

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Tetsworth Parish Council, Village Green Management Committee
and the Tetsworth Sports & Social Club
Held in the Memorial Hall
at 7.30pm on Monday 11th March 2013**

Present:

Cllr. Alan Martin (AM) – Vice Chair
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)
Cllr. Jane Bowers (JB)
Cllr. Marjorie Sanders (MS)
Cllr. Paul Margan (PM)
Frank Eley – TSSC
Anthony Bottone – TSSC
Edward Claridge – Management Committee

038/13 Apologies for absence.
Cllr. Karen Harris (KH), Adrian Hope

039/13 Report from the Tetsworth Parish Council
The AGM for the TSSC is the first week in May. The Parish Council have requested copies of insurance and certification including employers liability. The Clerk to send an email to request copies from Reg James.

040/13 Report from TSSC
A report was received from Frank Eley on behalf of the TSSC.
The previous year has proven as successful as previous years, even with the current economic situation, but with few problems not withstanding it has been satisfactory. The membership was 192 and the Club is open six nights a week and continues to stage entertainment every Saturday evening. The Cricket team had a successful season winning the mid-week league and maintaining high positions in the league. Sundays are proving difficult and may not run this year. The football team entered a reserve team into the Aylesbury and District league and both teams will probably finish mid table. Both ladies and mens darts were successful winning three trophies. Aunt Sally has been reintroduced. Pool is played on Tuesdays and two motor bike societies meet weekly. A beer festival was held during the Diamond Celebrations weekend and the Green was used for the Street Party. This year it will be held either during Coronation celebrations or the Village Fete. A Christmas Party for members children was held with probably 30 attendees and was successful. The Club has formed a Golfing Society and plays once per month at local courses. A tree has fallen onto the Green from Jason Abbot's property and could be a safety hazard. SODC cannot advise and it may have to be actioned through solicitors. The expected drought did not occur and the cricket square responded ok and no problems were incurred. The Green however, has had serious problems with extensive flooding, especially in the pedestrian entrance to Swan Gardens. It is proposed to professionally install drainage in that area. The costs will be probably be in the region of £5,000 and we will be requested a donation from the Parish Council when the cost is known. We will also be spraying the area to kill plantains.
The Clerk advised that she has tried to contact David Ullathorne at Rectory Homes with reference to the fallen tree. The TPC are doing everything they can to have this removed as they have also identified this as a potential risk.
With regards to draining the Green, MS stated that there are various 'pots' of money which is worth looking in to. She will investigate further. The School have expressed an interest in using the Green for Football practice. This can only be done if the Green is drained first.
FE asked what the long term requirements are for the skatepark. He was advised that the TPC follow recommendations by Digley Associates, who do an annual inspection, and a Councillor also inspects the area weekly.

041/13 Date of Next Meeting
It was agreed that this meeting should be annual and therefore the next meeting should be March 10th 2014.

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Tetsworth Parish Council
Held in the Memorial Hall
at 8.00pm on Monday 11th March 2013**

- Present:** Cllr. Alan Martin (AM) - ViceChair
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)
Cllr. Jane Bowers (JB)
Cllr. Marjorie Sanders (MS)
Cllr. Paul Margan (PM)
- In Attendance:** Cllr. Dorothy Brown (DB) – District Councillor
- Officer:** Sarah Pullen
- Members of the Public:** There were none.
- 042/13 Apologies for Absence
Cllr. Karen Harris (KH) – Chair
- 043/13 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.
- 044/13 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2013 to be signed as a correct record.
Resolved: That these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.
- 045/13 Matters arising from the minutes
There were none.
- 046/13 District Councillors Report
As Vice Chairman of the District Council, DB attended a wonderful event, The Young Achievers Award ceremony. In all 35 young people received an award and money for their achievements. 3 were for Citizenship, 3 for Arts, and 29 for Sports. For 14 of these it was the second time they had received it. DB would like to see more young people next year from this ward. There were only 4 this year. To apply please refer to the SODC website or contact Jayne Boulton at South and Vale for more information.
Planning/Core Strategy – The key spatial planning document for the District through to 2027 has finally been adopted. This has been ongoing for the past few years and now means that SODC will no longer be vulnerable to speculative buildings on land not designated in the plan.
Grants – The budget this year is £1million. Details are on the SODC website.
Thame Neighbourhood Plan – This is now coming to the final stages. Chinnor has also begun to evolve a local plan.
Recycling – Residents can now recycle batteries with their recycling waste. Place them in a clear bag and place on top of the green bin on recycling week.
Council Tax - The District Councils element of the Band D council tax for 2013/14 will be £117.62 which is 2.5% less than in 2012/13. Please see Council report on the website for further details.
Advice – The Council is providing advice for anyone affected by the alteration in benefits – i.e. under occupation of social housing etc.
- 047/13 County Councillors Report
There was no representative.
- 048/13 To receive the Monthly Financial Report
The Balance at bank is £9738.35.
- 049/13 To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:
OPFA Membership £35.00
OALC Membership £133.07
Clerks and Councils Direct £12.00 Not on agenda, but agreed at previous meeting.
ORCC Membership £50.00 Not on agenda, but agreed at previous meeting.
Resolved: To accept the above expenditure and sign cheques. All agreed.
- 050/13 Memorial Hall
The project is deeply into development. All plastering has been done in toilets and the committee are currently choosing colours for the cubicles. The floor screed is due to happen this week. Contractors will be onsite tomorrow for car parking and landscaping. The car parking is where it has always been, but much improved. Although tarmac was requested the water table is too high for this to be done. There will be 9 spaces for cars. Disabled parking should be hard standing, so currently speaking to surveyor about disability regulations.
- 051/13 **Planning Applications:**
P13/S0487/LDP Little Acre, High Street, Tetsworth (certificate of lawful development)
Proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension to dwelling house. **Noted.**

