

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Tetsworth Parish Council
Held in the Memorial Hall
at 7.30pm on Monday 10th September 2012**

Present: Cllr. Karen Harris (KH) – Chair
Cllr. Hazel Bottone (HB)
Cllr. Alan Martin (AM)
Cllr. Jane Bowers (JB)

Officer: Sarah Pullen

Members of the Public: There were 6

131/12 Apologies for Absence
Cllr. Paul Margan (PM), Cllr. Marjorie Sanders (MS), Cllr. Dorothy Brown

132/12 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.

133/12 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 9th July 2012 to be signed as a correct record.
Resolved: That these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

134/12 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 6th Aug 2012 to be signed as a correct record.
Resolved: That these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

135/12 Matters arising from the minutes
There were none.

136/12 District Councillors Report
There was no report.

137/12 County Councillors Report
There was no report

138/12 To receive the Monthly Financial Report
Bank balance at the end of August 2012 - £18076.37

Update on Interest Rates
It was decided that it is not worth pursuing this further as £10,000 soon to be paid to Memorial Hall.

Public Works Loan
The application has now been submitted via OALC to Public Works Loan board.

139/12 To approve Expenditure and sign the following cheques:
Swan Gardens £1224.40
Green Maintenance £500.00
Resolved: To accept the above expenditure

Petty Cash of £9 was refunded to Cllr. A. Martin for hall heating costs.

140/12 Memorial Hall
Caroline Cann gave an update to the Council with regards to the funding for the Memorial Hall extension. The committee have now met with SODC and Leader who have both now given the go-ahead for works to commence from the 15th September. A press release will be uploaded to the website. The next step for the Parish Council is to approach the Public Works Loan board to agree final

borrowing over 20 years. Pay back will be bi-annually on a Fixed Rate loan.

Approved – Unanimous

Following the sad news that Chris Bishop has recently passed away, the TPC took this opportunity to remember her tireless work with the Memorial Hall.

141/12

Planning

Planning Decisions:

Planning Applications:

P12/S1870/HH – 110 High Street, Tetsworth

Replacement of existing garage with new garage, utility room, home office with two new bedrooms over.

Approved – Unanimous

P12/S1926/FUL – Little Acre, High Street, Tetsworth

Removal of condition 2 attached to application P02/N0036 to allow for unrestricted use of holiday let dwelling as a single dwelling house and change of use of part of paddock land for associated parking, storage and access purposes.

Planning Correspondence

Field at Stoke Talmage Road, Tetsworth

KH reported that Enforcement have visited the land to remove the man living there. He is not intending to appeal, and is currently waiting to be rehoused. The fencing has been partly removed.

However, there is also another man in the same field. He has padlocked the gate, therefore blocking the public footpath and has also dug a deep bunker and is planting over the roof. The Environment Officer has been informed and will be visiting the site this week. An eviction order will also be served. However, all notices have been ignored to date.

Building Works at Car Boot Field, Little Acre

A letter has been received back from SODC following our correspondence last month. SODC have determined that there is no evidence to suggest that there has been a breach of planning control. However, we are still receiving many calls from residents to complain.

Resolved: To treat the matter as closed following letter from SODC.

142/12

Village Environment

Knapp Cottage / Turning Circle

PM was to look into value on the land at Knapp Cottage, but is not at this meeting. We have established that we own the pole from the Wayleaves document. We have not issued the rent invoice and will hold until a value has been decided.

For Sale boards

It was reported that Morgans Estate Agents have been erecting For Sale boards on our land.

Resolved: The Clerk should contact them to ask them not to.

143/12

Common and Parish Land

There was nothing to report.

144/12

Neighbourhood Plan

MS has lots of information, but is unwell this evening.

The meeting on the 27th September needs to be changed – New date to be decided.

145/12

Report from M40 Group – Dave Harris

The M40 CEG have met with Paul Staines (PS) (Head of Health and Housing) and Paul Holland from SODC. PS asked many questions about the Business plan and investment. He expressed that a longer term community investment is of particular interest to him. He wanted to understand the relationship between Return of Capital (ROC's) used to secure long term borrowing and revenue used for dividends to investors in the Bencom (Cooperative Group). PS understands what the group are doing in the context of the 'Big Society' and feels this should not be underplayed. SODC is very interested in the programme which fits well with community responsibilities and the political landscape of Oxfordshire at the moment. It was understood however, that they do have a role, but at this stage unsure how much involvement they will have. He was pleased to hear of Dorothy Browns support.

PS was not sensitive about Wycombe District Council continuing to play the lead as they have fewer

First Priority Locations (FPL's).

An initial meeting took place on Thursday 6th Sept between HA, M40CEG, SODC and WDC and members of Bencom. A report on this meeting will follow.

146/12

PATCH/Skatepark

A report has been received from Digley Associates. There are no high priority issues. Small items will be dealt with during monthly maintenance.

147/12

To consider the following correspondence

- 84 Audit Commission – Appointment of external auditor from 2012/13 – **Noted.**
- 85 Letter from John Howell, Schedule – **Noted.**
- 86 Affordable Rural Housing Conference – **Noted.**
- 87 Community Games Project – **Noted.**

Emails received

OCC – Emergency Planning

KH will complete form and return as required.

OALC – Proposed changes to Council Tax.

It is not prudent to not increase your precept, as it could be capped for up to 3 years. There is a meeting at OALC on 19th Sept. KH and JB will attend.

148/12

Any other business for discussion

Recent road repairs – A pot hole has been missed just past the thatched cottage on Chiltern View. It was marked for repair. Resurfacing of pavements has now completed in Marsh End.

It was reported that plants have overgrown on the side of the road up Parkers Hill. However, this belongs to private properties and is therefore not the responsibility of the PC.

Rubbish in Elm Close

There has been a complaint about rubbish in land behind Elm Close. This should be reported to Environmental Health.

Tree on Green – This is rotten and about to fall over. KH to call Owain Devey for a price.

Drain outside Pub – The Clerk has contacted Keith Stenning from Highways. He says that this drain is the responsibility of the pub and not Highways.

Drains – The village are still experiencing bad smells which is thought to be caused by drain work at Milton Common. KH will call Thames Water to investigate.

149/12

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th October – 7.30pm

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.47pm