

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

Present: Cllr. Karen Harris (KH) - Chair
Cllr. Alan Martin (AM) – Vice Chair
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)
Cllr. Adrian Cannon (AC)

In attendance: Cllr. Dorothy Brown

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: There were 5

037/12 Apologies for Absence
Cllr. Paul Margan (PM), Cllr. Marjorie Sanders (MS) – as at Planning Course at OALC.

038/12 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. Hazel Bottone declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application P11/E2432 as she is the owner of the property.
Cllr. Alan Martin declared a prejudicial interest in the Grants item for the Memorial Hall as he is on this committee. He signed the declaration of interest book and did not vote on this item.
Cllr. Adrian Cannon declared a prejudicial interest in the Grants item for the Tetsworth Primary School and Little Kites Pre-school as he is on this committee. He signed the declaration of interest book and did not vote on this item.

039/12 Minutes of the Village Green Management Committee and Tetsworth Sports & Social Club held on Monday 14th November 2011 to be signed as a correct record.
TMC/002 – Jim Nixey stated that he is not a part of this committee.
Resolved: That with the above correction, these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

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040/12 Matters arising from the minutes
Noticeboard – The repairs to the noticeboard have now been completed. However, it is thought that the damage was caused by the guttering on the building. The gutter belongs to the Memorial Hall.

041/12 District Councillors Report.
Car Parks – South Oxfordshire car parks are now free to park on Saturday afternoons (12 onwards). Charges have not been increased for two years. The system of ‘taking a ticket’ even when free has reduced the number of Inspectors required.

Swimming Pool – There is now a new splash area at the outdoor pool in Wallingford. It should be more fun than the existing paddling pool and reduce running costs at the same time.

Private Water Supplies – Risk assessments and water sampling has begun under the new private water supply regulations. This requires testing a far wider range of potential pollutants than we have had to historically.

Homebuy Scheme – This is a scheme which enables those who are unable to gain full mortgages get on the housing ladder and has been included in the next budget.

Grants – There is currently half a million pounds available for grants with a closing date of 30th April 12. Applications can be made at www.southoxon.gov.uk/grants.

042/12 To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:

SODC – Contested Election Services	£489.58
Tetsworth Memorial Hall – Rent	£90.00
SODC – Dog Bin Emptying	£36.60
OALC – Subscription	£133.07

Resolved: To approve the above expenditure.

043/12 To receive the Monthly Financial Report

Balances:

Current Account: £19009.39

Resolved: To accept the monthly report.

Grants

OALC have advised that it is recommended that we have a grants policy for future reference.

We have received 11 applications for a grant this year which were considered.

Resolved: To distribute grants as follows:

British Legion	£100
Citizens Advice Bureau	£100
Parochial Church Council	£200
Senior Citizens Christmas Party	£200
M40 CEG	£100
St. Giles Church	£200
Little Kites Pre-School	£200

Review of insurance for TSSC and TPC

AM has spoken with J. Bennett and requested a proposal form. Mr McTaggart and Mr Eley from the TSSC have now provided copies of Health and Safety, Risk Assessments, Employers Liability, Public Liability, Fire Assessments, Electrical Fixed Wire and PAT testing.

However, we are still waiting for a receipt for the £500 grass cutting cheque and for the committee to provide us with Members names.

044/12 Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall has put in planning amendments. They are still trying to find a shortfall of £28,000.

045/12 Youth Development on the Green

KH and HB reported that they have removed all the old rubbish from the ditch including old bikes and bottles etc.

046/12 **Planning**

Planning Decisions:

There were none.

Planning Applications:

P11/E2432 – 3 The Laurels, Tetsworth

Loft Conversion

Resolved: Not to make a comment on this application as not quorate.

P11/E2365 – Moreton Field Farm, Moreton. OX9 2HT

Alterations to existing roof, with new two storey extension and courtyard infill.

Approved – Unanimous

P11/E0691 – The Oxfordshire Golf Club, Rycote Lane, Thame. OX9 2PU

Formation of a third nine holes at The Oxfordshire

Approved – Unanimous

Planning Correspondence:

Planning appeal against refusal of a householder application – 110 High Street, Tetsworth – **Noted.**

- 047/12 Village Environment
 Application for works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order No. 05S18.
 Consent has now been given for works on T1 Willow, T2 Willow, T3 Willow and T4 Field Maple. **Noted.**
- Application for works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order No. 11S12.
 Consent has now been given for works on T1 Copper Beech. **Noted.**
- A schedule of works has also been received from OCC for tree works as per schedule. **Noted.**
- Trees at Knapp Cottage
 A letter has been received from Ms Armstrong at Knapp Cottage with reference to trees growing through electricity wires at Knapp Cottage. These are trees on land belonging to TPC.
Resolved: That AM contact the electricity company to get a quotation for works required.
- 048/12 Parish Plan
 There was nothing to report.
- 049/12 M40 Group
 Dave Harris reported to the meeting that a site visit has been carried out at Milton Common in conjunction with TVE (Thames Valley Energy) to assess the feasibility of integrated barriers with photovoltaic cells. Results will follow. SODC have agreed to budge for a part of TVE's costs and the M40 Group have also agreed to contribute if required.
- 050/12 PATCH
 HB and KH have inspected PATCH and all is in order at the moment. The catch on the gate has now been removed and an elasticated bungee has been put on so that dogs can still be kept out and children in! We should now consider a sign on the gate to request that the gate is shut.
- There was an incident where some children were caught trying to vandalise the PATCH and consequently broken glass was left. HB and KH have removed this and there have been no problems since.
- Skatepark
 There is some small gouges in the surface. However, the surface has dried out well from recent bad weather.
- 051/12 To consider the following correspondence
 69 Letter from Mrs Jennifer Nicholls – Sunneymede
 This matter has been referred to our District Councillor – Dorothy Brown.
 70 Disabled Parking – Blue Badge scheme - **Noted**
 71 OALC – Incorrect invoice information - **Noted**
 72 Report of South Town and Parish forum - **Noted**
 73 Resignation from Cllr. Adrian Cannon.
 Adrian is taking a new job and is therefore unable to devote enough time to Council.
Resolved: To advertise the position in the usual way.
- 052/12 Any other business for discussion
 Jenny Kellond has requested that we remove the final Parish Council filing cabinet from her barn.
 HB reported that the filing cabinets we have need repairing and we may be able to use the lock from this one.
 If not, it was agreed to dispose of it.
- Memorial** – MS has commented that the Memorial looks very good at the moment.
- Jubilee** – MS has sent a report to show the intended programme of events over the Jubilee weekend. The event aims to be as cost free as possible. There will be a Big Lunch on Sunday 3rd June.
- 053/12 Date of Next Meeting
 Monday 16th April 2012 – 7.30pm

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55pm

After the meeting there was a short presentation from Jeffrey Emmett, Planning Consultants, with reference to proposed new houses at Mount Hill Farm, High Street, Tetsworth.
 No comment was given by the Tetsworth Parish Council.