

MINUTES OF TINGRITH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 14 June 2023
at St Nicholas Church

Present: 11 Members of the Public; Chris Schuster (Chair); Clive Faine (Vice Chair); Julie Todd (Clerk)

426. Election of Chair

Chris Schuster was proposed by Tony Woodfield and seconded by Richard Stratford. The nomination was unanimously agreed.

427. Election of Vice Chair

Clive Faine was proposed by Tony Woodfield and seconded by Richard Stratford. The nomination was unanimously agreed.

428. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Clerk – 434vi

Barry Hamilton – 432a – Bendbrooke

429. Apologies

Cllr James Jamieson, Mick Duffy and Jane Webb.

430. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 25 January 2023

It was proposed by Clive Faine and seconded by Tony Woodfield that the minutes from the meeting held on 25 January 2023 be signed as a true record with all in agreement.

431. Matters Arising

420. Highways

SID – now installed. Residents agreed they were driving more slowly through the village. Chris Schuster will continue to pursue a SID or similar for the Eversholt end of the High Street. **Action: CS**

Street Lights – have been updated to LED.

423. Open Forum

Jubilee Trees – an oak tree has been planted in Tony Woodfield's field. Holly will be planted in the autumn in the gaps in the High Street hedge. CBC have planted a number of trees from the M1 entrance to the village at no cost to the Parish Meeting.

St Nicholas Road/Church Road Junction – white lines at the junction were requested. CBC Highways state that the two rows of setts make the junction obvious so no lines will be painted.

432. Reports

a CBC - Cllr Jamieson had a meeting with Chris Schuster and CBC Highways prior to the meeting. No report for the Parish Meeting (PM).

b Police – monthly reports are sent to the Chair and Vice Chair. In May there was an attempted break in to a van which has not appeared on the Crime Reports. Chris Schuster to pursue with the owner re whether the crime was reported. **Action: CS**

c) Planning

Planning Appeal – Chestnuts Caravan Park – the PM submitted an objection to the original planning application in August 2021 and followed this up with another letter to the Planning Inspectorate in March 2023. The owner wishes to extend the site for members of his family. It is believed that a klargester is to be installed.

Planning Appeal – Land adjacent to Bendbrooke – awaiting decision.

d) Highways

Chris Schuster had a village walkabout with Ward Cllr Jamieson, Nick Carofalo, CBC Highways Custodian and assistant in May.

- Culvert, High Street – work has been completed. CBC have agreed to erect a post and rail fence for safety.
- Gullies – cleared on 14/06/23.
- Church Road Left Footpath – it was agreed this would be patched. Work was undertaken on 14/06/23 and it was agreed it was of a poor standard and pictures would be sent to CBC Highways. **Action: CS**
- Moonrakers Sink Hole – this has been repaired to a good standard.
- High Street Hedges – residents were urged to report overgrown hedges obstructing the High Street footpath on FixMyStreet. Chris Schuster will follow up in July. **Action: CS**

e) Footpaths – High Thatch; The Belt

High Thatch – this has been passed and now awaiting order to be sealed and advertised (6 week period). It will be Tingrith Footpath No 10.

The Belt – CBC Senior Definitive Map Officer Adam Maciejewski has recommended that it becomes a footpath. It is now to be discussed at DMC meeting on 28/06/23.

f) Event Licences

Flitwick Lodge/Flitfest – Clive Faine reported that following the event in May representations were made to CBC re the noise/disturbance. Two further events in July and August have been granted a licence. CBC have been asked to provide noise monitoring equipment. Residents were urged to report to CBC any excessive noise/disturbance via the CBC website. Discussion re whether a residential property in the Green Belt was an appropriate venue, the need for planning permission and no communication from CBC re the licence applications. Clive Faine is in discussions with a noise consultant.

Warren Farm – have applied for a licence which both Highways and Environmental Health have objected to.

It was unanimously agreed that the Meeting supports the PM's work on assessing the impact of these events and ensuring due diligence is carried out by CBC.

433. Deacon Astrey Trust

01/06/23 balance £2,048.11 – annual income of £120. Clerk to enquire of Mick Duffy whether he wishes to continue as a Trustee. **Action: Clerk**

434. Finance

All papers were posted on the website and links sent to the village email group prior to the meeting.

Current Account: £4,588.17

Deposit Account: £544.19

- i. Accounts y/e 31 March 2023 – carried forward £3,204.17 into this financial year compared with £6,655 in 2022. The difference reflects the expenditure of £2,600 on the SIDS and £1,600 on street lighting. The Meeting has a reserve of just over one year's precept which is recommended.
- ii. Internal Audit 2022/23 - noted.
- iii. Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 – proposed by Clive Faine and seconded by Tony Woodfield to agree. Chris Schuster duly signed.
- iv. Accounting Statements 2022/23 - proposed by Clive Faine and seconded by Tony Woodfield and duly signed by Chris Schuster.
- v. Certificate of Exemption 2022/23 - proposed by Clive Faine and seconded by Tony Woodfield and duly signed by Chris Schuster.

- vi. Clerk's Salary – the Clerk left the room. TPM agreed to raise hourly rate from £11.80 to £15.67 with immediate effect. On returning, the Clerk thanked the Meeting. New contract to be issued.

Action CS

435. Donation for Upkeep of Churchyard

A donation of £200 was proposed by Chris Schuster unanimously agreed. It was agreed the ramp might need to be repaired/replaced.

Action: Clerk/CS

436. Coronation Roundel

Proposal to move the Bedfordshire roundel and put in the Memorial Shelter and replace with a King Charles III Coronation roundel at a cost of £245 + VAT. It was unanimously agreed to proceed subject to funding (ideally 50%) be obtained from the Ward Councillor Grant scheme.

Action:

Clerk

437. Community Energy Project

Community Energy South are consultants employed by CBC to help set up community energy groups to look at energy saving initiatives (retro fitting/producing energy) and providing economies of scale.

Proposal to set up a co-operative in the area – Greensand and Community Energy Group – of which Chris Schuster could become a founding member.

438. Correspondence

Circulated prior to the meeting. CBC have written reminding voters need to have photo id to vote – details to be circulated on village email group.

439. Open Forum

Chris Schuster was thanked by the Meeting for her work with CBC Highways.

440. Matters to be Brought Forward to the Next Meeting

None raised.

441. Date of Next Meeting

November 2023. Meeting closed at 20.35.

Signed Date