TS) were accepted.

**25/050 Declaration of Interest:** LM in item 12.i – a family member is a recipient of a payment.

**25/051 Minutes** of Parish Council Meeting held on 19 September 2025, were approved as a fair and true record: proposer AL, seconder SL

**25/052 Clerks Report:**

- **Sandbag Store:** The members decided to source a shelter and ask for installation; this will become urgent with weather changing soon.
- **Path Corner:** awaiting costs from Martin Harris.
- **Greenscythe:** Confirmed they will cut allotment paths, track and hedge.
- **PC Website and gov.uk emails:** Ongoing.
- **EV Charger HoT's solicitor:** KPC passed on their solicitor at OCC, Mr Richard Hodby. CC has a call scheduled.
- **Ryan Family Memorial Bench:** CC sent the family the information to match Richard Banbury's bench.
- **Resignation of Steve Hill: Casual Vacancy;** the members decided to defer co-option until after Christmas. AP to take over EV chargers & Planning.
- **Use of playing field: Fireworks & Parking:** 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 with parking around the hedge edge of the playing field. The members thought this request reasonable, if they do not park on the edge of the football pitch. AL to see how feasible this is, and he will be there in person on the evening so happy to monitor.

**25/053 District Council: WODC Updates**

**Genny Early:**

- WODC draft [Spatial Options Consultation paper Local Plan 2043](#): plan for 18,000 new homes in WODC, at present WODC sits at approx. 55,000 dwellings, the additional quota is over 30% more houses. This figure is passed down from Central Government. WODC plan to go out for public consultation in Nov 2025.
- Large strategic developments for Witney, Carterton, Eynsham which mop up biggest targets. Tackley has nominated site area U, around 70 dwellings on Rousham Road. Tackley is identified as a tier 3, larger village population over 3,000 residents. AL noted that Tackley has had a 26% population growth between 2011 and 2024. GE advised that the village has got a Rail Station, shop, school and pub, these are the reasons to delegate Tackley for a development site.
- Caveats land levels and access, flooding etc will need to be looked at, comments need to be made and encourage residents to complete the consultation, need inputs from residents.
- Consultation starts 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov to 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, a 7-week period, this is not the draft plan, this is for each site, which will be modelled against the infrastructure needs and ensure that it is sustainable going forward.
- LM – need to look at flooding, extremely important that this is addressed and looked at.
- GE advised that the Draft Plan publication date is approx. June 2026, where you can comment again. Then it goes to the inspector approx. Sept 2026, if agreed will be in place after that. AP asked; does this survive the merger of the councils? AG yes (as far as he knows).

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AP continued; if it was being considered as a merged council, would it not be that the whole area would be considered, and therefore nearer the big towns. AG – he would not bank on it, as the village would still have to take a cut, currently 10% of the whole requirement.

AL: it does not make any sense in that Tackley has been identified. AG this is not prescribed, it is important that residents put their comments through and up to the parish council put in collective view.

Member of the Public, Karen Snow of North Haye, strongly opposes the proposed designation of Tackley as a possible development site, her concern is the sustainability of the wildlife and biodiversity within the village, and particularly Rousham Road area. She mentioned that Oxford Wildlife Trust's information suggests the land / property to put into a trust, she asked if a council could purchase from a council? CC advised that it had to be for sale, which it is not.

Ms Snow put forward, Mr John Westernme at Edgars, as a contact who could give some advice on a template letter to circulate. The members agreed to accept and follow up.

RHO: has the council ever done an analysis of the people who have purchased the houses that are built within Tackley, those from and around the village cannot afford to stay. GE advised that the PC could ask the housing officer's opinion [Jon.dearing@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:Jon.dearing@westoxon.gov.uk) for specific details for Tackley – copy AG and GE in.

RHO continued: developers are building houses for people to move into Oxfordshire and not local people.

Members of the public, John and Anna Reynolds, whose drive is adjacent to the proposed site, commented that there is currently flood mitigation on the drive, a bund, holds water back by approx. 6 feet. Unless installing serious land drains, they are not sure how the site will cope and protect the village.

