

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017 AT 7PM  
AT TANGLEY PARISH VILLAGE HALL**

**40/17 PRESENT**

Brian Comley, David Eldred, Nigel Bull, Martin Thomson, Charles Haswell and Tim Strong. Cllr. Kirsty Locke (HCC) and Cllr. Peter Giddings (TVBC) were present and the Clerk was in attendance. 12 members of the public were present, 7 from the Village Hall Committee.

**41/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Brian Comley was re-elected as Chairman of Tangley Parish Council by full council. Brian Comley signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman and it was witnessed by The Clerk.

David Eldred was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of Tangley Parish Council by full council. David Eldred signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chairman and it was witnessed by The Clerk.

**42/17 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Steve Kershaw.

**43/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2017 were approved and signed. The minutes were proposed by Nigel Bull and seconded by Charles Haswell.

**44/17 ADMINISTRATION**

The Councillors were asked disclose any changes to their Declaration of Councillors Interests. Charles Haswell thinks his Declaration of Councillors Interest may need updating and he will either advise the Clerk of these changes or contact Amy Watt at TVBC direct.

**45/17 HIGHWAYS**

Hungerford Lane and its correct location continue to cause confusion in the parish. The correct Hungerford Lane is the old Roman road starting on the A343 in Knights Enham and passing up through Hunt's farmyard along the restricted byway which comes out besides the Hare & Hounds pub. It then continues over the road down through Little Hatherden to the end of the lane and at the crossroads again becomes a restricted byway up to Chalkpit Cottages and beyond until it meets the Conholt Road up by the Hampshire Gap. However the road running past The Fox is also known as Hungerford Lane so this leads to confusion. It was agreed that Councillors seek the opinions of local residents near The Fox as to how this confusion may be resolved before further consideration of the issue at the next PC meeting.

Cllr. Kirsty Locke was asked to see if our outgoing Cllr. Tim Rolt had requested deer warning signs from HCC Highways for the road between Hatherden and The Fox Inn as several deer have been hit by cars along this stretch in recent months.

**46/17 DEFIBRILLATORS (AED's)**

Replacement pads and batteries have been ordered for all our AED's. The pads and batteries have been replaced for the units at The Old Bell & Crown and the Village Hall but we are still awaiting delivery of the replacement items for the other 4 units.

Martin Thomson has kindly volunteered to carry out the HeartSafe fortnightly checks on the AED at The Old Bell & Crown in future. There is no update with regard to the installation of the last AED at Matthews Cottage in Hatherden.

#### **47/17 PLANNING**

The Chairman has received letters from Roy Wardale and Ray Curtis in response to the Plough Farm planning consultation which took place recently. The original letter from Dick Stevens signed by 44 objectors was attached to the minutes of the last meeting.

#### **48/17 FINANCE**

The internal audit took place on 8th May 2017 and John Murray's resulting letter was reviewed and discussed. He noted that the Clerk has elected to opt out of any pension provision and the Clerk was asked by the Chairman to justify her reasons for doing this. John Murray's letter also commented that the parish website was in the process of being updated so we could be compliant with the Transparency Code requirement to display all our financial records for the past 3 years.

- (1) Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 of the Annual Return was reviewed and agreed by full council before being signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- (2) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2016/17 of the Annual Return was reviewed and agreed by full council before being signed by the Chairman and The Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer.

The Clerk advised that we have received an insurance renewal quote from Hiscox through Came & Company and as we signed a new three year deal with Hiscox's last year we have a 5% reduction in this year's premium and only an index-linked increase of £39.03.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with members of the VHC to discuss the option of the VHC becoming a sub-committee of the Parish Council instead of retaining its charitable status for which there appears to be little benefit apart from the occasional Gift Aid receipt.

The Clerk advised that the bank balance is £10,912.90 after all cheques and payments had been reconciled to the last bank statement. £4,445.86 is held on behalf of the Sports Group and £196 on behalf of the SpeedWatch Group. The bank reconciliation was then signed by The Chairman as a true account. The following cheques were then approved and signed:

- 000917 - £233.00 HALC Subscription (retrospective)
- 000918 - £719.76 The Defib Store (retrospective)
- 000919 - £321.54 Clerks Salary (April) (retrospective)
- 000920 - £130.00 John Murray – Internal Audit
- 000921 - £180.00 Hyson's re. PAYE & Pension Compliance
- 000922 - £ 40.00 HPFA Subscription
- 000923 - £664.61 Came & Company Insurance renewal
- 000924 - £ 38.88 Clerks Expenses
- 000925 - £321.54 Clerks Salary (May) – post-dated 31/5/2017
- 000926 - £ 40.00 Adam Keppel-Garner – website update

#### **49/17 PARISH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2017/18**

The creation of one or more parish information boards was proposed and the pond was suggested as the initial location for the first board, although it was questioned whether many people actually visited the pond, the area with the most visitors obviously being the hall/field. Quotes for the creation of these parish information boards will be obtained and presented at a future meeting. A working party will be established to decide on the content. Cllr. Peter Giddings said he was happy for us to apply for funds from his Councillors Community Grant which can be up to £1,000 but has to be match-funded.

