

Minutes of the Meeting of Tetsworth Parish Council Held in Tetsworth Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 13th March 2023

Present:

Chair: Cllr Paul Carr (PGC)
Vice Chair: Cllr Seb Mossop (SM)
Cllr Sanjiv (Kim) Bhagat (KB)
Cllr Sean Whitehead (SW);

Parish Clerk/RFO: Linda Freeth (LF)

In Attendance: OCC Cllr Kate Gregory (KG); SODC Cllr Caroline Newton (CN).

Members of the Public: Four

289. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Susan Rufus (SR); Cllr Christopher Thompson (CT); OCC: Cllr Nigel Champken-Woods (NCW)

290. <u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Members were asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest in any of the items under consideration at the meeting. **NONE.**

- 291. To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th February 2023 for Signing APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 292. <u>To Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28th February 2023 for Signing APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY by those present at the EM.</u>
- 293. Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda. NONE.
- 294. To Receive Report from Clerks Appraisal on January 16th. Written report to be provided at the next meeting.
- 295. Public Questions None.
- 296. Update of Actions List

378b/21	Note need for Tetsworth NDP review in May 2026	TPC	A Review Committee to be set up in Nov 2025, or earlier if legislation changes or shortcomings require. Earlier review to considered to coincide with new Local Plan 2025. 2-year lead time for steering committee needed. NP to be in step with LP. The need for volunteers will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting (25th April). ONGOING
345/21	Pursue recovery of Traveller Site appeal costs through PHD Chartered Town Planners	Clerk	Estimated extent of claim established. Further attempts to contact PHD to be made. SODC has confirmed that it did not pursue recovery of its own costs. ONGOING
355c/21	Monitor OCC investigation of school extension project progress	Clerk (OCC:KG)	Work expected to start Spring 2023. KG in discussion with OCC officers to prompt this. S106 & S106 (amended) to be reviewed re supply of water, sewage, and electricity. Alignment of S106 funds with inflation or base interest rate to be investigated by KG. Email KG-JG of 11 Jan 23 refers. Technical approval still to be determined and information still awaited from developers. KG to look in to OCC bid for CIL funding. Plans to be in place first. Resurfacing of Judds Lane expected this Spring. Nothing further. ONGOING.
356b/21	Investigate extent of SOHA responsibility for Marsh End footpath maintenance	Clerk	Confirmed as scheduled for tender and completion before March 31 2023. Contact will be made to confirm this schedule. ONGOING
453b/21	Investigate options for all-weather surface for PATCH	SW	Complete coverage too expensive (£78k+). Partial coverage, 260m3 EPDM Mulch, Jungle Mulch, or Hybrid Grass would cost ~£40k. Two additional companies approached for quote. One appointment confirmed and one awaiting call back. ONGOING
506a/21	Prompt OCC on wicket gate project progression	PGC / Clerk	OCC Highway survey resulted in a costing of £3800 for Milton Common end. UNAMINOUSLY AGREED to proceed. Obstruction of visibility at the Stoke Talmage road junction would prevent installation there at present. Contact Highways again in April (new FY) to pursue cost-sharing. ONGOING

