

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Tetsworth Parish Council
Held in the Memorial Hall
at 7.30pm on Monday 12th November 2012**

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

In attendance: Cllr. Dorothy Brown (District Councillor)
Cllr. Caroline Newton (County Councillor)

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: There was 1

168/12 Apologies for Absence
Cllr. Jane Bowers (JB), Cllr. Marjorie Sanders (MS)

169/12 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.

170/12 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2012 to be signed as a correct record.
166/12 Should read The Mount, not Parkers Hill.
Resolved: That with the above corrections, these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

171/12 Matters arising from the minutes
There were none.

172/12 District Councillors Report
SODC are offering an Internal Audit Service. Details are available on their website.

The Boundary submission will be available to view on the website by the 13th November. Visit www.lgbce.org.uk as input is being requested. The number of Councillors will be reduced from 48 to 36. Our ward will be attached to the Miltons and Great Haseley etc. if accepted.

South Oxfordshire District Council will give a presentation by the Chief Constable, Sarah Thornton, on 13th December 2012. If the TPC have any particular question they wish Dorothy to raise (as appropriate) please let her know. (Traffic issues would be better dealt with by OCC who deal with roads).

A Scrutiny Task Group is being set up to consider revenue grants to support voluntary organisations – this is a new area and will be welcomed by many groups, DB will let TPC have the criteria when decided for application of grants.

Town and Parish Council Taxbases

Sessions were run during September to advise parish and district councillors of the effect that the new council tax reduction scheme (CRTS) would potentially have on town and parish taxbases for 2013/14. Delay is expected and it may not be able to issue indicative town and parish and council tax bases in November as has taken place in past years.

The introduction of a local CTRS (to replace the national council tax benefit scheme) and give Councils additional powers in the setting of council tax exemption and discounts for second homes. Both of these will impact on the council tax base calculation.

We trust that the Local Government Finance Bill will receive Royal Assent early this month. OALC (Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils) are being kept aware of developments regarding this matter.

If you wish to contact the officer at SODC regarding this matter Paul.Howden@southandvale.gov.uk 01491 823830. Please go to www.southoxon.gov.uk/haveyoursay to take part in the consultation on Budget matters.

South Oxfordshire owns a Thermal imaging camera which it lends to Community Groups in the District of the Autumn/Winter months. Groups can use the camera to take thermal images of homes in their communities. The images will show residents where their homes are losing heat and where insulation is needed. Householders whose homes are surveyed using the camera will receive advice on practical steps they can take to save energy and reduce their bills. Contact Cynthia Sullivan, Shared Energy Officer 01235 540 537
cynthia.sullivan@southandvale.gov.uk

Once more the Residents of South Oxfordshire and Vale have won another award BEST IMPROVED RECYCLING RATES AWARD. This is a real achievement that recognises the local authority that has made considerable progress in increasing their recycling levels. Paul Mocroft from the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership won the "Recycling Officer of the Year award, so a great evening for Oxfordshire. Contact Clare Kingston@southandvale.gov.uk 01491823094 if you require further information.

New Homes Bonus - in line with the decision approved by Cabinet in April 2012, Cholsey has been granted £433,000. The community element of the New Homes Bonus. Cholsey has taken a development of Housing and the money goes towards the construction of a Pavilion. For further details refer to the Cabinet report of April 2012.

TOWN and PARISH Forum 2012 - Wednesday 21st November at SODC - 2 representatives from each Council. Anne.richardson@southandvale.gov.uk 01491823311 for further information.

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County Councillors Report

Broadband – The County Council is leading in a slow process and has now reduced the number of bidders to two. The most important feature is that when the Oxfordshire Community network is switched off in 2014 there must be a replacement. Tetsworth School will be looked after. However, in general, villages like Tetsworth don't have a solution. This will become part of the County Council procurement.

Community Fund – Was previously called the Big Society Fund. Each Councillor has up to £10,000 to spend for communities on their patch. This has been used for various projects and needs to be spent by Easter. There is an application form on the OCC website. CN will look into the possibility of funding a new road surface at the Turning Circle.

