

TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JANUARY 2024 AT 7PM
IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Tim Turner (Chairman), Jane Fitzpatrick, Paul Doust and Paul Higley

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and one villager

24/01. Apologies

None

24/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

None

24/03. Public participation session

The path on the Main Road outside The Old Post Office is in a poor condition. The Chair to report on Fix My Street.

24/04. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 4th December 2023

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

24/05. Matters Arising

- Update on placing of fingerpost sign in Lower Tadmarton. The work is with Milestone, the Highways contractor. The original contact at Highways is working on larger projects. New contacts need to be established.
- Update on Double Yellow lines along the Main Road. Another outstanding job which will be chased again.

24/06. To discuss the allotments and terms of the tenancy agreement

Some plots are not as nice as they should be. The wording on the tenancy agreement will be reviewed. Since covid nothing has been enforced but there is now a waiting list and tenants will be contacted if they do not adhere to the agreement.

Action: Gail Miller to check the wording in the agreement. The Parish Clerk to email allotment holders before the rent is due in April.

24/07. To note the checking of the three village defibrillators

The three defibrillators have been checked and the Circuit updated. It was noted how dark the area is by the defibrillator in Lower Tadmarton. It requires lighting.

24/08. To receive an update and discuss new highway issues

The highway sign on the B4035 past Lower Tadmarton heading towards Banbury is wonky.

Action: The Chair to report on Fix My Street.

24/09. To review the tree work carried out at Brookfield Rise

Some work was carried out before Christmas but there is more to be done to complete the job.

24/10. To discuss overgrowth in the centre of the village

There is vegetation which requires cutting back outside Brick Farm.

Action: Cllr Doust to get a quote for the work.

24/11. To consider the updated quote to supply railings and costs for paving outside the village hall (details circulated)

An updated quote has been received to include a small extension leading down from the panel the church entrance. It was agreed to accept the quote. A 30% deposit (£1926.60) will be paid immediately so that materials can be ordered. The paving slabs will cost £864.00 & VAT which was accepted. The work to lay the new path will cost £5289.00 & VAT. This quote was accepted too.

24/12. To receive an update on footpaths

a. **Bridleway 12** – There is no further news.

24/13. Finance Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£103.87 to Marsh Ltd (allotment insurance)

£456.00 to T Turner (repair of drainage pipe on Stant Hill)

£30.00 to Tadmarton Village Hall (defibrillator – electricity use)

£30.00 to Mr and Mrs Lingwood (defibrillator in LT – electricity use)

£2.00 to Tadmarton Park Ltd (defibrillator at Highlands – electricity use)

To set the precept 2024/25

Councillors discussed expenditure for the coming year. There is work to the village hall which has already been agreed and expenditure committed from this years budget. The Parish Council will look at more traffic calming measures and purchase another speed camera later in the year. It was agreed to increase the precept by 3% and set it at £11,036.00. The precept for 2025/26 will be set earlier next time, in November.

Action: The Parish Clerk to notify CDC.

24/14. To receive an update on planning

New applications

- 23/03515/F, Demolition of existing barns and sheds, erection of new extensions and alterations to dwelling, change of use of agricultural barns to ancillary residential use and erection of new garages and stables, with associated landscaping at Lower Tadmarton Farm. More clarification needed over the effect on the bridleway.
- 23/03537/F, Outbuilding to form garden rooms and ancillary annexe at 11 Swalcliffe Road. No objection by PC.

24/15. To receive the following correspondence

- Email, 20mph and footpath between Upper Tadmarton and Swalcliffe
- Details of a litter pick in March. The detail will go in the next Link.
- CDC, Community & Parish Council Climate Networking Event 24th January. Cllr Fitzpatrick will attend.
- Highways, Temporary Road Closure North Newington Road 5th – 8th March 2024
- Highways Record Office, Certificate of Adoption of road at Tadmarton House

24/16. To receive Councillors Reports

Salt for the village is currently stored at Lower Tadmarton Farm. It may have to be moved.

The middle speed sign may be moved somewhere else in the village. It is proving to be effective.

24/17. To note next meeting date and time

Monday 4th March 2024 at 7pm

Meeting closed 8.30pm.

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