592a/21	Seek further advice from OCC Highways on High Street pedestrian crossing options – design / siting solutions.	PGC / Clerk	OCC has advised that, depending on its extent, a 20mph limit might allow for the crossing's suitability to be reassessed. Opinion to be sought on should a 20mph limit be approved. ONGOING
191e/22	Consider OCC Vision Zero initiative / A Safer Pace for Oxfordshire.		Facebook post to assess local support for a 20mph speed limit received 46 'likes' and 12 other positive responses in the comments, with 3 emails against and 1 in favour. This initiative was APPROVED to progress. Formal support from our County Councillor/s is required to accompany the application to OCC. Support received and application to be made when Feb Minutes approved to accompany application. ONGOING
184a/22	Outdoor Gym Bike - Everyone Active Grant acceptance	Clerk / PC	SODC Grant Funds received. Equipment to be delivered / installed. Installation cost is very high. Installation specification received to be used for comparative quotes. Wilson Property Care quote is being prepared. ONGOING
240b/22	Grant of £5000 from CIL toward TPS trim-trail project	PGC	TPS have been advised of the need for the grant to be paid asap. TPS met with their proposed contractor on 18 Jan 2023. The total cost is £36,250 with £5k earmarked by TPC. ONGOING
240d/22	Replacement of War Memorial and Jitty benches	Clerk/PGC	Final bench installation on Jitty by Wilson Property Care awaiting suitable weather/ground conditions. Invoice on completion. ONGOING
240e/22	TSSC Generator Hire	Clerk	Costings and viability for the provision of a temporary hire unit to satisfy the Emergency Plan to be provided. Costs to install Transfer Switch for connecting hire generator to be obtained together with costs for required Hired In Plant insurance. Details to be included in Emergency Plan when agreed. ONGOING
300/23	Annual Parish Meeting refreshments	PC	Availability, management and provision options. ONGOING
311g/23	Oxford Local Plan 2040 – Housing Need Consultation (Regulation 18 Part 2)	PC	Consultation open until March 27 th TPC to respond. ONGOING
317b/23	Access Roadway/track – A40-Marsh End-TSSC- Spencers Farm and Sewage Disposal Works	PC	Draft correspondence to Thames Water. ONGOING
318c/2023	Kings Coronation Street Party	PC / Clerk	Bouncy Castle cost / publicity for Picnic Lunch Event. ONGOING
428c/21	Seek supporting evidence for Horse/Rider Safety Notices from local horse-riding community.	Clerk	Email requesting the required information sent to correspondent 12 Oct. Reminder sent 11 Jan 22; resident will forward the information when available. ON HOLD
448b/21	Canvass support for possible First Aid training	SR	More than 12 residents registered interest. Possible course dates post April 2023 to be investigated. No local face to face training available. Re-visit when practicable. ON HOLD
482c/21	Consider Christmas tree and outdoor decorations purchase with TMH committee by June 23	PC/Clerk/SR	Christmas tree to be positioned on the Village Green near to the benches, so central to the village, with subsoil power supply, concrete base and fencing surround has been agreed for 2023. Quotes to be obtained. ONGOING
75c/22	To purchase OneDrive memory for TPC Laptop	Clerk	Purchase of OneDrive memory UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED but not needed at present. Clerk will place order when needed. ON HOLD
219b/22	Provision of CCTV on The Patch	СТ	Considered and dismissed as impractical and too expensive. COMPLETE.

- 297. County Councillors' Report The Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance budget was passed at full council with above inflation investment in children's services and significant increases for adult social care and highways. A 5-year plan was agreed at cabinet on how the highways network is used (aligns with transport and environment policies); rules for work on highways and increased fees and fines; ensures walking, cycling and bus travel is possible during road works and aims to reduce inappropriate use of local roads by freight. A new Verges & Vegetation Policy to improve roadside nature reserves and support for community managed biodiversity. Also to ensure footpaths and cycle paths are kept accessible, and visibility maintained at junctions / high risk areas. OCC now has a new Chief Executive, Martin Reeves. Support The Household Support Fund can provide up to £300 to help with the cost of living to eligible residents (claims to be made by 28th March) and Grants of up to £2000 can be applied for from the Care Workers Hardship Grant. REPORT NOTED.
- 298. <u>District Councillor's Report</u> CN is taking a motion to SODC on March 14th calling on the Council to prevent the cumulative impact of solar farms on villages, valued landscapes and agricultural production. Very much in line with the petition in December 2022. Media coverage will also be sought and the possibility on aerial images.
 Housing pressures from the cost of living, rising mortgages, Ukrainian refugees etc with 1277 households on the Housing Register. There is a budget allocation of £2million to buy 5 properties for social housing / immediate care. The hosting period for refugees from Ukraine is coming to an end and many would like their own homes rather than be guests. SODC are in discussions with Oxford City for their unmet housing needs. Planning 40 applications are currently waiting to be allocated to Planning Committee. The recent cutting of verges has revealed a good deal of litter which is being dealt with. Bulky waste collections have resumed following new information on pollutants. REPORT NOTED.
- **299.** Parish Council Reports Harlesford Farm a response was received following the request to make surplus logs from clearance works available to villagers. Unfortunately the works are on predominantly Hawthorn which is not ideal / suitable but if anything in the future would be of use they will contact the Parish Council to facilitate.
- **300.** <u>Annual Parish Meeting 25th April</u> Representatives of organisations in Tetsworth to attend / provide reports detailing their successes, achievements, difficulties over the last 12-24 months, and where assistance might be required. To be held in the Large Hall with refreshments available.

