

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Tetsworth Parish Council
Held in the Memorial Hall
at 7.30pm on Monday 14th December 09**

Present: Cllr. Jenny Kellond (JK) (Chairman)
Cllr. Karen Harris (KH)
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)
Cllr. John Thompson (JT)
Cllr. Alan Martin (AM)

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: There were 5

69-12/09 Apologies for absence:
There were none.

70-12/09 To receive Declarations of Interest
To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors relating to items to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Councils Local Code of Conduct.
Budget/TSSC – Cllr. Kellond declared a prejudicial interest in this item, signed the ‘Declaration of Interest’ book and did not vote on this item.
Budget/M40 Group – Cllr. Thompson declared a prejudicial interest in this item, signed the ‘Declaration of Interest’ book and did not vote on this item.
Budget/Memorial Hall – Cllr. Martin declared a prejudicial interest in this item, signed the ‘Declaration of Interest’ book and did not vote on this item.

71-12/09 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th November 09
48-11/09 – No apologies for absence were received.
65-11/09 – Patch – Should read ‘Swan side’ and not ‘Pub side’.
50-11/09 – Cllr. Harris left the meeting after the Financial Report.
Resolved: That these minutes, with the changes above, are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

72-12/09 Matters arising from the minutes

Village Hall Noticeboard - JK reported that the noticeboard has been returned to the carpenter.
Resolved: To leave this item on hold.

Salt Bins – The clerk reported that a new lid has been fitted and the new bin has been installed. We have received a call from a Parishioner to say thank you.

Speed Limit Orders – JT reported that he had investigated why we received a letter with reference to speed limit orders. Oxfordshire Highways are extending the 30 mile per hour speed limit for an extra 170yds before Tetsworth. Therefore the 50 mile per hour limit would be restated on the B4012.

73-12/09 County Councillors Report.
There was no representative.

74-12/09 District Councillors Report
There was no representative.

75-12/09

To receive the balance of accounts and the Monthly Financial Report

Balances:

Current Account: £0.86

Deposit Account: £25,037.52

£2.01 interest has been earned.

Resolved: To transfer £1500.00 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account.

Interest Rates – The Clerk has looked into other accounts which may pay a better rate of interest. Barclays Bank and also the Co-op Bank both run Community Accounts which have no bank charges. (which we already receive from Lloyds). However, the interest rates are 0.05% from Barclays and 0.12% from the Co-op. The Clerk will continue to investigate and in particular will look at Alliance and Leicester.

Budget

Citizens Advice Bureau – The Clerk reported that she has spoken with Tom Fox from Thame CAB. He stated that the service has helped 14 clients from Tetsworth this year and 58 individuals since 2005. He has offered to attend a future meeting to discuss services for Tetsworth in more detail. Therefore a grant to CAB of £50 was suggested.

Resolved: To give a £50 grant to Thame CAB. Vote: 3 – In favour, 2 – against.

Swan Gardens – A discussion took place to see if we should make provision for Swan Gardens maintenance.

Resolved: That we wait until provision is received from Bryants.

Enhancement of Village and Repairs – This figure has been reduced from last year as the cost of the noticeboard will come out of this year's budget. The figure for the next year's budget has been based on what was left from last year.

Resolved: That we keep the precept at £9,000 and accept the budget at £11,535 – **UNANIMOUS**

Risk Assessment

Resolved: That the risk assessment, version 7.0, is accepted – **UNANIMOUS**.

76-12/09

To approve the list of Payments and Expenditure

Resolved: That we pay the following items:

Online Playgrounds £147.31

S.Pullen (Clerks Salary) £201.41

77-12/09

Planning

To receive any planning decisions:

PO9/E1049 – 27 Chiltern View, Tetsworth.

GRANTED

To receive any planning applications:

P09/E1108 – 10 Marsh End, Tetsworth

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of single storey side extension.

Construction of new pitched roof to existing single storey front extension and porch.

NO OBJECTION – **UNANIMOUS**

5 Marsh End, Tetsworth

Resolved: To look up original planning application to check if building is progressing as per plans and write to SODC accordingly.

