

Minutes of the Meeting of Tetsworth Parish Council Held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 9th January 2012

Present: Cllr. Karen Harris (KH) - Chair
Cllr. Alan Martin (AM) – Vice Chair
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)
Cllr. Adrian Cannon (AC)
Cllr. Paul Margan (PM)

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: There were 5

001/12 Cllr. Karen Harris opened the meeting and announced the sad deaths of Mr Joseph Hope and also Cllr. Roger Belson.

002/12 Apologies for Absence
There were none.

003/12 Co-option onto Council
We have received 1 application which was read out at the meeting.
Each councillor has one vote by show of hands. The person elected must get a majority of votes. Whoever receives the most votes will be co-opted.

Resolved: That Marjorie Sanders be co-opted onto the Parish Council.
Marjorie Sanders (MS) signed the ‘Acceptance of Office’ forms and then joined the meeting.

004/12 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.
There were none.

005/12 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2011 to be signed as a correct record.
198/11 - The word application should read applicant.
Resolved: That with the above correction, these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

006/12 Matters arising from the minutes
208/11 – Review of Oxfordshire Rural Community Council transport team.
AM reported that he has reviewed this report. It is not applicable to Tetsworth and therefore no further action is required.

Bulk Oil – PM reported that he has written a short article about buying oil in bulk within the community. It should appear in the next edition of the Newsletter. PM will also send to the Clerk for inclusion on the website.

Refuse Bins – The Clerk has reported to the SODC about bins being permanently left on the pavement.

Environment – We haven’t heard anything back from Highways following a walk around the village with Keith Stenning.

Resolved: To chase for a progress report – especially with regards to manholes outside the Red Lion.

007/12 District Councillors Report.
There was no report.

- 008/12 Responsibilities within the Parish Council
Following recent changes to Parish Council, it was agreed to delegate various areas of responsibility within the Council as follows:
- Parish and Common Land – PM
 - Speeding traffic and Highways – PM
 - Parish Plan – MS
 - Planning – MS
 - Finance – KH
- Outside the Parish Council Dave Harris has volunteered to continue as a representative on the M40 CEG.
- 009/12 To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:
There were none.
- 010/12 To receive the Monthly Financial Report
Balances:
Current Account: £20801.54
- The clerk reported that the Savings account has now been closed and the funds transferred to the Current account.
- Grants
Section 137 grants should be added to the agenda in February.
Resolved: That the Clerk write to local charities to ask if they wish to apply for a grant. This will also be advertised on the website.
- 011/12 Youth Development on the Green
We are still waiting to hear back from PCSO Michelle Jacques to see if there is any further news on funding.
- Skatepark**
There are two large pieces of wood which came with the Skatepark, attached to the side to prevent mud, supplied by manufacturer. The children have removed them and used them as an extra ramp which is proving dangerous.
Resolved: That HB arrange for these to be re-attached. PM will inspect the ramp before the next meeting.
- Ditch**
The ditch around the Green is full of rubbish. It was reported that Darren Lamb is organising a working party of children to clear out the ditch. PM has also offered to dispose of rubbish.
- 012/12 **Planning**
Planning Applications:
P11/E1899 – 94 High Street, Tetsworth – Amended plans
Demolish existing single garage and replace with a double garage with dormers to pitched roof.~
APPROVED - Unanimous
- 013/12 Village Environment
Bottom of Elm Close is overgrown over The Jitty.
Resolved: That AM speak with the owners and ask them to trim back their hedges.
- The Jitty path will need attention during the Summer months.
Resolved: To add to the February agenda to arrange a working party from March onwards.
- 014/12 Parish Plan
MS reported that the goal posts have moved quite a lot since the last plan for Tetsworth was done. There are more opportunities now, but it is down to us to produce.
We need to consider how we approach the community when looking at our 2014 plan. MS will write ideas ready for the next meeting.

015/12 M40 Group
Dave Harris is attending the M40 CEG meeting tomorrow and will send a report back for our next meeting.

016/12 PATCH
There was nothing to report.

017/12 To consider the following correspondence
58 SODC – Acknowledgement of TPO application – Willow Trees
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018/12 Any other business for discussion
Parking
It was reported that there have been some complaints about parking in the village, especially in The Laurels.

Queens Jubilee
Caroline Cann has organised a public meeting in the Memorial Hall for 6th February to discuss celebrations for the Queens Jubilee.

019/12 Date of Next Meeting
Monday 13th February 2012 – 7.30pm

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.23pm