- **301.** Local Elections 4th May 2023 Notice of Election to be published 20th March. Nominations must then be received by 4pm on April 4th with voting taking place from 7am on May 4th.
- 302. Warm Spaces for Tetsworth Nothing further to report.
- **303.** <u>Annual Emergency Planning Survey Form and GDPR Consent Form</u> Forms completed for submission to OCC and held on file. **NOTED.**

Finance

- 304. To Approve the Monthly Financial Report The report for February was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- **305.** <u>Approval of Expenditure</u> by signing payment book and invoices for making electronic payments, and raising standing orders and direct debits.

a. Electronic Payments:

i.	Shield Maintenance (Dog bins)	INV 6350	£ 25.99 Inc VAT
ii.	L Freeth (Clerk salary February)	Employee Contract	£ 918.71
iii.	HMRC PAYE (Clerk February)	Employee Contract	£ 70.60
iv.	OALC (Membership)	T00280/2023/3	£ 161.46 Inc VAT
٧.	Devey Tree Care (quoted)	INV 3031	£ 2,160.00 Inc VAT
vi.	Play Inspection Company	INV 59570	£ 175.08 Inc VAT

b. Standing Orders:

i. Wiseserve (IT Support) INV 17938 £ 6.00 Inc VAT per month

c. Direct Debit:

i.	O2 (phone service)	05928908	£	21.44 per month
ii.	Nest Pensions (Clerk pension)	Employee Contract	£	30.14 TOTAL

306. To Consider and Approve Requests for Grants or Donations

a. Clean Slate - A donation of £100 was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

307. To Receive, Note, Consider, Discuss and/or Approve:

- a. O2 Phone Service increase of 17.3% from April NOTED.
- b. Pension Regulator re-enrolment duties NOTED.
- c. FY2022/23 External Auditor Pending. NOTED.
- d. FY2022/23 Internal Audit Preparations Questionnaire completed. NOTED.
- e. <u>Annual Internal Control Review</u> Meeting with Clerk scheduled 22nd March. **NOTED.**
- f. TSSC Parks Table Tennis Project Funding SODC Contacted following February Meeting. Nothing further. NOTED.
- g. SODC 2023/24 Budget Proposals APPROVED BY MAJORITY at SODC Meeting. NOTED.
- h. SODC Capital Grant Scheme Now closed (allocations will be made by the end of March). NOTED.

308. Candidate CIL Project Progress Review

- a. Village Wicket Gates See Action 506a/21 above.
- b. Trim Trail for Tetsworth Primary School See Action 240b/22 above.
- c. War Memorial and Jitty Benches See Action 240d/22 above.

