

Minutes of the Meeting of Tetsworth Parish Council Held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 8th October 2012

Present: Cllr. Karen Harris (KH) – Chair
Cllr. Jane Bowers (JB)
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)
Cllr. Paul Margan (PM)
Cllr. Alan Martin (AM)
Cllr. Marjorie Sanders (MS)

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: There were 5

150/12 Apologies for Absence
Cllr. Dorothy Brown, Caroline Cann

151/12 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.

152/12 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 10th September 2012 to be signed as a correct record.
140/12 should read met not med.
141/12 Little Acre – Decision: Approved. 3 x in favour, 1 x no strong views.
Resolved: That with the above corrections, these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

153/12 Matters arising from the minutes
148/12 – The rubbish has now been removed from Elm Close.

154/12 Neighbourhood Plan - Presentation from Anton Nath – ORCC
The ORCC help villages with Community Plans/Neighbourhood Plans. The Localism Act gives Parish Councils the rights to say what they want. Anton gave the meeting an insight into what can be achieved with Community Plans and the processes involved. Communities can employ someone to do the work or it can be done in-house. The ORCC assist with the Parish Plan and the SODC will provide us with advice and check conformity. There are no grants available for this and costs vary considerably depending on what is required. The time taken varies from 18 months to 2 years if volunteers are used, and 1 year if a company is paid. The statutory part of the plan is then adopted by the District Council. The plan gives the Parish Council power. We should remember to design the plan to create a vision for up to 15 years.

155/12 District Councillors Report
There was no report.

156/12 County Councillors Report
There was no report

157/12 To receive the Monthly Financial Report
The Clerk reported that the Precept and the Public Works Loan money has been received into the account this month. Therefore the balance is £63751.37.

The Little Kites preschool has still not cashed their cheque for the grant, given in May. The Clerk has spoken to the preschool who say they have lost the cheque.

Resolved: Not to reissue the cheque at this stage.

Council Tax Changes
Email - Consultation to work out how Council Tax will be calculated.

Petty Cash
£20 was given to Alan Martin for Memorial Hall heating costs for meetings.

- 158/12 To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:
Memorial Hall £10000.00 from Earmarked Funds.
Memorial Hall £39975.00 from Public Works Loan
BDO Stoy Hayward £162.00
Resolved: To accept the above expenditure
- 159/12 Memorial Hall
The builders have now started on site, the scaffolding is up and digging has begun. There is plenty of mud and the porta-loos are now in place.
- 160/12 **Planning**
Planning Decisions:

Planning Applications:

Planning Correspondence
Field at Stoke Talmage Road, Tetsworth
Two eviction orders have now been issued for the above site. HB reported that whilst walking nearby, her dog was covered in human faeces. This is now being dealt with by Environment at SODC.
- 161/12 Village Environment
Trees adjacent to Swan Gardens
Following a call from Mr Chandler in Swan Gardens about trees on the Green, KH has visited the site and will contact Matthew from 4 Seasons to inspect. AM also visited the site and is going to contact Mr Chandler to update him on progress.

Ditch – Adjacent to Swan Antiques
Another Willow has fallen in the ditch. TSSC think it may belong to TPC, although this is unclear. PM will contact Swan Antiques to find out who the new owner is.

Update on Tree on Green
KH has spoken with Owain Devey. The tree is solid and the work required is non-urgent. It was agreed that if any urgent works are required in the future, it should be carried out immediately.

Land behind the Green
This area needs inspecting.

Highways
The Clerk should contact Keith Stenning at Highways again to chase various works around the village, including the manhole outside the pub which is now very dangerous.

Knapp Cottage Pole – has been replaced so now clear of vegetation.

Parkers Hill vegetation is overhanging the road. AM/Clerk to prepare a letter to residents asking them to cut back where appropriate.
- 162/12 Common and Parish Land
The clerk has found two letters in old records from Honiball Solicitors with regards to land at Knapp Cottage. We receive a wayleave for the pole here. It was agreed that we should go ahead and register the land, and that PM will speak with Honiball Solicitors to discuss further.
- 163/12 Report from M40 Group – Dave Harris
A full report from the M40 CEG has been submitted to the Newsletter.
- 164/12 PATCH/Skatepark
There has been vandalism to PATCH. AM has raked the area. 2 Caribinas have been broken, swings broken and bridge. The Clerk is to report to the Police and Dave Pullen has been asked to make repairs.

Waterproofing of the Skatepark is due. The sides are still on following recent vandalism.

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To consider the following correspondence
88 M40 CEG – Press Release – **Noted.**

Emails received

Sarah Griffey – Ref: Website updates for Memorial Hall.

Resolved: To allow access to Sarah to update the Memorial Hall pages only on the TPC website.

Lord Williams – Year 8 Open Day

MS and JB will attend. A youth representative, Travis, will also attend.

Sunnymede

SOHA have requested a meeting.

MS, KH and HB to attend.

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Any other business for discussion

For information - There is a large Ash Tree on Parkers Hill which has a TPO. The tree is about to be pollarded as considered dangerous. 4 Seasons are to carry out the work.

The RBL donation of £100 is due and should be added to the next agenda.

Next year's budget should be discussed at our next meeting. The Clerk should prepare for this.

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Date of Next Meeting

12th November – 7.30pm

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.57pm