

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 September 2026 at Tackley Village Hall

Councillors Present: Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice-Chair), Angus Paxton (AP), Sue Lygo (SL), John Gibbins (JG).

In Attendance: Andy Graham CCllr (OCC)
Tim Sumner DCllr (WODC)
Cherie Carruthers (Clerk to the Council)

Members of the Public: 4

26/037 Public Participation:

- i. **Dee Nudds:** Spoke to the meeting regarding the overgrown trees which are leaning over into her garden along Chaundy Road. She noted that it had been 16 months since she first brought this to the PC and as, yet nothing had been done. She advised it would make sense to trim them back every 2 years. LM updated that we had been waiting for the Councils preferred tree surgeon to attend, the delay was partly to do with the very dry summer weather but agreed that it had taken too long. Mrs Nudds requested that the work be undertaken before Christmas and that she had a tree surgeon, Matthew Roach, who will come and do work. LM confirmed that the contractor who had been working on the trees at the Heath pond restoration had been asked to come and quote, if the PC had no luck with him, we could use Matthew Roach.
- ii. **Mark Hilton:** was unable to attend but had emailed to ask the council if it would be revisiting greening of the bus stop on Medcroft Road, at the entrance to the Village Hall car park. AL updated that Mark would like the bus stop to be more rural in look. LM said that the worry now is that the horsetail problem would encroach on any planting, so would need to be in a raised planter. It was decided that the PC could ask the village again, as it knows the opinion was very split.
- iii. **Charmaine Knight:** Followed up on the conversation about the Mosaics old and new; there is no update on the Roman one this time, other than the opinion of the History Group is that it is not possible to display the whole thing now, but it may be possible to display part of it 1-2 sqm size. The location has not been resolved. It got tangled with the concept of an art installation to try and use the art allocation of S106; which would be available for a new mosaic only. Claire Goodall, local artist (recommended by WODC); has offered to see through the grant application and motivate groups in the village. This may be good use of the art installation money. One location may be the church which is already known to historians. SL advised it was discussed by the church council. It was a yes in principle. Lovely idea but it requires a mastermind to take it forward. JG: Sounds a good idea and the theme that it is going into a Norman building. AP: Generally supportive, but it was a decision for the church. AL: is dumbfounded that the Roman mosaic does not qualify for the S106 money, unbelievable that it cannot be spent on an authentic historical piece of art. Understand we are struggling to allocate the money on the original but does not make sense to spend it on a new mosaic. It was agreed that further considerations had to be considered.

26/038 Apologies of Absence: Councillors Karen Snow (KS), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO) and DCllr Genny Early were noted.

26/039 Declaration of Interest: LM in item 13.ii – a family member is a recipient of a payment.

26/040 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **8 June 2026** meeting were **approved** as a true and fair record. Proposer AL, Seconder RHO.

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26/041 Clerks Report / Actions Register.

- **Sandbag Store:** Shed ordered with a delivery date of the 22 September. An application to the Councillor Priority Fund had been submitted to OCC. AG confirmed he agreed the allocation and fund should be in the PC's bank by the end of the month.
- **Boulders for around oak tree on Medcroft Road:** the cost for boulders was substantial, AP suggested a picket fence. CC confirmed that SSE had completed the tree works near the electrical cables on the 19 August.
- **Roundabout in playground:** Following receipt of 2 other quotes from Prolaudic and Wickstead, both exceeding the amount from Playground Facilities, it was agreed to proceed with an application for \$106 funding to cover the cost of replacing the roundabout.
- **Playground:** the recent RoSPA report had been circulated to all members, it highlighted several high risk items. CC has sent to Trevor Stewart and is waiting for his reply. It was agreed that CC will send the report to other suppliers and get a broken-down report of costs.
- **Area U:** KL submitted a request for £5,000 to pay for an independent hydrologist analysis report. Flood Management at OCC sent a Section 19 update on 4 Sept showing the status of ongoing works. CC circulated this to all members. It was agreed that this amount is beyond the Council's budget and to wait until the December budget setting meeting to see how far along OCC had got and discuss potential budgets.
- **Land between Balliol Close & Cherwell Rise:** SL had replied to the resident regarding maintenance of this area of land, she is trying to find out who the maintenance company is so that she can get in touch.
- **Crecy Hill:** June Collier has notified the Council that the nature reserve requires new fencing and ragwort pulling. LM advised that OCV are coming on the 29 November to do brush cutting, and she will put out a call for volunteers, she will also ask a contractor to look at the fencing.
- Regarding submitting a business case to OCC for retention of **Crecy Hill**; LM met Martyn Lane from OCC to go look at maintenance works to help support a case that ensures the site is retained as a nature reserve; it was agreed that it needs more brush cutting and he did not think giving it back to OCC was a good idea. LM asked if he would email her the main thoughts of the conversation, which he said he would after meeting with Kate Prudden of BBOWT. The PC can draft a plan.
- **PTA fireworks 7 Nov 2026:** request for playing field and car parking along boundary with Medcroft Road
Agreed Proposer: AP Secunder: SL; all in favour