Planning

309. Planning Decisions Noted - received after Agenda published: NONE

310. Planning Applications Noted or Considered:

- a. Application Ref: P23/S0589/DPO: Mount Hill Farm Judd's Lane Tetsworth OX9 7AD Discharge of S.52 Agreement dated January 1982 relating to planning permission ref SO/N/377/81 (Mount Hill Farm Bungalow).
 Comments UNANIMOUSLY AGREED and to be submitted by the Clerk: At the meeting of Tetsworth Parish Council on 13th March Councillors agreed that they had no objection to this application.
- b. <u>Application Ref: P23/S0814/HH:</u> 94 High Street Tetsworth OX9 7AE Proposed 2 storey side extension. Comments UNANIMOUSLY AGREED and to be submitted by the Clerk: At the meeting of Tetsworth Parish Council on 13th March Councillors agreed that they had no objection to this application.
- c. <u>Application Ref: P23/S0618/DPO:</u> Harlesford Farm Nr Tetsworth OX9 7BX Discharge of condition 4 (Submission of final details of layout, design, and scale) on planning application P20/S3245/FUL (The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, substation compound, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping). Noted for information only.
- d. <u>Application Ref: P23/S0587/DIS:</u> Land to the North West of Stoke Talmage Oxfordshire OX9 7HB Discharge of condition 4 (submission of final details of layout, design, and scale) on planning application P20/S3244/FUL (The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, substation compound, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping). **Noted for information only.**
- e. <u>Application Ref: P23/S0487/DIS:</u> Harlesford Farm Tetsworth OX9 7BX Discharge of condition 7(Tree Protection) on application P20/S3245/FUL (The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, substation compound, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping). **Noted for information only.**

- f. <u>Application Ref: P23/S0435/DIS:</u> Tetsworth Barn Judds Lane Tetsworth OX9 2HT Discharge of condition 7 (surface water drainage works) & 8 (foul drainage works) on planning application P21/S2114/FUL (Demolition of the existing agricultural barn and the erection of a single dwelling with associated works and landscaping). **Noted for information only.**
- g. <u>Application Ref: P22/S4145/DIS:</u> Land to the North West of Stoke Talmage Oxfordshire OX9 7HB Discharge of condition 5 (details of hard and soft landscaping) and 6 (landscape management plan) on application reference number P20/S3244/FUL (as amended by information received 8 February 2023). The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, substation compound, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping. **Noted for information only.**

311. <u>To Discuss Further Planning Issues:</u>

- a. Planning Applications determined / awaiting decision:
 - * Ref: P23/S0044/HH: 2 Yew Tree Close Tetsworth OX9 7BP New first floor rear dormer extension; replacement first floor front dormer extension; and blocking up a side window with a replacement rear window. GRANTED.
 - * Ref: P23/S0173/DIS: Harlesford Farm Near Tetsworth OX9 7BX Discharge of condition 12 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) on planning application P20/S3245/FUL (The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, substation compound, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping). Related Application P20/S3245/FUL. GRANTED.
 - * Ref: P22/S4637/FUL: Tetsworth Barn, Judds Lane, Tetsworth OX9 2HT Agricultural Barn. GRANTED. TO NOTE: Now called Moreton Park.

Ref: P23/S0162/FUL: Land to the North West of Stoke Talmage and to the West of Harlesford Farm

Nr Tetsworth Installation and operation of an underground high voltage electrical cable and associated works.

Ref: P22/S3350/FUL: Land south-west of London Road near Tetsworth OX9 7AZ Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian involving the erection of stables building comprising 2 stable boxes, tack room, and feed store, alongside the creation of a sandschool and formation of hardstanding to facilitate access.

Ref: P23/S0352/DIS: Land to the north west of Stoke Talmage Stoke Talmage OX9 7HB Discharge of conditions 8(Construction Environmental Management Plan for Biodiversity), 9(Biodiversity Enhancement Plan) & 10(Scheme for provision and management of buffer to watercourse) on application P20/S3244/FUL (The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, substation compound, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping).

<u>Ref: P23/S0203/SCO:</u> Land bordering M40 near Lewknor OX9 7EG Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion for a proposed solar PV array with an export capacity of approximately 49.9 MW covering an area of 83 ha, with an indicative maximum panel heigh of 3.2 m. **To Note.**

<u>Ref: P22/S3825/O</u>: Toll Lodge Farm, London Road, Tetsworth Provision of equestrian fitness and rehabilitation centre, with ancillary buildings, parking and landscaping as amended by Amendment 1 for Updated Drainage Strategy received 23 January 2023. SODC Planning Committee will determine at future meeting – date TBC.

