

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Tetsworth Parish Council
Held in the Memorial Hall
at 7.30pm on Monday 18th January 2010**

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Dorothy Brown – SODC – Aston Rowant Ward

Members of the Public: 1

01/10 Apologies for absence:
Roger Belson

02/10 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.

03/10 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 14th December 09
72-12/09 Speed Limit Orders refer to 170yds coming out of Thame, not 170yds before Tetsworth.
Resolved: That these minutes, with the changes above, are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

04/10 Matters arising from the minutes
Village Hall Noticeboard - JK reported that we need to get a new quote as the previous company are now unable to fulfil the order.
Resolved: HB to obtain new quotes (JK to send specification to HB).

New Councillor – Sarah Mills has now withdrawn her application and no further applications have been received.

Resolved: To advertise the vacancy.

05/10 County Councillors Report.
There was no representative.

06/10 District Councillors Report
SODC Planning Decisions – There is an alteration of decisions for planning – i.e. if a planning reason is different to those of the policy on the item, it will not automatically be referred to the planning committee. If the Parish Council decide that it is a good planning reason to take to the planning committee it is advised to go through our local Member or if not available a nearby Member of SODC.
Resolved: That the Clerk inform Dorothy of any refused planning applications. TPC have also requested that Dorothy investigate the enforcement of a previous application at 5 Marsh End.

Assessment of Housing and Support – An assessment of Housing and Support for the needs of older people in South Oxfordshire is taking place. The District has a very high number of older people and in future this will be taken into account when making plans.

Waste Collections – Following the Christmas period and adverse weather conditions, waste collections are now starting to get back to normal.

Budget – The work on the budget is now taking place and this will go to the next main Council.

07/10 To receive the balance of accounts and the Monthly Financial Report

Balances:

Current Account: £1000.86

Deposit Account: £24,038.55

£50.51 has been received from Scottish and Southern.

Resolved: To transfer £1000.00 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account. - UNANIMOUS

Internal Auditor – The Clerk is to bring details of Internal Auditor to the next meeting.

08/10 To approve the list of Payments and Expenditure

Resolved: That we pay the following items:

Oxfordshire Highways £172.50

S.Pullen (Clerks Salary) £134.27

Swan Gardens (14th, 28th Sept cuts) £301.70

Swan Gardens (12th, 26th October cuts) £301.70

09/10 Planning

To receive any planning decisions:

There were none.

To receive any planning applications:

There were none.

17c Swan Gardens, Tetsworth – Letter received from Morgan Architectural Designs on behalf of the owners of 17c Swan Gardens. It has been agreed to heighten a short section of boundary wall to help with privacy following talks with neighbours. – **Noted.**

Referral of Planning Applications – Letter received from SODC as per District Councillors report – **Noted.**

10/10 Memorial Hall

Nothing to report.

11/10 Youth Development on Green

JK has spoken with TSSC.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Sarah Mills to ask for any information she has about this project.

12/10 Garden Plots – Land behind the Green

AM reported that he has spoken with Paul Neery, Area Mentor from the Allotments Association. His advice was that you need to calculate if there is a demand for allotments. However, the intention of TPC is for Garden Plots and not allotments, although obtaining information to this effect is quite difficult. It was suggested that we postpone having the trees delivered until the end of February and arrange to have the area ploughed during February.

Resolved: To look up other schemes that have garden plots and not allotments, such as the Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall programme on the television. The Clerk is to get initial interest by reporting this in the Tetsworth Newsletter.

13/10 M40 Group

Nothing to report.

14/10 Red Lion Footpath

Due to recent weather conditions the bridge is currently under water.

15/10 Swan Gardens
Nothing to report from Bryants.

16/10 Common and Parish Land
JT has written to SODC and received an acknowledgement. He will respond to this asap.

Walkway/Jitty to Church

We have received reports that a tree has fallen onto a car. It is actually over the car, but not touching it. Gorden has removed the debris, but the tree will need removing. Legally we are not responsible for this area. However, there are houses on the Elm Close side which could cause problems in the future. It was suggested that we either get together a working party or ask Gorden for a price for the removal.

Resolved: JK to obtain price for the next meeting.

17/10 Village Rents
Nothing to report.

18/10 The Patch
The Clerk has circulated an email following advice from Roger Davies. He recommends engineered wood chip as an alternative to bark. It is much cheaper and lasts longer. You cannot mix it with the existing bark we have, but he recommends that we rake all the bark to one side and lay the engineered bark on the other. He has recommended two companies that can provide this.
Resolved: That the Clerk obtain prices for this.

19/10 To consider the following correspondence
025 Abbey Netball Club - **Noted**
026 Request for additional Salt Bin at the bottom of Chiltern View. **Noted**
027 Oxfordshire Play Partnership – Play Policy - **Noted**
028 Information about Vision Websites – **Put on Agenda for March**
029 Windmill Landscapes – Tender for Grass Cutting - **Clerk to write back**
030 Green Infrastructure Strategy Consultation **Noted**
031 Didcot Town Council – Introduction, County Support Officer – **Noted**
032 HM Revenue and Customs – Reply to Clerks Letter – **Noted**
033 Age Concern Campaign – **Noted**
034 Thames Valley Police – NAG Meeting 4th Feb, Thame Town Hall – **JT Attending**
035 Oxfordshire Partnership for Local Councils – Working with New Clerks **Noted**

20/10 Any other business for discussion
Ice Near Mount Hill Farm – We have received reports that there is some washing machine waste coming from a house at Mount Hill Farm which is then freezing.
Resolved: JK to visit householder.

Parkers Hill – Large vehicles are cutting into the grass at the top of Parkers Hill.
Resolved: AM to ask SOHA to realign the verge.

Gutters/Footpaths – The gutter on the ‘Green’ side of the village was cleared 2 years ago, but has since started to grow back. The footpath between Tetsworth and Postcombe is also extremely overgrown.
Resolved: The Clerk to contact Oxfordshire Highways.

Woodbine Cottage – There are still parking issues outside Woodbine Cottage.
Resolved: JK to contact the owner to discuss.

21/10 Date of Next Meeting
Monday 8th February – 7.30pm

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20pm