

# TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2023 AT 7PM

IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

### Councillors Present

Tim Turner (Chairman), Jane Fitzpatrick and Paul Doust

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and two member of the public

### **23/113. Apologies**

Cllr Higley (work)

### **23/114. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

Cllr Fitzpatrick and Cllr Doust declared non pecuniary interests as members of the Village Hall Committee.

### **23/115. To grant a dispensation to Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor Doust to enable them to vote on all financial matters**

Cllr Fitzpatrick and Cllr Doust were granted a dispensation to allow them to vote on village hall matters.

### **23/116. Public participation session**

The meeting was attended by Katie (KL) and Luke Lavin (LL) who have submitted an equine planning application at the top of the village.

The Chair noted that the Parish Council remain unbiased with planning applications and are only a consultee in this process. Cherwell District Council make the final decision. At the meeting held earlier in the year to discuss the equine application there was a lot of feeling within the village.

KL thanked the PC for allowing them to attend and speak and felt the PC had a lot of weight and power. They are ex Army officers and want to engage in the village. Their dream is to set up an equine business with the minimal amount of impact on the village.

They have looked at all the objections raised following the submission of their recent planning application. They have been advised to put the stables closer to the village. Light and manure pollution were of concern. They will minimize pollution and there are clear environmental laws to abide by. They are not planning to keep manure on site. There is no desire to carry out competition work. Access is a problem as cars speed on the main road. They have created a new access within the 30mph zone near the bus stop. The proposal is one gate, with minimal signage and a secure electric gate. Councillors asked about the plan for the horses. The applicant will have a local client base and they will look after retirement horses. They explained a typical working week and do not envisage lots of horse boxes turning up.

The hay storage building is 2 storey but in line with the view of the houses behind and will not break up the landscape. The loss of the beautiful view of Madmarston View is of concern.

Cllr Doust lives on Stant Hill which is located behind the field and has access onto the back of the field. This road is not suitable for vehicles and horse boxes to use.

Swalcliffe Park Equestrian in the next village started small and is now big. Lots of events are held and lots of traffic is created.

KL confirmed that people will live on site. There will be three employees and one apprentice. She hopes to hire local people. There are no plans to put up student accommodation. The Parish Council encouraged them to arrange a meeting with the village to explain their plans in person.

Both KL and LL thanked the Parish Council and they left the meeting.

**23/117. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 18<sup>TH</sup> September 2023**

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

**23/118. Matters Arising**

- Update on placing of damaged fingerpost sign in Lower Tadmarton – This has not been put back in place yet. The Parish Clerk to chase Highways.
- Update on Double Yellow lines along the Main Road – There is no update. The Parish Clerk to chase Highways.

**23/119. To note the checking of the three village defibrillators**

The three defibrillators have been checked and the Circuit updated.

**23/120. To agree and sign the amendment to the Section 101 Grass cutting agreement between OCC and SPC**

An amendment to Schedule 1 has been received. In February 2023 OCC adopted a Highway Verge and Vegetation maintenance policy. As a result, Schedule 1 was reviewed and amended in line with that policy. It was agreed to accept the amendment as it enhances biodiversity and undertakes a nature led and risk based approach to verge maintenance.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to sign the amended document.*

**23/121. To discuss funding covers for unused allotment plots**

There is one vacant allotment plot and some are not managed very well. This can cause problems to neighbouring plots. It was suggested to cover the unused plots. The Parish Council agreed to the idea in principle and asked to see costings.

*Action: Cllr Doust to get the price of covers.*

**23/122. To receive an update and discuss new highway issues**

- Water on Stant Hill. This continues to be a problem but the springs are on private land. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

*Action: The Chair to mark and report a pothole on Stant Hill.*

**23/123. To receive an update on footpaths**

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

**23/124. Finance Report**

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £334.62 to CDC (dog bin emptying)
- £35.40 to P Doust (AC/DC adapter)
- £261.60 to N Prickett (grass cutting)
- £270.00 to Parish Clerk (defibrillator battery)
- £1350.00 to J Pursey (work to clear footpaths)
- £412.11 To Parish Clerk (hours)
- £103.00 To HMRC
- £47.80 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

The quote (details circulated) from Kelly's Wrought Iron Work, to provide double rail handrails, outside the village hall was approved.

*To approve the cost of a new noticeboard for Highlands*

The cost of a three door board was approved at the last meeting but the Parish Clerk thought it may be too big. She has obtained a price for a 2 door board and is awaiting to hear back from Highlands. Councillors felt the three door board would be more suitable as it would include one open section for notices to be put in.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to contact Highlands.*

*To agree to fund the village Christmas Tree*

The tree will cost £200.00 and it was agreed to approve this cost.

*To approve the quote for tree work in the nature reserve*

A quote has been received to carry out work in the nature reserve, trimming back nettles, weeds and reinstating a natural wildflower area. Two trees are dead and one another requires attention. The quote to do this work was agreed. The work will be done over Christmas.

*To agree a fourth bank signatory*

It was agreed to add Cllr Doust to be a fourth signatory.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to add Cllr Doust to the mandate.*

**23/125. To receive an update on planning**

New applications

- 23/02708/F, *Erection of dwelling, enabling works with associated internal and external works (amendment to siting, enabling work and main dwelling previously approved) at Land adj Bridgeside, Hollow Road.*

**23/126. To receive the following correspondence**

- CDC, Cherwell Local Plan 2040 Consultation. The consultation ends on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 500 houses are planned for rural villages but no detail has been provided as to where the houses will go.
- Banbury 2050 – Briefing for Councillors.
- CDC, District Charter Event Information on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**23/127. To receive Councillors Reports**

The footpath has been cleared at the Old Glebe. A fence is leaning from a property by the path.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to write to the owner about the leaning fence.*

**23/128. To note next meeting date and time**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 8.35pm.