Ref: P21/S3915/FUL & P22/S2220/FUL: Solar Farm developments -

<u>Ref: P21/S3915/FUL</u>: Dodwells Solar Farm Land north of the A40 near Milton Common Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure (as amended & amplified by information received 8 July 2022 and 21 December 2022).

Ref: P22/S2220/FUL: Dodwells Solar Farm Land north of the A40 near Cuddesdon Underground cable route to connect Dodwells solar farm to Cowley substation (as amplified by additional information received 21 December 2022).

- b. <u>Solar Farm developments</u> As note at Item 298. CN is taking a motion to SODC on March 14th calling on the Council to prevent the cumulative impact of solar farms on villages, valued landscapes and agricultural production. **NOTED.**
- c. Toll Lodge Farm, Tetsworth
 - i Committee Meeting deferred / postponed. Gates/frontage not applied for / not approved. UNANIMOUSLY AGREED for matter to be raised with enforcement. **NOTED.**
 - ii Draft document regarding further enforcement to be prepared. NOTED.
- d. <u>Caravans</u> Sited on land at Oxfordshire Way/Stoke Talmage Road. This matter is with the Enforcement Team. Landowners have been contacted making it clear that the siting of caravans and enclosure by fences, gates etc are precluded by an Article 4 direction and require planning permission which is unlikely to be granted. Awaiting further update. **NOTED.**
- e. Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plan Alliance (ONPA) Levelling-Up & Regeneration Bill 2022-23 To be removed from Agenda. NOTED.
- f. Government Consultation on Planning Reforms Discussed at Extraordinary Meeting held on 28th February. NOTED.
- g. Oxford Local Plan 2040 Housing Need Consultation (Regulation 18 Part 2) This consultation (open until 27th March) supplements the previous Preferred Options consultation by seeking comments on the additional evidence relating to housing need. CN mentioned the overspill requirement and NPPF removal of co-op with neighbouring councils.

- 312. To Note any further Planning Considerations received after Agenda publication NONE.
- **313.** <u>To consider Thames Water's Water Resources Management Plan Consultation</u> To submit a response from TPC. Draft document as discussed UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED for submission by the Clerk. **NOTED.**

Play Areas

314. PATCH

- a. Routine Play Area & Defibrillator Inspection Reports RECEIVED.
- Rope Bridge / Cargo Net The safety tape to prevent access will be checked and replaced as necessary until repairs are carried out (scheduled w/c 3rd April). Details of damage and to avoid use of this equipment to be posted on Facebook.
 NOTED.
- c. Annual Inspection of Play Equipment Annual report received from the Play Inspection Company.

 The annual inspection of the Patch was carried out on 16/02/23. Most of the items raised call for further action or monitoring which can be carried out as part of TPC's regular inspections. However, it was decided to investigate removal and re-installation or replacement of the roundabout to ensure that it meets the required standard in future. The full report is available on request.

315. Communications

a. OALC 2023 Training Schedule - To Consider any requests for training:

Councillor Training – Dates / information for 2023 circulated to all Councillors. NOTED.

Monthly Chair Meetings - Next meetings - April 5th at 6.30pm; May 23rd at 2.30pm; June 6th at 6.30pm NOTED.

Councillor Fundamentals Training: 6th June: 13th July 10am-12.30pm (ONLINE) NOTED.

Roles & Responsibilities Training: Tuesday 3rd October (ONLINE) 9am-1pm NOTED.

