

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Tetsworth Parish Council  
Held in the Memorial Hall  
at 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

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- Present:** Cllr. Karen Harris (KH) – Chair  
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)  
Cllr. Jane Bowers (JB)  
Cllr. Alan Martin (AM)  
Cllr. Marjorie Sanders (MS)
- Officer:** Sarah Pullen
- Members of the Public:** There were none
- 001/13 Apologies for Absence  
Cllr. Paul Margan, Cllr. Dorothy Brown (District Councillor), Cllr. Caroline Newton (County Councillor).
- 002/13 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.
- 003/13 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 to be signed as a correct record.  
193/12: Ken Edwards presented to council, not Ken Briars.  
**Resolved:** That with the above corrections, these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.
- 004/13 Matters arising from the minutes  
201/12 Waste bins in Marsh End. Information has been received showing that people in Stevenage are being fined up to £1000 for leaving their bins on the pavement. The Clerk has written to SODC to report this on more than one occasion. AM is not satisfied that the residents of Marsh End are keeping within the guidelines. He will go back to SODC to ask them again to reinforce this.  
  
196/12 Swan Gardens footpath. Mr Chandler has reported to AM that the person works for Taylor Woodrow who took over from the original builder. AM will contact Clerk to find contact details.
- 005/13 District Councillors Report  
Cllr. Dorothy Brown sent the following report:  
I would first like to wish you all a Happy New Year.  
Council Tax: SODC has received details of the payment of grant being received to reduce the financial impact of the new Council Tax reduction scheme. Before Christmas the Council approved the methodology to be used to apportion the grant among Town and Parish Councils. Details of the funding can be found on the website: <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/about-us/how-we-work/our-finances/funding-news-town-and-parish-councils>. More information from Ben Watson 01491 823834.  
  
Boundary Review – Consultations closed on 7<sup>th</sup> January.  
  
Community loans for Parish Councils and registered charities are now open. Application links are on the SODC website.
- 006/13 County Councillors Report  
There was none.
- 007/13 To receive the Monthly Financial Report  
The Balance at bank is **£10570.48**  
  
To sign the minutes of the budget meeting held on 3rd December  
Resolved: That these minutes are a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.  
  
To sign relevant dispensation forms  
Resolved: That all Councillors sign dispensation forms as per OALC guidelines.  
  
To approve budget and set precept  
Our budget is £14,595 which includes required £1800 for public works loan.  
The remaining portion will come from surplus funds.  
Resolved: To set Precept at £13000.
- 008/13 To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:  
Vision ICT website £150.00  
**Resolved:** To accept the above expenditure and sign cheque.
- 009/13 Memorial Hall  
There have been problems with the weather. The architect is doing a survey tomorrow.

- 010/13                    **Planning**  
**Planning Applications:**  
P12/S2711/FUL – Sunnymead, Elm Close, Tetsworth – AMENDED PLANS  
Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 2 flats and 5 houses with associated car parking with access from Elm Close (as amended by drawings PO1a, PO2a, and PO3a accompanying agent’s emailed dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012.  
**Decision** – Approved  
Vote: Unanimous
- S12/S3025/FUL – Little Acre, High Street, Tetsworth  
Variation of condition 2 on planning permission P12/S1926/FUL to allow for change to respective curtilage area for existing dwelling and new dwelling.  
**Decision - Approved**  
Vote: Unanimous
- P12/S2447/AG – Green Barn Stables, London Road, Tetsworth – AGRICULTURAL NOTIFICATION  
Proposed new agricultural barn and extension to existing barn. (Re-submission of P12/S2447/AG)  
**Decision - Approved**  
Vote: Unanimous
- Planning Correspondence  
P12/S2566/FUL – 14 High Street, Tetsworth – AMENDED PLANS  
For information only - Noted
- P12/S2886/LB – 42a High Street, Tetsworth – AMENDED PLAN  
For information only - Noted
- 011/13                    Village Environment  
It was decided due to the cold conditions in the hall to discuss these items further at the next meeting.
- Ditch between Green and Swan - see actions from last meeting.
- A40 flooding – Has been followed up with Keith Stenning by the Clerk and Cllr Caroline Newton – we are awaiting reply.
- 012/13                    Common and Parish Land  
KH read a letter received from Mr and Mrs Armstrong. They are very unhappy and disgusted that the Parish Council do not appear to have made any progress with regards to the sale of the land at Knapp Cottage. We have been in correspondence with them since April. The Clerk confirmed that she had invited Mr and Mrs Armstrong to this meeting, but unfortunately they have not attended. The Clerk reported that she has again tried to contact Honeyball Solicitors to progress this matter and has still received no reply.  
The Councillors are also disappointed at the length of time this matter is taking and also that Mr and Mrs Armstrong were unable to attend this meeting. However, during this time they have not been asked to either leave the property or charged a rent. It was unanimously agreed that whilst frustrating, there is no alternative other than to wait for the response of the solicitor. It was also agreed to ask Honeyball Solicitors to register all our land.  
**Resolved:** To write to Mr and Mrs Armstrong and invite them to the next meeting. We should also continue to chase Mr Honeyball to advise on this matter and to register all TPC land.
- 013/13                    Neighbourhood Plan  
We need to agree a date for consultation meeting. The Memorial Hall won’t be quite ready for end of Feb. It has been decided that we should do a Parish Plan not a Neighbourhood Plan. This is because the Neighbourhood plan is about positioning planning already in the pipeline in the core strategy. Our main reason for this, was for the new development at Mount Farm and therefore advice is that we work on a Parish Plan.
- We also need to nominate a Broadband Champion as part of the plan. Jane Bowers volunteered for this. The Clerk will forward any relevant documentation. HB will lead with Footpaths.
- The consultation meeting should incorporate issues such as Mount Farm, Footpaths, Broadband, War Memorial, M40 group. There are people outside the Parish Council who have expressed an interest in helping with this, such as the Moore family who are keen to be involved in Footpaths. Clerk to change to Parish Plan on agenda.  
There are Diamond grants available for this type of project, with a possibility of up to £5000 for an application of 600 words.
- Resolved:** that MS should apply for a grant. We should set a date for the meeting in late May so that it can be launched at The Parish Meeting.
- 014/13                    M40 Group  
The M40 Group have formed a Limited Company called Quiet Solar Highways Limited. They are now canvassing all parish councils and want to know if businesses and residents are willing to contribute and what interest they want back on investment. Ken Edwards is also finalising the business model.
- 015/13                    The PATCH/Skatepark  
These areas are very wet and soggy. The gangway has not yet been cleared and is still slippery. However, no further problems have been reported.
- 016/13                    To consider the following correspondence  
93 – Letter from Andy Body – Abingdon Police Station - noted.  
**Resolved:** To ask him to attend our village meeting when a date is finalised.

Emails received

Nothing further for discussion.

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Any other business for discussion

Land behind the Green – It was reported that the trees have been cut down and have been left blocking the access. It was assumed this is to prevent horse-riders and dog walkers going into areas that does not permit access.  
Resolved: To contact Mr Nixey to investigate the matter.

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Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45pm