

TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 12TH JANUARY 2015 AT 7PM IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Richard Pinchin, Chairperson
Steve Kingsford, Vice-Chair
Ingrid Heritage
Joan Thomas
Steve Yeomans
Christine Coles, Parish Clerk

1. Apologies

Cllr Bradley

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Heritage declared an interest as her partner rents the ground from Tadmarton Charities.

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in the discussion on the defibrillator for Highlands.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting of 24th November 2014

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Open Forum

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

5. Review of Action List

Work to cut back footpath from village hall to Old Glebe - The work is not complete. The Parish Clerk has emailed Cllr George Reynolds to ask for more information and what work was paid to be done.

Work to maintain benches, village notice-boards and bus shelter - The Parish Clerk to contact John Nelder.

Work to the Triangle, Hollow Road - Cllr Kingsford is waiting to hear back from OCC Highways as to whether a license is required. Then the work can be programmed in by the contractor.

Register of Local Heritage Assets - The Chair has spoken to CDC who were going to email electronic forms. The Chair to chase this information.

Overgrown hedge in Lower Tadmarton - The hedge is bare at the moment but a letter to be sent by the Parish Clerk.

6. To consider and approve the Grants Policy (JF)

Cllr Fitzpatrick has circulated a draft grants policy for consideration. Councillors approved the policy which will be dated with a version number. The policy can be put on the website.

Action: Cllr Yeomans to sort out an archive copy. A copy to be sent to groups that receive grants from the Parish Council. A copy to be attached to these minutes.

7. To receive an update on the Nature Reserve (RP)

Cllr Bradley has circulated an update. Good progress has been made and a number of site visits are planned. There is a source of grant funding of £5K to apply for.

8. To re-appoint one trustee (Malcolm Moodie) on Tadmarton Charities (CC)

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Kingsford to reappoint Malcolm Moodie as a trustee on Tadmarton Charities.

The background to Tadmarton Charities was circulated to councillors but the Parish Clerk to try and find out how the Parish Council first got involved.

9. To discuss the new village website and social media (SY)

The proposed new website was shown by Cllr Yeomans. A lot of content from the existing CDC site has been used. This is to be a future agenda item. Councillors photos and email addresses can be put on the website. Thanks was given to Cllr Yeomans for his work.

Action: Cllr Yeomans to make contact with Eileen Steele to discuss the new website. Cllr Yeomans to send the website link to all councillors.

10. To consider a request from Tadmarton Park Residents Association to contribute towards the cost of a defibrillator

Tadmarton Park Residents Association circulated a questionnaire around the properties in Highlands and the Barns development which suggested that everybody contributed a set amount towards the purchase of a defibrillator. All properties but two were in agreement. The Residents Association have asked the Parish Council to make a contribution. This item to be covered under Finance, item 12.

11. To discuss the purchase of a grit bin for the car park in Brookfield Rise

It was agreed to order a 60 litre yellow grit bin for the entrance to Brookfield Rise car park at a cost of £67.08.

Action: The Parish Clerk to order via British Bins.

12. Finance Report

To approve the following payments under statutory powers:

- £73.90 to Bluefin (Allotment Garden Insurance)
- £28.00 to Banbury Print and Design (printing of Winter leaflets)
- £400.00 to Richard Noviss (cleaning of War Memorial)

The payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Heritage and seconded by Cllr Fitzpatrick.

- *To consider a grant of £500.53 to Tadmarton Village Hall Trust for the village hall insurance*
John Steele had emailed the history of the village hall and a copy of the latest accounts which was circulated to councillors. It was agreed to give a grant of £500.00. Proposed by Cllr Kingsford and seconded by Cllr Thomas.
- *To consider a donation for 'The Link'*
It was agreed to give a donation of £100.00. Proposed by Cllr Kingsford and seconded by Cllr Thomas.
- *To set the precept for 2015/16*
The Chair and Clerk had prepared a budget sheet which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed to increase the precept by £1K so that two defibrillators could be purchased using some of the increase and reserve money and to include first aid training for some councillors and villagers. It was agreed to set the precept for 2015/16 at £8K.
Action: The Parish Clerk to notify CDC.

13. Planning applications

No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

14. Correspondence

- Sir Tony Baldry, Broadband update
- CDC, Electoral Review of Cherwell
- Email from Mr Rew, resident
- Email from Mr Grimston, Swalcliffe resident

Councillors discussed the planning application currently being considered at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian Ltd, Grange Lane, Swalcliffe (14/01762/F: Use of land at Grange Farm for mixed use comprising part agricultural, part equestrian training and competitions (use Class D2), formation of new access, extension to existing car park and associated works). Although Tadmarton is not part of the consultation process, councillors felt the village would be hugely affected if extra traffic travels through the village. They agreed to send the following response to CDC:

Tadmarton Parish Council will raise no objections but note they have concerns about all event traffic going through Tadmarton and Swalcliffe. They would like to see a reversal of the traffic flow along the Ushercombe Road between Lower Tadmarton and Wigginton Heath. This will mean that traffic will access SPE via the Gated Road South.

Email from Mr Rew regarding the state of the land at Brick Farm. The Chair has spoken to the Lessee and they have given assurance that they are acting responsibly and in accordance with the Lessor. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the state and compliance of the area. The Parish Clerk to respond.

12. Councillors Reports

Cllr Fitzpatrick is working on the village map. She will send the link to the Parish Clerk.

Cllr Kingsford noted that there will be a ceremony of dedication at the War Memorial on 23rd May 2015 to remember the villagers who died in both wars.

Next meeting date, Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7pm

Meeting Closed 8.15pm