- b. SODC Offer of Waste & Recycling Talks. NOTED. Will be asked to attend Annual Meeting of the Parish.
- c. SODC Food Waste Facility Tour 2nd March Clerk & Cllr S Rufus attended. NOTED.
- d. SODC Waste Facility Tour Viridor Ardley Energy Recovery 16th March NOTED.
- e SODC Improving Engagement with Town & Parish Councils Briefings & Bookable Surgeries. NOTED.
- f. <u>Community Energy South</u> climate and energy training package to include the full 'Carbon Literacy' course and also a simpler 2 hour course which also brings in energy saving and fuel stress.
 - https://www.communityenergysouth.org/carbon-literacy-programme. Details circulated to all Councillors. NOTED.
- g. OALC Green / Sustainability Day Cholsey Pavilion 24th March 'How to make your council more sustainable'. The day will concentrate on practical examples and case studies which provide inspiration, direction, funding and advice sources to help your council address the climate crisis. NOTED.
- h. Police & Crime Update February '23 NOTED.
- i. <u>Note:</u> Regular updates relevant to Tetsworth can be found from: OALC at www.oalc.og.uk/national-news; SODC at www.southoxon.gov.uk/news/; the Open Spaces Society at www.oss.org.uk/category/latest-news/; the Rural Services Network at www.rsnonline.org.uk; and CPRE at www.cpre.org.uk. **NOTED.**
- j. <u>Tetsworth Outdoor Learning Centre (TOLC) for use by EWE Talk</u> To Note request to use the Forest School site. UNANIMOUSLY AGREED for a revised Tenancy Agreement to be Drafted for approval to cover use by another party under direction of TOLC. NOTED.

Village Environment

- 316. a. Dog Bins No problems or issued raised. NOTED.
 - b. Grass Cutting / Weed Killing Commencing 1st March as per Contract. NOTED.
 - c. <u>Deep Cleanse Services</u> Repeat visit taking place 25/04 27/04 NOTED.
 - d. Planting of Tulip Tree by OCC Highway from 6th March. Change of location requested. Not yet completed. NOTED.

Highways, Byways and Transport

- 317. a. OCC Proposal to introduce traffic restrictions in and around Oxford City. Nothing further. NOTED.
 - b. <u>Access Roadway / track</u> A40 to Marsh End, TSSC, Spencers Farm & Sewage Disposal Works Repairs & responsibility. Awaiting a response to ascertain responsibility with OCC / Thames Water / Farm to enable resurfacing. **NOTED.**
 - c. VAS again not working at far end of village. NOTED.
 - d. <u>TTRO Silver Street</u> works for essential disconnection or alteration of water services supply works from 13/03 for 6 weeks. **Publicised and NOTED.**

Correspondence NOTED and publicised as required.

- **318.** a. <u>Civility in Public Life</u> Sally Thurston, Town Clerk Faringdon Town Council, Public Leadership Master's to interview anyone, Clerk or Councillor, that may have been subject to bullying.
 - b. <u>Win at Waste</u> Visitors to Oxfordshire's household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) are being asked to separate recyclable material from their general waste before disposing of it.
 - c. <u>Street Party for the Kings' Coronation</u> TPC to determine amount required for Bouncy Castle, and publicity for Picnic Lunch Event Sunday 7th May.
 - d. Oxford to Cambridge Pan Regional Partnership receives Government backing. https://www.oxford-cambridge-partnership.info/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_19_2023_11_48

- e. <u>Rural Services Network Rural Cost of Living Survey</u> closes 31 March https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural_Households_Cost-of-Living
- f. <u>Community First Oxfordshire</u> Town and Parish Community Engagement Survey Report **To Note.**
- g. <u>Neighbourhood Watch Better Place to Live Recruitment Campaign</u>. ourwatch.org.uk/betterplacetolive
- 319. Items for next agenda not already mentioned. NONE.
- 320. <u>Date of the Next Meeting</u>. The next regular council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th April 2023. To Note Change of Date due to Easter Bank Holiday
- 321. To Close the Meeting

LA Freeth

Meeting Closed at 9.11 pm

Lin Freeth Clerk / RFO Paul Carr Chair