

TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7PM
IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Tim Turner (Chairman), Jane Fitzpatrick and Paul Higley

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

23/15. Apologies

None

23/16. Co-option of New Councillor

Paul Doust was welcomed and co-opted onto the Parish Council.

23/17. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

23/18. Public participation session

One member of the public was present. He was keen to hear the update on the repair of the fingerpost in Lower Tadmarton and the double yellow lines on the Main Road.

23/19. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 11TH January 2023

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

23/20. Matters Arising

- i) Repair of fingerpost in Lower Tadmarton. The fingerpost was returned to Leander. Communication has taken place between the Parish Council and OCC Highways. OCC have agreed the work can continue. They will raise a PO and treat this as an insurance claim. The Parish Clerk to chase for an update.
- ii) Defibrillator Training and checking of defibrillators. The trainer was contacted but has not come back with any dates. The Parish Clerk to chase him. All defibrillators are registered on the Circuit now. They will be checked before each PC meeting, minuted and reported on the Circuit. The defibrillator in Lower Tadmarton is dark and lighting was discussed. Cllr Fitzpatrick to speak to the residents opposite and the Parish Clerk to contact the electrician for ideas.
- iii) New Dog bin – This has been delivered and will be installed at Upper Tadmarton.
- iv) Speedwatch signage. – The Parish Clerk to order once the pole measurements have been double checked.

23/21. To discuss the yellow lines along the Main Road and consultation cost

OCC Highways have confirmed they will pay for double yellow lines to stop parking along the Main Road but the Parish Council have to pay for the consultation cost. The cost is £3200.00. The yellow lines will go from Highways to Lilac Cottage. Following the recent accidents and parking issues, it was agreed to pay the consultation cost.

Action: The Parish Clerk to liaise with OCC.

23/22. To discuss wildflower verges

It was agreed to continue with the wildflower verges for another year and place a seed order. Dave Lovesey previously helped but he has moved out of the village.

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

The water issues in Stant Hill are ongoing.

Potholes – They are still being reported and some have been repaired.

23/24. To discuss the foodbank collections

Foodbank collections started back in 2020 during the first covid pandemic. The latest collection took place recently. The foodbank had asked for a collection to take place. The Parish Clerk advised that the Parish Council can give a donation to the Foodbank Collection if they write and ask. The Parish Council must agree to the initiative at a future meeting to be able to support it financially.

23/25. To receive an update on footpath

a. Bridleway 12 (TT)

The villager concerned has received another strong letter from OCC about the bridleway going through his land. He has contacted the Broughton Estate who are currently looking at all the old paperwork. A meeting will be arranged in due course.

23/26. To review and agree allotment rent charges for 2023

Allotment rent has not increased for some time. Annual charges for insurance and brown bins have meant the outgoing costs are increasing. The Clerk suggested adding in some administration time to process paperwork and payments. In 2022 a half plot cost £14.27 and a full plot £27.57. It was agreed to make a small increase to both plots to recover some of the costs. A half plot will cost £16.00 and a full plot £30.00.

Action: The Parish Clerk to notify plot holders. The Parish Clerk to arrive at the hall early on 3rd April to collect cheque payments.

23/27. Finance Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £30.00 to Tadmarton Village Hall (electricity use for defibrillator)
- £30.00 to Mr and Mrs Lingwood (electricity use for defibrillator in LT)
- £2.00 to White Commercial Surveyors Ltd (electricity use for defibrillator at Highlands)
- £4.92 to Parish Clerk (defibrillator sticker)
- £100.00 to P R Handyman Services (installation of hood for defibrillator in LT)
- £196.00 to D Fitzpatrick (delivery of damaged finger post)
- £353.47 to Glasdon Uk Ltd (dog bin)
- £312.46 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- £78.00 to HMRC
- £28.68 to Parish Clerk (mileage)
- £43.43 to Parish Clerk (expenses)

To approve a pay rise for the Parish Clerk

It was agreed the Parish Clerk would get a pay rise and this will be backdated to 1st April 2022.

23/28. To receive an update on planning

One new application had been received since the last meeting:

23/00385/TCA, T1 x Lime - Reduce by up to 2 metres and raise lower canopy to 3.5 metres T2 x Walnut - Crown raise to 3.5 metres T3 x Beech - Crown thin by 10% and raise lower crown by 3 metres. Light reduction on property side by 1 metre at Beechfield, Main Street. Under consideration.

Older

22/03649/F, Formation of new agricultural access and access track at Beechfield, Main Street. Granted by CDC.

23/29. To receive the following correspondence:-

- Thames Valley Police, Local Coronation Plans. This has been forwarded to the VHC who are organizing an event.
- The Link, Donation thank you letter.
- CDC, Cherwell Local Plan 2040 Update. The proposed consultation draft was not approved in January. Officers are undertaking further work to consider the comments made.

23/30. To receive Councillors Reports

A village litter pick will take place on Saturday 25th March. Details are in the Link.

Another Vehicle Activated Sign may be ordered to compliment the other signs that are in the village.

Vacancies on the Parish Council – There are still two vacancies to fill.

23/31. To note next meeting date and time

Monday 3rd April 2023, Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.15pm.

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