Member of the public, Jim Pitts: developers only want the high-end houses, the planners need to stamp on the plans early on and not allow it.

## 24/054 OCC: Andy Graham:

- [Park and Ride free](#) from 29<sup>th</sup> Oct until end of Jan 26, just pay for parking ticket £2.50.
- [Woodstock Surgery update](#), progressing nicely.
- **Oxford Airport Cttee**; in terms of training flights, which have dipped in amount but does not really change anything for Tackley. Impact of BWSF, which insisted on moving panels away from the airport; to consider safety, developers have done this. Air pollution is not monitored as present. AG to ask OCC to do this, as how do we know what is in the air now and investigate an alternative to kerosene
- **Local Government Reorganisation**: proposals need to be submitted to Central Government by Nov 28<sup>th</sup>; 3 options being put forward. WODC working on the [2 council option](#) for unitary. Feb – March time will have a consultation on it, AG asking ministers what kind of consultation it will be, will feedback really be taken into account.

**24/055 WODC Local Plan 2043:** Consultation regarding the draft settlement hierarchy and spatial strategy, including the preferred site options for development to meet the housing and economic needs of the district. LM and SL agreed to attend to represent Tackley, at the meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025, in Witney. AL had drafted and circulated the briefing in *Appendix 1*.

**25/056 Planning:** No objection to either of the applications:

- [Pollard mixed deciduous line of trees on NE boundary line to neighbours Finish height 25-30 ft](#)

 **Street Farm 22 Nethercote Road Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3AW**

**Ref. No: 25/02388/TCA | Validated: Mon 29 Sep 2025 | Status: Under consideration**

- [Erection of single storey rear extension.](#)

 **8 St Nicholas Road Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3BH**

**Ref. No: 25/02190/HHD | Validated: Wed 10 Sep 2025 | Status: Under consideration**

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**25/057 EV Charger:** CC has a call scheduled with Richard Hodby, OCC solicitor this week to go over the HoT's. AP noted that the rate is lower than motorway, but not cheaper than Tesla, and probably more expensive than diesel. AL what are the charging rates in Woodstock? What kind of reductions will residents have? AP will become the lead councillor on this. CC to introduce AP.

**25/058 Parish Amenities:**

**Heath update: the committee approved spend.** LM advised that in the hedge on the woodland side near Foxhill, some of the whips have survived, but ones in the shade had not, the committee would like to purchase holly whips to plant now so they can establish themselves before next summer. £100 spend. Proposer: AL, Seconder: AP - agreed.

Regarding the pond project, the committee is waiting for the proposals to come through, TOE funding looks possible, therefore it is likely a good proportion of the cost for the project should be covered.

The fence between Crecy Hill and field needs 5 to 6 posts that need fixing, CC to let LM know what is in the budget and what is remaining.

**25/059 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: SL, seconded: RHO: **APPROVED**

Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Payee	Details
£1,040.87		Clerks Pay	Sept Salary £916.07 CILCA Increment backpay £124.80
50		B Marshall	July & August bin emptying
937.69	156.28	Green Scythe Ltd	August green space maintenance
83.52	13.92	Wel Medical	Defib Pads
230.40	38.40	Playsafety Ltd	Annual RoSPA Inspection

- ii. **Approved the grant request of £750.00 from Tackley Village Hall**, to help fund the new commercial oven.  
Proposer: AL Seconder: SL - Agreed
- iii. **The Conclusion of Audit 2024-25 (S3)** had been circulated to members, it was accepted and noted.

**25/060 Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

**JG:** advised that he is unable to attend the airport meetings in person as access is limited but updated that new contact at the airport is a vast improvement, if they flew 75ft higher, the sound would not be as oppressive.

**RHO:** asked where the Remembrance Day wreaths were kept, LM has them and the church has the crosses.

**RHO:** Playground in Kings Sutton, has an adult exercise trail around the outside, LM advised that this was an option for S106.

**SL:** Banning Property Services and Cottesway are both insisting that the section of land between the allotment and the Roman Place development is the responsibility of the other. CC to check land registry.

**Next Meeting:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7pm.

Meeting Finished: 8.30pm

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 13 October 2025.

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