

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Tetsworth Parish Council
Held in the Memorial Hall
at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th November 2009**

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

Members of the Public: There were none

48-11/09 Apologies for absence:
Cllr. Sarah Mills

49-11/09 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.

50-11/09 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 12th October
Minute: 32-10/09 – M40 Group should have been added to this agenda..
Resolved: That these minutes, with the change above, are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

51-11/09 Matters arising from the minutes

Dog Fouling – AM stated that dog fouling is a problem especially at the top of Parkers Hill and also at the far end of Marsh End.

Resolved: AM to put up some more signs.

Village Hall Noticeboard - JK reported that the noticeboard has been delivered but unfortunately not what was ordered. AM has also inspected the noticeboard which is the wrong size, orientation and has locks on.

Resolved: That we send it back and ask the company to remake it to original specification.

Salt Bins – The clerk reported that she met Bill Major, Clerk of Works from Oxfordshire Highways on site. He has now agreed our schedule of bins in writing. The new bin location was also discussed for Chiltern View and Bill confirmed the cost of £150 plus VAT. A new lid is also being sort for the Marsh End bin at no cost.

Resolved: To pay £150 plus VAT for a new bin.

52-11/09 County Councillors Report.
There was no representative.

53-11/09 District Councillors Report
There was no representative.

54-11/09 To receive the balance of accounts and the Monthly Financial Report
Balances:
Current Account: £1,711.37
Deposit Account: £25,060.53

Budget – There was an initial budget discussion looking at the current year’s figures in relation to proposed figures for next year. It was decided not to raise the precept. It was also agreed to use Section 137 to give grants to The Royal British Legion, Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, The Tetsworth Newsletter, The M40 Noise Reduction group and St. Giles Church. There was a discussion about the value to the Parish of Tetsworth of the Citizens Advice Bureau. The Clerk is to contact them about the possibility of having an outreach service in Tetsworth. The Clerk will distribute budget figures for approval at the next meeting.

Resolved: That the precept remains the same as last year at £.

55-11/09 To approve the list of Payments and Expenditure

Resolved: That we pay the following items:

Viking Direct	£158.16
G. Clarke – Concrete Base/Fit New Bench	£150.00
G. Clarke – Repairs to The Patch	£220.00
S.Pullen (Clerks Salary)	£276.35

56-11/09 Planning

To receive any planning decisions: There were none.

To receive any planning appeals: There were none

To receive any planning applications:

P09/E1049 – 27 Chiltern View, Tetsworth

Construct two storey side extension and single storey front extension and alterations.

NO OBJECTION – UNANIMOUS

P09/E1111/LD – 10 Marsh End, Tetsworth

Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed hip to gable roof extension and construction of dormer in rear roof slope.

NO OBJECTION – UNANIMOUS

P09/E1163 – 17c Swan Gardens, Tetsworth

Demolition of garage and erection of two storey extension.

NO OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS

57-11/09 Memorial Hall

AM reported that a planning application has been submitted but so far there is no response from SODC.

58-11/09 Youth Development on Green

Nothing to report

59-11/09 Garden Plots – Land behind the Green

The Clerk reported that OALC had given the following advice: Parish councils have power to provide allotments for personal cultivation, and have the duty to do so where there is unsatisfied demand. They must on this point consider any written representations by six parliamentary electors or ratepayers resident in the parish. A parish council is not bound to provide allotments other than “allotment gardens”. This term means an allotment not exceeding 40 poles (220 yards square) which is wholly or mainly cultivated by the occupier for the production of vegetables or fruit crops for consumption by himself or his family. An allotment guide had also been forwarded.

The provision of allotments will be the subject of a presentation at the OALC Winter General Meeting on 23 November.

Resolved: The Clerk to forward information to Councillors in preparation for next meeting.

60-11/09 M40 Group

Nothing to Report

61-11/09 Red Lion Footpath

AM reported that it is not a kissing gate (as per note 39-10/09 of last month’s meeting) but a spring gate.

- 62-11/09 Swan Gardens Pathway
David Mann has informed us that he also cuts the grass here and spreads the cuttings on the other side. Jim Nixey is investigating the blue bags.
- 63-11/09 Common and Parish Land
JK has today distributed email correspondence from Barry and Heather Armstrong from Knap Cottage. They have a meeting soon with the County solicitors and will raise the issue of common land to try and get clarification on Common Land in the turning circle and also the paved area to the front of Knap Cottage.
- 64-11/09 Village Rents
Knap Cottage Trees
It was reported that the trees at Knap Cottage have now been felled by the owners. The Parish Council agreed by email that trees could come down and left to the discretion of the owners of the house. The Parish Council will not contribute towards the costs.

HB reported that there is a nasty leak coming from a drain in the area where the trees were felled.
Resolved: AM to investigate the leak.
- 65-11/09 The Patch
JK reported that she has now raked the bark from the 'pub side' of 'The Patch' towards the swings. It is in desperate need of more bark. The Clerk reported that she has contacted the supplier of the last delivery of bark. There are no guidelines as to how long the bark should last as it depends largely on usage. Our last delivery was in 2006. A price cannot be given until we supply the size of the area.
Resolved: AM will measure and give the sizes to the Clerk to seek prices. The Clerk should also obtain prices of an alternative such as the plastic bark.
- 66-11/09 To consider the following correspondence
011 NATS – TCN Update **Noted**
012 OCC – Speed Limits Orders Formal Consultation A & B Roads
Resolved: JT will reply to this. This is a consultation for works that were completed over a year ago.
013 OCC – Oxfordshire Road Casualty Report 2008 **Noted**
014 OCC – Use of Road Safety Team's Mobile Information Unit **Noted**
015 OCC – National Highways and Transport Survey **Noted**
016 South and Vale Carers Centre **Noted**
- 46-10/09 Any other business for discussion
Spencers Farm – HB reported that Spencers Farm needs a sign to prevent large vehicles going into Marsh End.
Resolved: Clerk to speak with Highways Department

Email Correspondence – AM raised the question of email correspondence from/to Councillors between meetings being reported back to Parish meetings.
Resolved: That it is the Councillors responsibility to report back to the monthly meetings any relevant information for the Clerk to minute as appropriate.

Correspondence – The Clerk reported that all correspondence is listed on the Agenda. This is public information and can be accessed by contacting the Clerk.

Local Parish Councils Meeting – JT reported that he had attended this meeting. Items from the meeting which he thought would be of relevance to TPC included:
 - Long Crendon are planning a 'multi-play' area and are going through the same process as us for funding. It may be worth speaking with them for advice.
 - There was a discussion on the loss of income from terrible interest rates on deposit accounts. The Co-op bank is paying 5 times better rates than we are currently obtaining. It may be worth investigating.
Resolved: That the Clerk investigate interest rates.
 - Allotments – Long Crendon get £25 per 10 poles and Thame believe they get £17.

- The Buying Support Agency gave a presentation. Leaflets have been passed to the Clerk.

OAP Christmas Lunch – A card has been received thanking the Tetsworth Parish Council for their support of the OAP Christmas Lunch.

47-10/09

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14th December – 7.30pm

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.13pm