

TITCHMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2005 in the Clubroom

Councillors Present: Sylvia Prestwich (Chair) Julie Cheney
Ian Curtis Gina Gaskin
John Greig John Pridmore
David Walpole

In Attendance: Jane Teague (Clerk), one parishioner

2005/12/1

Public Open Time

A resident of Islington presented information about HGVs coming into the village from Ranway throughout the night, causing disturbed sleep for residents. It appears that a rat-run has been created from the industrial estate at Haldens Parkway through Titchmarsh to the A605 for lorries heading north east towards the A1 during the night, thereby avoiding the two roundabouts on the A605 and the steep hill from Oundle Road to the Titchmarsh turning.

The problem has worsened in the last two months, possibly as a result of increased production at the Morrisons distribution centre – the parishioner believes that many of these vehicles are driven by Morrisons agency drivers. Three fruit lorries from eastern Europe came into Islington during the night of the 14 December. Ikea drivers do not appear to be causing any problems after Ikea responded positively to an approach last year regarding drivers looking for sleep/park facilities along Ranway and into Titchmarsh.

The safety of Islington residents was of concern to the parishioner: Islington has no proper kerbs and the Almshouses and Oak Close House are in close proximity to the road. Given the size of the HGVs coming into the village it is not inconceivable that one might mount the low kerb in adverse weather conditions and plough into a house. Roadside verges in Islington have been badly damaged by HGVs attempting to turn around. The parishioner reported that Islington residents feel out on a limb and not represented on the Parish Council.

It was suggested by the parishioner that a highways sign should be erected on Huntingdon Road just past the industrial estate stating "Unsuitable for HGVs" and a further sign stating "No access to Industrial Estate" erected on the A605.

The parishioner felt that if the A605 junction into Titchmarsh was ever made into a roundabout, lorries would use the Titchmarsh route day and night because a roundabout would facilitate easier access to the A605.

The Chair thanked the parishioner for bringing the matter to the attention of the parish council and advised that his letter would be discussed under Correspondence.

2005/12/2

Apologies For Absence: Michael Alderman, Janet Jones

2005/12/3

Declaration of Interests: None

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| 2005/12/4 | Minutes of Last Meeting: | |
| | All agreed minutes of the meeting held on 20.10.05 to be an accurate record. JC proposed and DW seconded that the Chair sign them. | |
| 2005/12/5 | Matters Arising: | |
| 2005/12/5.1 | <u>Village Sign:</u> JG advised that a trial hole was not necessary as the proposed site for the sign is sufficiently far away from any utility services. GG will instruct wood carver to commence work. Clerk to submit application to ENC/NCC for permission to erect the sign. | GG/CLERK |
| 2005/12/5.2 | <u>Grass Cutting – payment date for grant from NCC:</u> Clerk advised that this cannot be paid at the beginning of the financial year because the amount may be adjusted later in the year in line with inflation, necessitating an additional payment that would not be cost effective to make. | |
| 2005/12/5.3 | <u>Community Funding meeting 1.12.05:</u> IC reported that this was a very useful meeting, although not well attended. Su Davies from ENC was a very knowledgeable and informative speaker. Su advised that there is a great deal of funding available if organisations know where to look for it and how to apply. Since the meeting, Su has already passed on much useful information about grants relevant to all village groups, and seemed confident that the PFC would be able to obtain funding for the new pavilion. | CLERK |
| 2005/12/5.4 | <u>North Northants JPU meetings: feedback by attendees:</u> IC was one of 500 delegates attending the JPU seminar in Kettering on 18 November. It appears that the development of Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough will not form one linear conurbation as previously believed but each town will develop for a specific purpose. Further housing development of 1140 homes, of which 200 will be on greenfield site, will expand Thrapston up to 2021. | CLERK |
| 2005/12/5.4.1 | The workshop attended by JG on 29 November was more specific to Kettering, and there were concerns about the proposed expansion of Kettering to the east. It is possible that another hospital or support facilities would be built. It appears that the infrastructure is being given due consideration at the planning stage, rather than following development as is more traditional. Document to float file. | |
| 2005/12/6 | Finance | |
| 2005/12/6.1 | <u>Payments to authorise</u> | |
| | Titchmarsh Clubroom | Hire of hall for meetings £135.00 |
| | Inkwell Printing | Envelopes for Parish Plan - £ 44.65 to be reimbursed from grant |
| | Marlow Durndell | Titchmarsh village website domain registration charge £ 65.79 |
| | Aylesbury Mains | Repair to street light School Lane £ 35.84 |
| | J E Greig | Production/printing T/Times June 05 to Jan 06 £142.49 |
| | Society Local Council Clerks | 2006 subscription £ 64.00 |
| | Jane Teague | Clerk's quarterly expenses (stationery, travel to auditor and ACRE conference) £ 53.34 |