#### **50/17 CORRESPONDENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Countryside Voice and Fieldwork magazines were taken away by Nigel Bull.

The meeting finished at 8.44pm

The next meeting of Tangley Parish Council will take place on Monday, 17th July 2017 at 7pm at Tangley Parish Village Hall.

From: Ray Curtis  
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:19 AM  
To: clerk.tangley@parish.hants.gov.uk  
Subject: Plough Farm

Dear Mrs Rennie,

I would be grateful if you would place the following before your Chairman:

'You will have gathered that I am in favour of the proposals put forward at the Public Consultation on the 6 March 2017 vide Plough farm - and I made this known to those of my immediate neighbours who I 'bumped into' at the consultation - hence I was not invited to the meeting of the cabal who put together the letter of the 20 March 2017 under the signature of R Stevens - had I been I would have put forward the following.

The villagers should consider themselves lucky that we are dealing with a gentleman who has had the courtesy to put his proposals before us BEFORE proceeding to sale; he need not have done this. He could have quite easily advertised his wares in building trade journals - where a purchase could have been arranged with a national builder - like Barratt Developments or Berkeley Homes - who would have bought the Plough Farm site, incorporated it into their land bank and then likely sat on it. National builders are not in a rush to 'develop' their assets, in spite of promptings from Government, in fact they like to include the the value of large land banks in their Balance Sheets because it enhances their Company values to shareholders. Eventually they would apply for planning consent, possibly get turned down, wait and apply again - and continue to apply until successful - they employ some of the finest Planning Barristers in the land - and then what?. The village could well find itself with something like Picket Twenty in its back yard - where some of the buildings are three, even four, storeys high and barely six feet apart.

In my view there is absolutely no doubt that the Plough farm site will be built on in the future - the Nation's need for more housing, central government relaxation of planning rules and local authority interpretation of those rules will inevitably lead to it. The question is will it be done 'with us' or 'in spite of us'. The village has been presented with a chance to participate in a modest, tasteful project - which in my view will enhance the variety and value of the property stock in the village and, more important, introduce new blood. It may not happen in my lifetime - I am in my 83rd year - but as sure as pigs eat little acorns it will.

Finally, I assume that by now you will have seen the 'Fellow Wildhernians' flyer - in which twice reference is made to those 'most affected' - there is only one person who will be MOST affected and that is me - the road outside my front door will be widened so that two vehicles can pass and every, but every, movement into and out of the site will pass my property - for no other village resident will it be thus.

Thank you

Mr R R Curtis

**This is a reply to Mr Donson's letter to the Parish Council re Plough Farm. I would request it be made public and known to the Council and to him.**

What Mr. Donson fails to say in his letter is that he is proposing to build an 'affordable' housing estate in open countryside, in a Conservation Area on what has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. No tinkering by him with the plan will ameliorate this.

It remains a preposterous intrusion even when he claims it is 'much needed housing.' There are ongoing housing developments all around Andover including recently released agricultural acres nearby.

He says if he fails he will sell to the highest bidder who could proceed with a further estate development. Then 'the Parish Council might not have a say.' The Parish Council, and indeed the residents, will always have a say. And town and county planning authorities have no vision of building houses here including his.

There is no need, at this stage, to detail why servicing the estate by way of an unnamed country road would be impractical and dangerous. Part of it is single lane, does not afford adequate passing space and is already a notorious 'rat race' track.

It could, maybe should, have been pointed out at the outset that a similar proposal for housing, including on Plough Farm, was defeated at a meeting in Wildhern by 77 votes to three.

I am surprised that Mr. Donson does not recall his conversation with me. I do. He said he would object if we proposed this kind of estate on the boundary of his Cumberland property. And he pleaded, in a memorable sentence, 'I have to put money in the pockets of my family.'

May I suggest that he returns north and finds another way of enriching his relatives without impoverishing a splendid area of southern countryside.

**Roy Wardale**  
May 2017