

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Tetsworth Parish Council
Held in the Memorial Hall
at 7.30pm on Monday 11th February 2013**

- 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 12
- 019/13 Apologies for Absence
Cllr Paul Margan, Cllr. Dorothy Brown (District Councillor), Cllr. Caroline Newton (County Councillor).
- 020/13 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.
- 021/13 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2013 to be signed as a correct record.
Resolved: That these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.
- 022/13 Matters arising from the minutes
There were none
- 023/13 District Councillors Report
There was none.
- 024/13 County Councillors Report
There was none.
- 025/13 To receive the Monthly Financial Report
The Balance at bank is £10420.48.
We have received notification from SODC that our Precept is £13,000. However, we should also receive the SODC allowance of £493.31.
- 026/13 To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:
Swan Gardens invoices (not on the agenda, but approved within budget)
£912.20
Resolved: To accept the above expenditure and sign cheque. All agreed.
- 027/13 Memorial Hall
Caroline Cann reported that the tiles are now going on the roof. All stud walling is now up and plastering has started. First fix electrics and plumbing has also now started. There is only 11 weeks to go to expected completion. The hall was broken into, however, although reported to the Police, nothing of value was taken.
- 028/13 **Planning**
Planning Applications:
P13/S0084/FUL – One 15KW Wind Turbine
Spencers Farm, Marsh End, Tetsworth. OX9 7AU
There has been a lot of correspondence and telephone calls received over the last week with regards to this planning application. This includes from two neighbouring parish councils, CPRE and also residents.
Decision – Refused
Vote: 4 -1
NB: Since the meeting, this application has been withdrawn.
- Planning Decisions**
P12/S2711/FUL - Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 2 flats and 5 houses with associated car parking with access from Elm Close.
Sunnymede - **GRANTED**
- P12/S2886/LB - Internal alterations and new glazed frontage to existing annex building to facilitate change of use of ground floor area from antiques shop to office use.
42a High Street, Tetsworth - **GRANTED**
- Planning Correspondence
There was none.

- 029/13 Trees in the Jitty - Tree related subsidence to 14 The Laurels, Tetsworth
 We have received a claim from Oriel Services Limited requesting the removal of trees in the Jitty, including a group of Ash Trees and a Horse Chestnut Tree, which they believe is causing the soil to dry beneath the foundations of the house at 14 The Laurels. They have advised that any tree works are only carried out following statutory control checks with SODC to ensure that they are not covered by a TPO and are not situated within the Conservation Area.
 KH has obtained a quotation for reference from a local tree surgeon which is in the region of £680, which far exceeds our budget for tree works. It was generally felt that the report was poor. The houses were only built in 1982. There was a previous claim in 1987.
Resolved: That we write back and ask for further evidence that these trees are the cause of the damage. It has been stated that because the trees have starch in the roots that they are live, but we should verify this. We should also request that they pay the bill as this exceeds all of our budgets. The Clerk to also check our insurance policy.
- 030/13 Village Environment
 Fly tipping - Stoke Talmage Road.
 We have received reports via PCSO Jacky Madden of yet more fly tipping on the Stoke Talmage Road and photos. She has suggested that we put up posters advising of prosecution. She is continuing to investigate.
- Ditch between Green and new Briant Home development - Fallen Trees
 Still need to get hold of Mr Ullsworth and see that he follows this up further. Or we need to chase Jason Abbott. KH will chase
 At a last resort we will have to involve the police on a safety angle for the children using the Green.
- Footpath on the A40 between Tetsworth and Postcombe
 We have received confirmation from Caroline Newton that she has spoken with Keith Stenning and it is on the list of works.
- A40 Flooding
 KH has spoken with a BT engineer who was working in the village. However, there is no flooding there this week despite the rain. We should continue to chase Biffa also for Street Cleansing works.
- Turning Circle near the Church
 The Clerk reported that she has spoken with Mike Honniball about this and is waiting for more information to follow.
- 031/13 Common and Parish Land
 Another letter has been received from Mr and Mrs Armstrong which was noted.
 The Clerk reported that she has spoken with Mr Honniball who said that various parcels of land were registered by him on behalf of Tetsworth Parish Council. He is going to email confirmation of these to the Clerk.
- 032/13 Neighbourhood Plan
 Consultation meeting update: A meeting with the Mount Farm Developers (Charles Emmett) was helpful on the 1st Feb. Ken Edwards from M40 CEG also attended. In the new SODC core strategy for the local plan, Tetsworth is designated a small village and is therefore only scheduled for in-fill, not further housing development. The Mount Farm development plans, opposite the school, in its present form will not get SODC planning permission. The M40 group were there to discuss how the proposed photovoltaic cells (to be incorporated with the sound proofing panels) would be of value in consider sustainability issues of the proposed Mount Farm development – the power generated will go back into the grid at the transfer station at Milton Common. MS will incorporate questions regarding development into the proposed village plan survey.
- The last Tetsworth parish plan runs till 2014 and we are now looking to update and extend this for the next 10 years. The consultation process involved in making a plan is giving villagers a voice about what the village want and what the residents views are on anything. It's an open book. We need to start the village survey. These are very hard to write and MS and Sara Fox are investigating this. There will be a consultation meeting as soon as the Memorial Hall is useable without wellies! There will also be other meetings and information posted via the website. HB is investigating footpaths. MS has been researching available grants for the footpath project, but will not be able to apply until the working group have researched what is required. Ultimately, we want to make a book for the footpaths similar to the one in Great Haseley. JB is appointed as our Broadband Champion and is investigating the options.
- Broadband**
 JB reported that there is not much happening at the moment and the SODC are still waiting to update information about ultra fast broadband on their website. There is a link on the TPC website.
 Gigaclear, a company providing ultra fast broadband to rural areas have an event in Appleton on the 23rd March which will demonstrate further options available.
- 033/13 M40 Group
 There was no report this month.
- 034/13 The PATCH/Skatepark
 We have received reports (with photos) of graffiti on the skatepark from PCSO Jacky Madden. We should contact Jacky if we wish to follow this up. However, as there hasn't been any serious vandalism and the graffiti is not offensive, it was agreed that no further action is required. HB is due to inspect PATCH this month.
- 035/13 To consider the following correspondence
 94 - Oxfordshire Playbus – forwarded to Caroline Cann for newsletter.
 95 - Shared ownership property in Great Milton. This has been advertised on the Tetsworth Parish Council website.
 96 - ORCC Membership renewal 2013/14 agenda for next month.
 97 - SODC South Oxfordshire Core Strategy and Local Plan - given to ms to read!!

Emails received

Holiday activities – forward to Caroline Can for the Newsletter.

Community governance review - Tetsworth Parish Council should remain as it is.

Housing allocation questionnaire – this should be added to the website/newsletter.

Members update - emergency plans – This should be added to next month's agenda.

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Any other business for discussion

Resolved: To set date for Annual Parish Meeting for: 22nd April 2013

Resolved: To set date for Annual Meeting of the Parish Council for: 13th May 2013.

Resolved: To invite the TSSC for bi-annual meeting for: Invite to the March meeting. (Monday 11th March)

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Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting – Monday 11th March, 7.30pm.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.35pm