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| | Jane Teague Clerk's November salary £169.00 JC proposed and IC seconded that all payments be made. All in favour. | |
| 2005/12/6.2 | <u>Employers Return online</u> The Chair advised members that as the Employers Return has been completed online, TPC will receive a £250 payment from the Inland Revenue. | |
| 2005/12/6.3 | <u>2006/7 Precept</u> Members discussed the budget and projected expenditure and concluded that the precept should be increased by 3% to £7150. Clerk to complete application. | CLERK |
| 2005/12/7 | Correspondence | |
| 2005/12/7.1 | <u>Joint Planning Unit</u> – IC kindly agreed to review two further documents received and present a summary at the January meeting. | IC |
| 2005/12/7.2 | <u>Email from parishioner</u> reporting increased HGV traffic through the village from the A14 through Polopit, particularly during the recent bridge repair works between junction 12 & 13. Concern expressed that the bridge over the brook may not withstand such frequent HGV use. Members discussed at length. JG proposed and JC seconded that TPC contact NCC to request banning HGVs from the village, except for access. | CLERK |
| 2005/12/7.3 | <u>Letter from parishioner</u> outlining increased HGV traffic through the village from Ranway into Islington. The parishioner also conveyed the contents of the letter verbally at Public Open Time. Members sympathised with the residents in Islington and agreed to invite Bob Seery, County Councillor, to the next meeting to enlist support. Clerk to write to NCC about the situation and request a meeting or their attendance at the next PC meeting to discuss. | CLERK |
| 2005/12/7.4 | <u>Letter from Titchmarsh Historical Society</u> thanking TPC for the start-up loan. | |
| 2005/12/7.5 | <u>Cambridgeshire County Council Waste Management</u> (document from October float file) - JC asked members to support CCC's installation of incinerators as part of its waste management programme. Members had been unable to access the CD-rom provided by CCC and felt unable to comment. IC offered to review CD-rom content and report at next meeting. | IC |
| 2005/12/8 | Planning | |
| 2005/12/8.1 | <u>New Applications:</u> EN/05/02365/NCC Modify condition of planning permission EN/00/00764 to allow mobile classroom unit to remain on site for a further five years at Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School. IC proposed and SP seconded support, all in favour. Clerk to respond. | CLERK |
| 2005/12/8.2 | <u>Update on tin shed in Clubroom car park</u> Planning permission expired on 10.11.05. JP advised that the Clubroom Committee discussed this at length at its last meeting. It is possible that an application may be made to extend the Clubroom to incorporate permanent storage facilities. | January agenda: Village Storage |
| 2005/12/9 | Report from Playing Field Committee | |
| 2005/12/9.1 | IC has volunteered to assist with the funding application for the new pavilion, for which the PFC is very grateful. | |

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| 2005/12/9.2 | The PFC is proceeding with maintenance of the existing pavilion. | |
| 2005/12/10 | Parish Plan | |
| 2005/12/10.1 | Clerk to contact Waste Management at ENC to discuss current position regarding collection of garden waste and any proposals for expanding the service. | CLERK |
| 2005/12/10.2 | Clerk has arranged to meet Sue Moxon of Shoparound, a government sponsored agency, in early January to explore all options regarding a village shop. | CLERK |
| 2005/12/10.2 | Members agreed to request a visit from the SD speed camera in spring 2006. Clerk to contact NCC. | CLERK |
| 2005/12/10.3 | It was agreed that the following matters be discussed at the January meeting: A605 roundabout; bus shelters. | January agenda |
| 2005/12/11 | Reports from Local Organisations | |
| 2005/12/11.1 | <u>Clubroom</u> : The committee is reviewing the method of heating. | |
| 2005/12/11.2 | <u>School</u> : JJ not present to report. | |
| 2005/12/12 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | Thursday 19 January 2006 at 7.30pm in the Clubroom | |
| 2005/12/13 | Items for report only | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IC to lead Christmas Eve carols around the tree. | |
| | <i>The Chair closed the meeting at 9.55pm</i> | |