

## Tetsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Tetsworth Village Green Committee Held in Tetsworth Memorial Hall at 6.45pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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#### Present:

**Chair:** Cllr Paul Carr (PGC)

**Vice Chair:** Cllr Seb Mossop (SM)

Cllr Sanjiv (Kim) Bhagat (KB)

Cllr Christopher Thompson (CT)

Anthony Bottone (AB)

Edward Claridge (EC)

Claire Allen (CA)

John Redman (JR)

Andy Hazlewood (AH)

**Clerk:** Linda Freeth (LF)

**In Attendance:** OCC: Cllr Nigel Champken-Woods (NCW); SODC Cllr Caroline Newton.

**Members of the Public:** 2

All attendees provided with a copy of the 'Scheme for the Management of the Tetsworth Village Green Common'.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Susan Rufus (SR); Adrian Hope (AH); Katie Hope (KH)

2. **To Receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

In accordance with the Local Code of Conduct to receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or non-disclosable pecuniary interests and to consider and grant any dispensation requests. **NONE**

3. **To Discuss the management and maintenance of The Green, Tetsworth, Oxfordshire.**

Claire Allen, on behalf for Anthony Bottone, presented the Tetsworth Sports and Social Club (TSSC) Village Green Report for 2022 to those present.

- a) A request has been submitted to Tetsworth Parish Council for a donation of £1500 towards the maintenance of the Village Green during 2022.
- b) Drainage has been installed on one of the football goals.
- c) Working parties have undertaken clearing of the ditch, which is an ongoing task. There is a concrete base from the Swan gates that is causing a blockage, that may require the use of machinery to move. Permission has been granted by The Swan management team.  
A dip has appeared again which presents a hazard and needs to be rectified and possible infill.

Drainage dips – Section 3 of the 'Scheme for the Management of the Tetsworth Village Green Common' states that *...the Council may execute any necessary works of drainage, raising, levelling or other works for the protection and improvement of the common and may, for the prevention of accidents, fence any quarry, pit, pond, stream or other like place on the common, and shall preserve the turf, shrubs, trees, plants and grass thereon, and for this purpose may, for short periods, enclose by fences such portions as may require rest to revive the same.....*

This document was written before land ownership was agreed and so needs further investigation to identify responsibility for this and ownership.

- d) Daffodils have been planted along the edge of The Green and through the village. A big Thank You is extended to everyone who helped with this.
- e) Annual spraying of The Green continues to be successful. The cost of this is £450 + VAT

- f) Football – last season the Saturday teams decided to move to Thame. The Sunday team have continued to play here in Tetsworth. There is now a Girls Football Academy Team playing on a Saturday.
- g) Cricket – both teams are doing well. Childrens Cricket coaching is very well attended.
- h) Tennis – a Tennis Court has been installed on The Green which has been very popular.
- i) Badminton – a Badminton Court has been set up on The Green.
- j) Table Tennis has been set up and an all-weather outdoor Table Tennis Table is wanted. Grants are being sought to fund this. TPC are asked if there are any funds available.
- k) Basketball Court – the Basketball net / backboard needs replacing. There are some funds remaining from that raised for its installation but not enough to replace it. TPC are asked if there are any funds available.  
*\*\* TPC reports that the District and County Councils have monies available which can be requested when quotes for planned works are available. The Parish Council would be happy to redirect on behalf of the TSSC if necessary.*
- l) A Volley Ball Court is planned for 2023
- m) The Fish & Chip van has been visiting the Club carpark once a fortnight which has been very popular.
- n) The mowing of The Green is going well thanks to volunteers taking on the task.
- o) Trees around The Green – thanks extended to Robert Redman and Owain Devey for cutting back the trees as necessary.
- p) There is an ongoing problem on The Green with people not picking up after their dogs!

**To Note:** Owain Devey is to replace the Rowan tree on The Green by donation. Thanks are extended to him for this.

**4. To Provide updated contact details to the Clerk, including email and telephone numbers of Committee Members**

This is requested to be submitted via email to: [clerk@tetsworthparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@tetsworthparishcouncil.co.uk)

**5. Open Forum**

The access road to the TSSC is in need of repair. This is not the responsibility of TPC but thought to be shared between OCC Highways, Spencers Farm and Thames Water. TSSC to maintain the 'edge' to discourage vehicles from moving over onto it and further eroding the boundary. It is suggested that TSSC take 1m back into gravel. OCC may be able to assist. The ownership and responsibility needs to be determined. Thames Water, David Nixey and Adrian Hope to be contacted and site boundary located on Land Registry and with SODC Planning.

Quotations to complete the necessary repairs and resurfacing to the access road / track in 3 stages to be obtained by TSSC, and drawings provided to show the 3 proposed sections. TPC will look into the ownership of the area.

**6. Date of the next meeting**

This will be scheduled for Spring/Summer 2023

**7. To Close the Meeting**

Meeting closed at 7.22pm

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Paul Carr  
Chair

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