

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 June 2026 at Tackley Village Hall

Councillors Present: Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice-Chair), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), Karen Snow (KS).

In Attendance: Andy Graham Cllr (OCC)
Genny Early DCllr (WODC)
Tim Sumner DCllr (WODC)

Members of the Public: 2

26/013 Public Participation:

- i. **Julie Farren** updated on Village Hall progress:
She had met with Nicola Mellings; Section 106 Officer at WODC. She is asking if the Parish Clerk will now accept a document to fill in financial details. It is in draft at this stage, once completed by the Clerk, it must be sent back to WODC for review.
Detailed architect's drawings have gone to surveyor and come back as £410,000 approx. cost. Which she thinks is achievable.
- ii. **Charmian Knight** spoke about the £9,000 S106 Money for the art element. The plan is to use that money to help bring back the roman mosaic. Idea to make a new mosaic, that incorporates part of the original. WODC Officer, Martha Holland was enthusiastic; Charmaine has spoken to 2 artists who could do this. Clare Goodall has been chosen as someone specifically who might do it. Local and done it previously.

LM says it would be good to think about where it might be displayed. There is still a question about exactly what it is we are looking to mount it on and what it might be: A brand new mosaic; a mosaic completing the original, retaining as much of the original tiles in the original spaces; or something entirely different using the old mosaic and adding something new around it. In terms of location. Possibly the church. Possibly the Village Hall. Possibly a bus stop. Possibly a toilet block.

26/014 Apologies of Absence: Cllr's Sue Lygo and John Gibbins, and Clerk the Council Cherie Carruthers were noted.

26/015 Declaration of Interest: LM in item 12.iii – a family member is a recipient of a payment.

26/016 Minutes of ANNUAL Parish Council Meeting held on **11 May 2026** meeting were **approved** as a true and fair record. Proposer AL, Seconder RHO.

26/017 Clerks Report / Actions Register.

- **Sandbag Store:** Waiting to take delivery; determined by the contractor's timeframe for installation.
- **Parking under Oak Tree:** the residents have been written to, but they are still parking, CC to source costs for rocks
- **Crecy Hill:** CC has seen the draft Tenancy of Will but has requested confirmation from OCC that they will start to take responsibility for the proper upkeep of the area. Including taking up dialog with their Biodiversity Officer to devise a maintenance plan.

26/018 To consider District Council matters:

GE updated on the following:

- Elections saw drop in Labour no change to Greens and one Reform, the Executive is still a coalition. Her role has not changed.
- Planning; if we have concerns about any planning we can call it in for scrutiny via Genny. Planning application times are doing well.

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- Gym memberships are up. Below target areas are housing benefit change of circumstance. Recycling is good in terms of comparison to other areas in Oxfordshire but dropping. Efforts to remedy this are under way.

TS updated that the reorganisation since elections is minor. He now works on Culture, Sports and Arts.

26/019 To consider County Council matters: AG updated:

Tim Bearder is the new County council leader.

Money from congestion charge will continue park and ride subsidies arrangement. They are awaiting decisions about whether the congestion charge will continue forever or not.

Reduction in fatalities on Oxfordshire roads has gone down.

The 30mph to 20mph campaigns in 90% of villages in the region have been successful. Air quality has demonstrably improved, approx. 15% improvement.

Pothole nightmare is improving. Last month or two road surfaces have been worked on and results are being seen.

Rail crossing and Network Rails communications is disappointing. All the issues we have raised, and the legality of what they are doing has been questioned, and we are still not getting responses.

No update on Gibraltar Point crossroads. the location could technically be outside the division.

School bus spare tickets sale question; as guidelines have not been changed yet there will be no change until early 2027.

26/018 Section 106: AL was unable to prepare an insert for the last newsletter due to other priorities. But suggested the PC get something out for Tackley Notices and next newsletter.

26/019 Neighbourhood Plan: AL had previously circulated the draft chapters and verbally updated that:

Philippa Lowe from Stonesfield Paris Council is willing to help with Tackley's.

KS suggested an evening at the Village Hall to invite the village to attend and give feedback. The PC could do a one-page summary for each chapter, a visual presentation, sit on that and then advertise a feedback session.

The chapters can be equally spread between the Clerk and Councillors, giving each councillor responsibilities for each chapter.

Could letter box a single page saying it is available in the village shop. Put it on the website. QR code on one pager, with questions under each question. ie. Rate how important you feel about this from 1-10.

AL to speak to the Clerk about what is possible on the PC website.

26/020 Rail Crossing / Bridge Update: AP updated that the call with NR, the PC and village representatives went ok. The height of the towers and minibus operation were questioned, the financial amount quoted for this by NR was deemed ridiculous. The car parking displacement issue still unresolved.

26/021 Parish amenities:

- Footpath Fortnight:** Cllr Sue Lygo not present so defer to next meeting.
- Request from Hatwells Fairs for use of playing field 5-12 July 2026: APPROVED** Proposer: AL, Seconder; RHO – all in favour.
- Foxhill Junction:** KS suggested deferring to next meeting.
- Gibraltar Point Junction:** AG has requested a consultation on the junction safety; this should be happening this week. GS and TS are both on the case requesting the vegetation is cut back. The Clerk has given Amanda Geday the name of the OCC highways officer, Lee Turner, the PC have also written to him requesting something is done.

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26/022 To consider matters of Finance and Policies:

- i. **Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Report 2025-26 was APPROVED and signed: Proposer: AL, Seconder AP – all in favour.**
- ii. **Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Report 2025-26 was APPROVED and signed Proposer: AL, Seconder AP – all in favour.**
- iii. The **Internal Audit Report** and recommendations made within the report were **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**
- iv. It was approved that the following payments were ratified and the impact the payment would have on the budget and reserves. Proposed: AP: seconded: RHO: **APPROVED**

Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Payee	Details
£916.07		Clerks Pay	May Salary
£60.00		B Marshall	May bin emptying
937.69	156.28	Green Scythe Ltd	May green space maintenance
84.00	14.00	Playground Facilities	Playground Inspection
200.00		Kirsty Buttle	Internal Auditor
50.00		OCC	Crecy Hill Rent
48.75		Tackley Primary School	Room Hire
643.45		Clear Councils	Annual Insurance

26/012 Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- i. Footpath Fortnight
- ii. Foxhill Junction

Next Meeting Date: 13 July 2026 at 7pm

Meeting Finished: 8:10pm

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 8 June 2026.

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