

# Minutes of the Meeting of Tetsworth Parish Council Held in the Memorial Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012

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**Present:** Cllr. Karen Harris (KH) - Chair  
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)  
Cllr. Paul Margan (PM)  
Cllr. Alan Martin (AM)  
Cllr. Marjorie Sanders (MS)

**In attendance:** Cllr. Dorothy Brown

**Officer:** Sarah Pullen

**Members of the Public:** There were 4

110/12 Apologies for Absence  
Cllr. Jane Bowers (JB)

111/12 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.*  
Cllr. Alan Martin declared a prejudicial interest in the Memorial Hall item as he is a member of the Committee.

112/12 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to be signed as a correct record.  
**Resolved:** That these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

113/12 Matters arising from the minutes  
There were none.

114/12 District Councillors Report  
There was no report.

115/12 County Councillors Report  
There was no report

116/12 To receive the Monthly Financial Report  
Bank balance at the end of June 2012 - £20,866.53

Update on Interest Rates  
JB sent a report, but as unable to attend the meeting, it was decided to add to the next agenda.

117/12 To approve the Public Works grant for the Memorial Hall and to amend the TPC Budget accordingly.  
KH presented a report to the Council (attached to these minutes), outlining the requirement by the Memorial Hall Committee for funds of £40,000. Initially £30,000 was requested, but an increased amount of £40,000 has been requested. Following consultation with the village, an overwhelming response has been in favour of this loan. It is strongly felt that the Memorial Hall is a vital resource for the Village. Without refurbishment, the hall will fall into a serious state of repair and will be unusable. The ceiling by the toilets fell down over the weekend.

#### Budget

In order to cover repayments of the loan if required, it is necessary to transfer £2700 from the Youth Project earmarked funds on a temporary basis. There is currently £6750 in earmarked funds for a future Youth Project.  
**Resolved:** To transfer £2700 from earmarked funds to cover repayments when required. – UNANIMOUS.

#### Public Works Grant

**Resolved:** To approve the Public Works grant for the Memorial Hall for up to £40,000. – UNANIMOUS.  
Cllr Alan Martin is a member of the Memorial Hall Committee. He signed the Declaration of Interest book and

did not vote on this item.

118/12 To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:

S. Pullen Wages – April – June	£796.71
SKP Solutions – Stationery	£117.61

**Resolved:** To accept the above expenditure

119/12 Memorial Hall

Caroline Cann gave an update to the Council with regards to the funding for the Memorial Hall extension. They are currently in the process of registering for VAT. The DEFRA grant requires the committee to show sufficient funds to be in their bank account including the VAT (which will be a total amount of £44,000). Currently the committee are seeking funding for this. £177,000 in grants has already been confirmed with a further £67,000 still waiting for confirmation.

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### **Planning**

#### **Planning Decisions:**

P12/S0689/HH – Attington Leys, Thame Road, Tetsworth.

Single storey extension and conservatory to rear elevation. - **GRANTED**

P11/E2491 – Land to the Rear of The Swan, Swan Gardens, Tetsworth

Erection of four detached dwellings with garaging, new access and landscaping. – **GRANTED**

P11/E0691 – The Oxfordshire Golf Club, Rycote Lane, Thame

Formation of a third nine holes at The Oxfordshire. - **GRANTED**

#### **Planning Applications:**

P12/S0999/FUL – Tetsworth Memorial Hall, High Street, Tetsworth – **As discussed at last meeting.**

An extension to Village Hall. New pitched roof over to provide self contained flat and clerks office, formation of additional parking spaces, revision to P10/E0602.

**GRANTED – UNANIMOUS**

#### **Planning Correspondence**

##### Land at Mount Hill Farm

MS met with Mr Emmett and Mr Holland from Jeffrey Emmett Planning Consultants. They wanted to explain their proposals for Mount Hill Farm in the context of the emerging neighbourhood plan that we are preparing for the Village. They propose to demolish a range of farm buildings and create a school car park, improve waste infrastructure, a pedestrian link to the school and erect 55 dwellings to include 22 affordable homes. MS reported that the Parish Council now have much more input due to the Localism Act. Therefore, the next step is to decide if the Parish Council agree to follow up in principal and to contact Dorothy Brown and John Howell to discuss further regarding amending our village plan – 2014.

**Resolved:** To follow up and contact Dorothy and John to discuss further – UNANIMOUS.

##### Field at Stoke Talmage Road, Tetsworth

KH reported that we have received contact from SODC with regards to Refuse Collections at the Field on Stoke Talmage Road. KH has spoken with SODC to enquire why someone is residing on an agricultural field as there appears to not be any permission for this. SODC have advised that they will revisit to investigate further.

##### Building Works at Car Boot Field, Little Acre

MS has written to SODC Planning following their letter with reference to Building Works at Little Acre. The Barn which has been built at this site appears to have a toilet, cesspit and now a new gate, although this should be agricultural only. Agreed to keep on the Agenda.

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##### Village Environment

#### **Knapp Cottage / Turning Circle**

PM reported that there is not any information at Land Registry. However, KH has found a letter dated 1979 which shows three areas which have been registered. PM will investigate further.

AM has also spoken with the Electricity Company in Inverness and they have sent back a contract and map which shows the 8 telegraph poles that we are paid Wayleaves for. PM will investigate this as evidence of ownership at Knapp Cottage/Turning Circle.

**Resolved:** To not send Mr and Mrs Armstrong an invoice for using Parish Land, until further investigation has been done.

### **Parking Issues**

The Clerk reported that she has contacted Princes Risborough Town Council to find out about the No Parking signs which have been erected there. Their signs were sourced by the local Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG). A copy of their sign has been given to Caroline Cann so that something similar may be put into the local newsletter warning of the dangers of inconsiderate parking. The Clerk has also left a message for the local PCSO – Michelle Jacques to discuss further.

### **A40 Flooding Issues**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Police after last month's meeting as the A40 was very dangerous with a flood near Attington Stud. This area is unlit and the flooding was very deep. They were able to attend and put out warning signs. AM reported that he hasn't had any joy contacting BT with regards to the Manhole in this area, but will try and contact a different department.

### **Marsh End Flooding**

The flooding in Marsh End now appears to have drained away.

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#### Common and Parish Land

There was nothing further to report.

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#### M40 Group

There is very positive progress from the M40 Group and a Press Release will be sent out shortly.

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#### PATCH/Skatepark

HB reported that due to the weather, all the bins in the area are waterlogged and although the Elder needs cutting back it has been too wet to do. KH reported that a board has been pulled off the side of the skatepark and people have been getting inside. Dave Harris is refixing this board immediately. However, if this happens again, PM has some special screws which should prevent it again. The Clerk is waiting to hear back from Digley Associates to book the inspection for all the play equipment.

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#### To consider the following correspondence

82 Kathy Fiander – New Standards Regime – Guidance Notes

The Code of Conduct has been distributed to all Councillors and we have posted on the noticeboard and website that this was adopted at the last meeting.

83 Register of Interests

The Clerk has received back most of the Councillors completed forms and will send to SODC.

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#### Any other business for discussion

Sunneymede – No information or planning applications have been received by Council.

Saturday Work Parties – It is understood that there is a 'litter picking' fund available from SODC for young people (over 14) in the village. KH will investigate. It was also agreed to add the TWIGS working party idea back to the next agenda for discussion.

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#### Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 7.30pm

Please note: there will be no meeting during August.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10pm**