26/042 To consider District Council matters:

TS: updated the meeting with the following:

- WODC have set up a steering group to investigate violence against women and girls. This has been actioned following a recommendation from the Youth Development officer. The scope is to raise awareness against this.
- WODC are requesting feedback regarding the 20mph campaign, can be submitted via the website.
- WODC are seconding a motion to strengthen food sustainability on UK food-based food production.
- Reminder that West Oxfordshire crowd funding has taken over from Westhive. Simplifying the process for grants to be distributed and people to apply for them. LM asked if the public toilet project would qualify - it would, just visit crowdfunder.uk/westoxford page.

26/043 To consider County Council matters: AG updated:

- Devolution of Mayoral Strategic Authority has been agreed and requested by OCC. It is expected that the outcome of the geographical area will be end of October 2026.
- LGR has been paused and under review by central government; it is not known how long this pause is for. There has been a legal challenge from 4 authorities, therefore it needs to be ratified that it is legally sound to go ahead with the reorganisation and the outcome. Elections next May will go ahead in the current boundary layout.

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26/044 Planning:

<https://publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=TKOXTPRKGDU00>

26/02128/LBC External alterations to include rebuilding of an unsafe brick chimney to a reduced height, repointing a chimney in lime mortar, and repointing the front elevation
27 Nethercote Road Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3AW – No Comment

26/045 PC's response to Area U consultation (closing date 9 October 2026): AL will reach out to KL and Genny Early (WODC) and draft a submission, it will be brought to the Oct meeting for ratification. Consultation information and how to respond can be found here:

The WODC Draft Local Plan, supporting evidence and information on how to submit a representation are available through the Local Plan 2043 website <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/localplan2043>

WODC have also created a [virtual consultation room](#), providing an accessible way to explore the Draft Local Plan and its key proposals online which can also be accessed via the Local Plan 2043 website.

26/046 Network Rail/Tackley Estate new bridleway & discussion on potentially extinguishing existing footpath rights

update: AP wrote to both Network Rail and Tackley Estates and stated we did not need a footpath fence; to date no response.

26/047 Climate Emergency / Flood Wardens: LM asked what we can do as a village / PC and as individuals to make the village more resilient against flooding. The suggestion of designated Flood wardens to volunteer who can quickly mobilise other people to assist and help all residents when needed. She asked the PC to also consider both PC and individual actions that can be taken to mitigate against flooding, for example, planting trees, actively emptying the water butts before heavy rain to allow for collection. It was suggested that the PC draft an Emergency plan. It was agreed to call a village meeting, date for meeting to be confirmed and advertised.

26/048 Parish amenities:

- i. **Footpath Fortnight:** SL: completed for 2026, Angus has walked all the footpaths in the village in the last 6 months, all are clear.
- ii. **Foxhill Junction:** KS – deferred
- iii. **New defib at station:** SL advised that there should be a defib within 200m of where you live, she will therefore ask Network Rail can provide 2 new ones.
- iv. **Public Toilet (£106):** RHO had submitted a design brief and quote to the Clerk; she updated that there were 3 options ranging from £109,722 to £139,398. Further quotes and ideas will be obtained.

26/049 To consider matters of Finance and Policies:

- i. The **External Audit report and Conclusion of Audit for 2025-26** had been previously circulated. The members noted the report and the comments made within it.
- ii. **Ratification of Payments – all are paid via bank transfer Proposer: AP: Seconder: SL - all in favour**

Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Payee	Details
1,832.14		Clerks Pay	July & August Salary
120.00		B Marshall	July & August bin emptying

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1,957.90	326.32	Green Scythe Ltd	July & August green space maintenance
283.50	47.25	Moore Stephens	External Auditors 2025-26
84.00	14.00	Playground Facilities	Playground Inspection bi-monthly
545.97		C Carruthers reimbursement	Sandbag shed reimbursement
11,520	1,920	RJR Tree Work & Landscaping Ltd	Restoration of Pond, Heath (TOE grant to refund)
16.99		Liz Marshall	Bin Bag reimbursement
237.60	39.60	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA Play inspection

26/050 Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Privacy Policy
- Community Asset sale of function room and car park: triggers right to bid. Action to notify village.
- Pond restoration; update website with grant once received
- Cost for lines repainting, including cleaning and colouring consideration for budget.

Next Meeting Date: 12 October 2026

Closed: 21:05

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 14 September 2026.

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