Planning Committee Notification

P11/E2086 – Cattle Market Site, North Street, Thame.

Demolition of existing buildings and construction of new supermarket. **Noted**

P13/S0084 - Wind Turbine, Spencers Farm, Tetsworth

Application withdrawn – Noted.

Planning Correspondence

It was noted that the OALC January Members update concerning the Emergency Planning caused confusion. The survey refers to Parishes which have a Planning Meeting only. Other Parish Councils will receive a survey in Spring 2013.

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Trees in the Jitty - Tree related subsidence to 14 The Laurels, Tetsworth

The Clerk reported that an email has been sent to owner and also Oriel Services requesting further information. JB reported that she has looked at the site and that the trees at No 12 are just as close as No 14. She feels very strongly that, if these trees were to be removed, it would ruin the aspect in the Jitty. No cobbles have been listed in the Jitty. The Clerk is to contact the insurance company and let them know about the report. Also a report should be sent to Martin Gammie to request a temporary tree preservation order. We should also request that he have a site visit.

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Village Environment

The Clerk has written to Rectory Homes, David Ullathorne to request that they remove the fallen tree across the ditch. To date we have received no response.

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Common and Parish Land

Nothing to report

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Neighbourhood Plan

Following last month's meeting, Sarah Fox has shown an interest in getting involved in the Parish Plan. She has met with MS and together they have started to outline a village survey. They will be attending the ORCC meeting on the 19th April as they have been advised to do this before going further. They have also asked the Memorial Hall committee for input.

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M40 Group

A business plan is currently being put together for the Photovoltaic Cells on the M40.

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The PATCH/Skatepark

Both the Patch and Skatepark are both very wet and slippery. The boards inside the gate are treacherous. PM is going to bleach when it has dried out.

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To consider the following correspondence

- 98 Letter from Penny and Bill Jarvis with regards to the Bridle path at the back of Hill Farm, Lobbersdown. It is virtually impassable. HB to contact to find out more.
- 99 Email from Adrian Cannon requesting more information about the lost cheque last year. Clerk to write back and reiterate the Councillors decision.
- 100 Email from David and Carole Mann. For information. Footpath 50 from the Village Green Bridge in Tetsworth to Pigeon House Field. This land has been sold by Jim Nixey to the owners of 10 properties in Swan Gardens. The Clerk to respond and thank for the information.
- 101 Newsletter from insurance company. It was noted that a company with information in the Newsletter are able to do an inspection on the play area for £59 plus VAT.

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Any other business for discussion

- AM reported that he has spoken with David Nixey with regards to the access to the land at the back of the Green. He has confirmed that it was blocked by David Nixey to prevent a permanent path being created and causing problems in the future. The Parish Council should contact Jim Nixey to clarify ownership of the hedge and ditch and subject to the outcome, create an access from the Green onto the land. This could be temporary initially until a more wider and permanent crossing is made to permit vehicles to cross. TPC should access the land and review the condition of the boundary hedge and the general condition of the land.
- MS has received a complaint about light pollution from the Hotel on the Golf course. The Clerk will look into what is considered to be light pollution and the planning policies in this regard.
- Coronation Celebrations are being planned on The Green on the 1st June.
- The Memorial Hall opening. The Memorial Hall are requesting that someone from the SODC attend the opening and that somebody famous could open the hall.
- AM confirmed that following investigations, the man who has been cutting greenery from outside 1 Swan Gardens was instructed by Taylor Wimpey.

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Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting – Monday 8th April 2013

Annual Parish Meeting – 22nd April 2013 (Clerk to book the Hall via Sarah Griffey.)

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55pm