

Minutes of the Meeting of Tetsworth Parish Council Held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 8th March 2010

Present: Cllr. Jenny Kellond (JK) (Chairman)
Cllr. Karen Harris (KH)
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)
Cllr. Alan Martin (AM)

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: 4

43/10 Apologies for absence:
Cllr. John Thompson (JT)

44/10 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.

45/10 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8th February 2010
Resolved: That these minutes, are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

46/10 Matters arising from the minutes
Noticeboard – HB has requested a quotation from Larry Peachey.

Trees in the Jitty – AM obtained a quotation, but the company have since said they are unable to proceed.
Resolved: The Clerk to obtain a further quotation from Alan Spiers.

Parkers Hill – AM referenced emails to OCC Highways, SOHA and SODC. We are still waiting for Bill Major to do a site assessment.

47/10 Co-option of New Councillor
Two applications for the Councillor position had been received. Unfortunately, one of applicants was ineligible as he has not lived in the Parish for 12 months.
The Clerk read out the letter of application from Martin Redman.
Resolved: That Martin Redman be co-opted onto Council.
Martin signed the acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

48/10 County Councillors Report.
There was no representative.

49/10 District Councillors Report
Budget - The budget has been set for 2010 this year, a zero increase. Over the past five years the council has had an increase of less than 5%. This year has seen a change in the way the Council is run with joint working with the Vale of the White Horse. Savings have been made with joint contracts. There have also been savings on staff in most areas.

Planning – Planning this year has not been so brisk owing to the economic climate. The work with the local development framework is ongoing and consultation has now ended. This is a phased plan working up to 2026.

Grants - Grants have been awarded to various applications in the district, the most local being Chinnor Village Hall.

Community Led Plan – In total 37 communities in South Oxfordshire are now either involved in developing a plan or have already completed one.

Partnerships with Town and Parish Councils – The scrutiny review group which Cllr Midwinter chairs will be taking the recommendations on this to scrutiny in April.

50/10 To receive the balance of accounts and the Monthly Financial Report

Balances:

Current Account: £712.26

Deposit Account: £23040.49

No transfer is required this month.

Deposit Account – KH reported that Santander are running a higher interest account.

Resolved: That KH look into moving our deposit account and obtain all the information for the next meeting.

Christmas Dinner – We have received a card from Chris Bishop requesting money for the Christmas Dinner.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to Chris and inform her that we approved £250 in our budget.

51/10 To approve the list of Payments and Expenditure

Resolved: That we pay the following items:

S.Pullen (Clerks Salary) £230.18

Memorial Hall £ 90.00

52/10 Planning

To receive any planning decisions:

There were none.

To receive any planning applications:

P10/E1082/RET (Retrospective) – Retention of close boarded timber fence.

APPROVED: Unanimous

53/10 Memorial Hall

AM reported that there is no further information on the planning application. However, once planning has been approved grants can be applied for.

Contractors have been organised to repair the roof.

54/10 Youth Development on Green

JK has tried several times to contact Sarah Mills.

Resolved: JK to chase.

55/10 Garden Plots – Land behind the Green

Have now received hedging. The area needs to be ploughed and topped.

To date we have had two people interested in having a garden plot.

56/10 M40 Group

Nothing to Report

57/10 Red Lion Footpath

Nothing to Report

58/10 Swan Gardens

Still waiting to hear from Bryants re change of ownership.

- 59/10 Common and Parish Land
Large vehicles parking near the turning circle is causing problems to the verges. There was a discussion about parking here and in The Laurels.
Resolved: To speak with PCSO Jackie Madden. This also to be an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 60/10 Village Rents
Nothing to report.
- 61/10 The Patch
HB has inspected this area and has reported that there are either rats or rabbits burrowing in The Patch. There was also a discussion about topping up the bark or considering the engineered wood.
Resolved: The clerk to arrange for Melcourt to do a site inspection.
- 62/10 To consider the following correspondence
044 St John Ambulance – Request for donation of £100. – **Clerk to write and say no at this time.**
045 Energy Saving Trust – Green Communities – **Noted.**
046 ORCC -90th Birthday of Rural Community – **Noted.**
047 Oxford Brookes University - **Noted**
048 Email from Laura Milner, Astons Parish Councils – Planning Referral – **Noted.**
049 Thame Town Council – Minutes of Local Parish Council Meeting – **Noted.**
- 63/10 Any other business for discussion
Standing Orders – Clerk has received new guidelines for Standing Orders.
Resolved: Clerk to distribute prior to next meeting for discussion.
- Clerks Training** – The Clerk would like to attend two training courses with the OALC -
April – Roles of the Clerk / Laws
May – Finance
Resolved: To add to next month’s agenda for approval/payment.
- Website** – The Clerk reported that the website is nearly ready for launch at the Annual Parish Meeting.
Resolved: That the Councillors send information to the Clerk for inclusion on the website.
- 64/10 Date of Next Meeting
Monday 12th April – 7.30pm

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20pm