

TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7PM IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Tim Turner (Chairman), Jane Fitzpatrick and Paul Doust

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and two villagers

23/97. Apologies

Cllr Higley (work)

23/98. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

23/99. Public participation session

The two villagers present live on the Main Road and are against the double yellow lines. There was a problem a few months ago as several houses close to each other had building work going on. It was a short term problem. Cllr Fitzpatrick replied that there had been several accidents due to parking on the brow of the hill. Discussions about double yellow lines have been ongoing for some time and minuted.

The bus stop opposite the bus shelter at the Brookfield Rise end of the village was discussed. It is overgrown with trees and there is nowhere safe to wait or cross. The villagers suggested putting a bench there.

The villagers spoke about the Nature Reserve behind Brookfield Rise and the lack of signage. They felt that not many people know it is there. Tree work is planned as the area has been neglected over the years.

23/100. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 17th July 2023

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the last meeting.

23/101. Matters Arising

- Update on placing of damaged fingerpost sign in Lower Tadmarton – This is outstanding. The Parish Clerk to chase Highways.
- Update on Double Yellow lines along the Main Road – OCC are checking to see if the consultation cost can be shared with another village.

23/102. To note the checking of the three village defibrillators

The three defibrillators have been checked and the Circuit updated.

23/103. To discuss the cutting of the hedge on the allotment area

The hedge is very overgrown and needs a harsh cut back. The Parish Clerk has spoken to the owner and he agreed this will be done soon.

23/104. To discuss overhanging vegetation on footpaths

The Parish Council can deal with overhanging vegetation if it is on their land. Villagers must be encouraged to cut their own vegetation back if overhanging a public footpath.

23/105. To discuss the position of the dog bin outside the village hall

Complaints were received in the summer when it was very hot, of the smell coming from the dog bin. The hot weather has passed but there are very few places to move it to. An option could be to place it further up the drive to the car park.

Action: Cllr Fitzpatrick to talk to the owner of that piece of land.

23/106. To receive an update and discuss new highway issues

- Water on Stant Hill – There is excess water again near the kissing gate and the area by the stile is a mess.

Action: The Chair to carry out a site visit.

23/107. To receive an update on footpaths

- a. **Bridleway 12 (TT)** – This is ongoing.

23/108. Finance Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£261.60 to Nigel Prickett (grass cutting)

£43.50 to Tadmerton Village Hall (hire of hall)

£36.00 to OALC (training course)

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£197.10 to Jack Williams (repair of gateposts at allotment area)

£528.00 to The Parish Noticeboard Company (new noticeboard)

To approve the cost of a new noticeboard for Highlands - details circulated.

The cost (£1248.00 including VAT) to purchase a three bay noticeboard (shared with Highlands) was agreed.

Action: The Parish Clerk to order.

To approve the quote to clear two footpaths – details circulated

The quote from Trinity Oak (£2350.00) to clear two footpaths was approved.

Action: Cllr Doust to ensure that notice is given before the work is carried out.

23/109. To receive an update on planning

New applications

- 23/01921/F, New slate roof and roof insulation at Pallathorpe, Hollow Road. Supported by PC.

To discuss the email from Katie Lavin re the new proposed equestrian centre. The email was circulated and the points noted.

23/110. To receive the following correspondence

- Highways, Road Closure on Hollow Road 16.10.23-20.10.23. Details are on the notice-board in Hollow Road.
- Highways, Preparing for Winter. There is the offer of a free bag of salt and Highways will top up existing salt bins.

Action: The Chair to check the salt bins.

- CDC, Cherwell Local Plan update. The consultation has begun and will end on 3rd November.
- 20mph limits in the community. The deadline for new applications is 29th October. There are more traffic calming opportunities with a 20mph zone. It was agreed to send another note out asking for views. To be discussed at the next meeting.

23/111. To receive Councillors Reports

Both Cllr Fitzpatrick and Cllr Doust attended the recent Finance training course. There is often a link between the same people sitting on a Parish Council and Village Hall Committee. Each project should be discussed and taken on its own merit.

Dispensations were discussed and can be granted to allow Councillors to vote on other financial matters if they sit on different committees.

23/112. To note next meeting date and time

Monday 23rd October 2023 at 7pm

Meeting closed 8.30pm.

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