

TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024 AT 7PM IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

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

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

24/75. Apologies

No apologies were received.

24/76. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

24/77. Public participation session

No members of the public were present.

24/78. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 21ST October 2024

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

24/79. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

24/80. Highway Matters

- i. *To receive an update on the Double Yellow Line consultation on the Main Road.* A site meeting was held with Highways on 31st October following the consultation. The installation of double yellow lines is not the preferred option that Highways would advise. In a location like this they would prefer to remove the central line along the narrow part of Main Street. Drivers tend to drive more cautiously when there is no white line. There would be improved comfort for cyclists and horse riders. Parking on double yellow lines is unenforceable. Some cars do park along Main Street and double yellow lines could compound this problem. There are two council bungalows over the brow and there is a possibility of a need for either disabled spaces or the ability to pull up close for access to vehicles for either vulnerable or older adults.

Action: The Parish Clerk to ask Highways for the results of the consultation.

- ii. *To discuss the 20mph scheme and traffic calming measures.* There are traffic calming measures available with 20mph and no street lights. The village would have to pay for traffic calming measures. The introduction of a 20mph zone with the relevant signage whilst in itself is not a guarantee of people sticking to 20, data is showing that there is an overall reduction in speeds. Suitable sites for traffic calming could be outside the pub/village hall and at the opposite end of the village. Solar powered smaller speed indicators can be installed to coincide with other measures.
- iii. *To discuss Speedwatch and use of the equipment.* A couple of parishioners have asked if Speedwatch still takes place. There are two designated places approved by TVP. Sessions normally stop during the winter months. A new rota will be produced in the spring. Speeding is more evident at the top of the village and the current speed signs store data.

24/81. Village Matters

- i. *To note the checking of the three village defibrillators.* All the defibrillators have been checked.

ii. *To receive an update on Bridleway 12.* This matter is still in the hands of OCC and may take many more months to progress.

24/82. Finance Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £286.80 to Nigel Prickett (grass cutting)
- £39.50 to Tadmarton Village Hall (use of hall for meetings)

To review the budget sheet (circulated)

An updated budget sheet was circulated to show spend until the end of the financial year. This will be used when setting the precept in January 2025.

To discuss a request from the PCC to give a grant towards the repair of the church footpath (circulated)

The church footpath which is used by non church goers has been repaired. The total cost is £14.1K including VAT. The path was dangerous due to tree root ingress. To cover the extra cost of the path will involve selling some investments. The Parish Council recognise the church is a community asset and historical building and benefits parishioners. However a lot of the Parish Council's reserves have been spent on improvement work to the village hall. It is recommended that the PC hold one years precept at all times. The precept for 2025/26 will be set in January and the matter will be discussed again.

To note the Pay Award for the Parish Clerk in line with the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25 (circulated)

This has been approved and is applicable to the Parish Clerk on SCP 20, to be back dated to 1st April 2024, equivalent of 62p per hour.

24/83. To receive an update on planning

Two new applications had been received.

New

- 24/03113/TCA, T1 x Acacia - Remove secondary stem to reduce spread over neighbouring property and lane. T2 x Laburnum - Fell on edge of retaining wall. G1 x Lime - Reduce crowns over roadside by approx 2.5M. at Tadmarton Manor, Main Street. The PC to support.
- 24/02985/LB, New section of wall running parallel to driveway at Tadmarton Grange, Main Street. The PC to support.

Older

- 23/00831/F. Erection of a single storey 18 stable block with 2 storey frontage and for feed and bedding storage with tractor access in a courtyard arrangement associated storage. Formation of a 30x60m outdoor riding arena, lunge pen, horse walker and covered trailer parking. Temporary dwelling for a period of 3 years. Part Of OS Parcel 7700 Adjoining B4035 And Swalcliffe Road, Upper Tadmarton. Granted by CDC.

24/84. The following correspondence was received and circulated:

- CDC Budget Consultation for 2025/26. A poster is on the noticeboard. The deadline is 23.12.24.
- OCC, School Applications for Reception (September 2025). A poster is on the noticeboard and the deadline for applications is 15.01.25.
- CDC, Review of Cherwell District Council Polling Districts and Polling Places Consultation. The current polling station arrangements at the village hall are adequate and suitable.

24/85. To receive Councillors Reports

Mr Seel who rents the allotment land to the Parish Council has advised the rent will increase to £300.00 in 2025. The boundary hedge has been cut and the gateposts replaced. Cllr Doust noted that the cup competition will be reinstated next year. It was agreed to revisit plot costs at the next meeting due the rent increase.

There are a couple of trees which should be reported as they are dangerous. The Chair to report on FMS.

There are environmental grants available which have been highlighted in the recent OALC monthly update.

Action: Cllr Fitzpatrick to have a further look.

24/86. To note meeting dates for 2025

20th January, 10th March, 7th May, 9th June, 21st July, 15th September, 3rd November and 8th December.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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