78-12/09

Memorial Hall

Report received from Caroline Cann. The architect is now in pre-planning discussions to see if any changes are required before re-submitting. The grants procedure can then be started again.

- 79-12/09 Youth Development on Green
JK has spoken with TSSC. There is concern that there is not enough room on the green for the youth development. TPC do not have the authority to do this. JK following up.
- 80-12/09 Garden Plots – Land behind the Green
AM/JK attended the OALC meeting. Unfortunately it was entirely to do with allotments and came from the wrong angle for what we are trying to do. Community Allotments seem to have a different set of rules. AM to contact and follow up.
- 81-12/09 M40 Group
JT reported that the M40 group has had their AGM. Nothing specific to report.
- 82-12/09 Red Lion Footpath
The bridge is satisfactory. However, the parking by the shop is unsatisfactory. We have received an email from Jacque Madden to say that she has spoken with the shop owner who is unhappy about the boundaries.
- 83-12/09 Common and Parish Land
JT reported that he has had more correspondence with SODC and OCC. He has also received quotes from an SODC meeting held 22/4/80 which resolved that Tetsworth Village Green be passed to Tetsworth Parish Council. However, it appears that everything on the other side of the A40 is not registered to anyone.
JK has some registration papers at home which she will bring to the next meeting.
JT is following up.
- 84-12/09 Village Rents
Knap Cottage
JK has received a letter from Honniball & Co, Solicitors. He is being chased by the solicitors of the new owners of Knapp Cottage. He has responded by saying that the TPC are trying to finalise the registration of the land and are unable to be specific until this is completed. A discussion took place with reference to the ownership of this land and the cost of future maintenance.
Resolved: That JT and JK continue to investigate.

The drain behind Knap Cottage has now been repaired.
- 85-12/09 The Patch
Bark – The Clerk has looked into prices of plastic bark. For a bonded bark the quotation received is for £8598.00 which includes delivery but not installation. To have loose bark, to a 2” depth would be £7778.00. Caroline Cann has installed this before. Grants may be available for this.
Resolved: The Clerk to look into grants available.

Gate – The counterweight on the gate has now been replaced with stone and is working much better.

Patch Inspections: JK has been doing regular checks. HB has volunteered to check during the next month.
- 86-12/09 To consider the following correspondence
017 Thames Valley Crimestoppers – **Noted**
018 Empowering Local Councils & the sustainable communities Act – **Noted**
019 John Howell MP – Requesting information about how Parish Council and local Newsletter/Website. Clerk to send a response.
020 Standards Committee – (available on email from the Clerk). – **Noted**

Late Correspondence (not on agenda)
021 Gillian Andrews and Jackie Pope – Ref: Beech Tree by Memorial
Resolved: That Clerk send a response stating that opinion is that the leaf fall is not that bad. Discussion decided that no further action to be taken.
022 M40 Chilterns Group – Thanks for Grant. – **Noted**
023 Letter from Alan Martin – Thanks for donation of Poppy Wreath. – **Noted.**

024 Transport Plan – Courtesy Bus to Tesco – **Yes we would like this service.**

87-12/09

Any other business for discussion

Councillor Vacancy - We have received a resignation letter from Cllr. Sarah Mills. However, after some consideration Cllr. Mills decided to withdraw this. Unfortunately, we have to legally accept her resignation and go through the election process again. Having taken advice from the OALC we have re-advertised this position as per their guidelines. If we do not have any applications within 14 days of the notice, we may Co-opt Sarah Mills back on at the next meeting.

Website - The Clerk suggested that we consider a website as a good way to communicate with the Parish. Minutes and Agendas could also be uploaded easily.

Resolved: Clerk to bring information to the next meeting. Could consider if there is a surplus on the Clerks wages at the end of March.

Parking – We have received an email from PCSO Jacque Madden stating that she is issuing £30 Fixed Penalty Notices where parking continues to be a problem in Tetsworth.

Spencers Farm Sign -The Clerk has spoken with Malcolm Bowler from Highways. He has been to look at the site. He suggests a small sign with an arrow by the 30 repeater sign. He will work out costing, design etc and will try to find budget next year.

JK wished everyone a Peaceful and Enjoyable Christmas.

88-12/09

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th January – 7.30pm

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.27pm