There are currently two major projects at the moment within the OCC:

The Health and Wellbeing board – has a large budget and aims to bring together key leaders from the health and care system to work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.

Local Economic Partnership – Is being led by local business to look at economic development. This is still in the early days.

A40 – Councillors aired their concerns to the condition of the A40 through Tetsworth and particular the area that floods. Caroline will check funding available for cleaning road but will also look to put pressure to find out the cause of the flooding.

174/12

To receive the Monthly Financial Report

The projected balance of the account after cheques raised this month, and also the first loan repayment to the Public Works loan board is £10738.80.

175/12

To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:

S. Pullen Clerk	£1858.99
D. Pullen (repairs to PATCH)	£148.61
Royal British Legion	£100.00

Loan Repayment (30th Nov) £929.97

Resolved: To accept the above expenditure

176/12

Memorial Hall

The works at the Hall are going well. However, the builders have churned up the footpath – AM will speak to builder to make good.

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Planning

Planning Applications:

P12/S2447/AG – Green Barn Stables, London Road, Tetsworth (Agricultural Notification)

Erection of a Credon style barn and extension to an existing pole barn.

Decision – NO STRONG VIEWS

P12/S2566/FUL – Land adjacent 14 High Street, Tetsworth

Erection of 2 bedroom dwelling and creation of access.

Planning Correspondence

Enforcement at Stoke Talmage Road

Tim Small, Enforcement Officer has confirmed that an injunction will now be served on all plots. An eviction notice has been served also. Lots of the plots are owned by overseas owners.

- 178/12 Village Environment
Ditch – Adjacent to Swan Antiques
Jason Abbott has confirmed that the Swan has not been sold yet. However, the land at the rear of the Swan has been sold to Rectory Homes.
Resolved: To send reply explaining the location of the fallen trees (not on the Rectory Homes site).
- Trees on Jitty – Have received notices requesting that the owner contact OCA.
Resolved: Clerk to contact OCA to investigate.
- 179/12 Common and Parish Land
Discussion about land at Knapp Cottage, and sale to Mr and Mrs Armstrong.
Resolved: To contact Honeyball Solicitors to take advice on how to proceed with this matter.
- 180/12 Neighbourhood Plan
MS emailed to confirm that she has been in touch with Jeff Lowe of Emmetts. They have suggested that they will sponsor the hire of the Swan for a Village meeting. MS suggests that this is planned for after the Christmas holidays – Agreed.
- 181/12 PATCH/Skatepark
The damage to PATCH has been reported to the Police who are investigating. The Clerk should look into this as a potential insurance claim. We should obtain quotes for repairing the benches. The new locking caribinas have also been vandalised again and have been broken/bent.
- HB reported that the boards, just inside the gate, are extremely slippery. PM will look at this and look at making safer.
- 182/12 To consider the following correspondence
89 South Oxfordshire Core Strategy Inspectors report - **Noted**
90 School admissions (poster included) - **Noted**
- Emails received
Email from Mrs Mann, Swan Gardens regarding regular power cuts at Swan Gardens. An enquiry has been made with Southern Electric.
Resolved: Clerk to respond to Mrs Mann to request that we are kept informed of progress.
- 183/12 Any other business for discussion
Work Parties – It was agreed that a Work Party should be organised for work at the back of the Green. We should hire a chipper and clear. To discuss at December meeting.
- War Memorials
AM advised that there is not a lot of information available about the names on the Tetsworth Memorial. It would be nice to create a record for future generations. AM will contact the School and also put an article in the Newsletter.
- Turning Circle – PM requested that we follow up on many previous discussions about resurfacing the Turning Circle. Unfortunately, this land is not registered to anyone.
Resolved: That PM enquire about what funding is available.
- 184/12 Date of Next Meeting
Budget Meeting – Monday 3rd December, 7pm
Next Meeting – Monday 10th December, 7.30pm.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.12pm