

Minutes of the Meeting of Tetsworth Parish Council Held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14th March 2011

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Dorothy Brown

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: 8

- 037/11 Apologies for Absence
Cllr. John Thompson, Cllr. Martin Petheram, Cllr. Roger Belson, PCSO Jacky Madden.
- 038/11 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.
- 039/11 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 14th February 2011 to be signed as a correct record
That Cllr. Hazel Bottone sent her apologies and did not attend the meeting.
Resolved: That with the above correction these minutes, are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.
- 040/11 Matters arising from the minutes
There were none.
- 041/11 District Councillors Report.
Cllr. Dorothy Brown thanked everyone for their kindness over the last eight years as this is the last report she will give before the SODC elections.
Budget SODC have delivered a budget for the next year with a zero increase in Council Tax for the portion that SODC collects. There are 183 District Councils with a higher rate and the highest 2.5 times as much as SODC.
Grants Grants are still being given from the Community Investment Fund. Applications should be made to EdNeuborg@SouthandVale.gov.uk. Forms are available online from 1st March – www.southoxon.gov.uk.
Outlook Newspaper This is now going to be produced three times per year instead of four as a cost cutting exercise.
Recycling SODC have received another award for the best area for recycling – this is due to the diligent way our residents recycle.
Localism Bill Consultations on the Localism Bill includes The Community Right to Challenge and the Community Right to Buy which is designed to hand power back to the local people. The consultation documents can be viewed online at www.communities.gov.uk/consultations.
- KH asked why the Green Waste Bins haven't been collected. – Clerk to investigate.
- 042/11 County Councillors Report
There was no representative.

043/11 To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:
S. Pullen £230.18
OALC Subscription £133.07
Memorial Hall Rent £105.00

Resolved: To accept the expenditure and sign cheques.

044/11 To receive the Monthly Financial Report
Balances:
Current Account: £486.58
Savings Account: £11157.86
High Interest Account: £10000.00

Resolved: To accept the monthly report and transfer £500.00 to Current Account.

The Clerk presented the up to date budget figures.

Resolved: To donate remaining funds from last year to the Memorial Hall and to sign cheque tonight.

Memorial Hall £308.60

PAYE

The Inland Revenue have now declared that all Clerks should become 'employed' and not self employed. This was a grey area previously.

Resolved: For the Clerk to investigate and register Tetsworth Parish Council as an employer.

045/11 Youth Development on the Green
We have received some outline plans from Wheelscape Skateparks . They have estimated the costs to be between £40,000 and £43,000 plus VAT. KH reported that Mr Paul Margan has shown an interest in setting up a charity or sub-group to run this as a project.
Resolved: To use the £10,000 from earmarked funds towards the skate park project and to launch this project at the Parish Meeting to set up a sub-committee.

046/11 Planning
Planning Decisions:
P10/E0057 – Dove Cottage, 5 Parkers Hill, Tetsworth - **GRANTED**
Erection of a garden shed.

Planning Applications:
P10/E1962 – 28 Back Street, Tetsworth. OX9 7AN – AMENDMENT
(Consultation end date: 28th Feb).

This is an amended application for information only. No comment is required by TPC.

Late Planning Application:

R3.0041/11 – Tetsworth County Primary School

Listed building consent for blocking up of existing pedestrian entrance and demolition of part of existing boundary wall to provide a new pedestrian entrance – works to include the erection of new fencing and pedestrian gate.

As KH is a neighbour she was unable to vote on this. Therefore the Council were not quorate to vote and no comment was given to OCC.

047/11 Village Environment
Salt Bin – Swan Gardens
The Clerk and JK met with Keith Stenning at Swan Gardens following a request from residents for a Salt Bin. He has agreed that a new bin is required at the end of Swan Gardens. However, at the moment he is not sure how long it will be filled free of charge for. There may be a cost later in the year.
Pavement damage – Swan Gardens
Mr Stenning has added urgent repairs to the pavement in Swan Gardens to his list as it is dangerous where it is bulging.
Parkers Hill
Mr Stenning looked at the damage to the verge caused by heavy lorries in Parkers Hill. Unfortunately there is no budget for such repairs currently.

- 048/11 Common and Parish Land
Mr Stenning also visited the turning circle to see the problems at this site.
- 049/11 M40 Group
Nothing to report.
- 050/11 The Patch
HB reported that all repairs to the Patch have now been carried out and that all the leaves have been raked.
- 051/11 To consider the following correspondence
Election papers have been received by the Clerk and will be distributed on the 25th March.
011 Kompan – Unique Playgrounds – Funding Support Service – **KH has taken for review.**
012 OCC – Revised Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy for Oxfordshire – **Clerk to email to Cllrs.**
013 IAC – Provision of Internal Audit Services
Resolved: To use Roger Symes as Internal Auditor for this year.
014 PCSO Michelle Jacques - Information about Royal Wedding. – **Noted.**
- 052/11 Any other business for discussion
Website – The Clerk has produced analytics for the website. This shows that we have had 84 visitors to the site during the past month. The new header on the site will be active this month.
- 053/11 Date of Next Meeting
April Meeting – Monday 11th April
The Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 18th April.
The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Monday 9th May

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50pm