

MINUTES OF TINGRITH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 15 November 2023
at St Nicholas Church

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

442. Apologies

Jane Webb, Fiona Moffat and Ian Brown.

443. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

444. CBC Councillor's Report

Flitwick Lodge – meeting CBC Enforcement and Licensing with Ward Cllr Heather Townsend next day. It would appear a planning application will be received in due course.

Footpath – High Thatch – CBC have a resourcing issue which is why it has taken so long. Next step is for notice to be published.

CB/20/02054/FULL Chestnuts Caravan Park – appeal has been dismissed as need was not demonstrated.

SIDs – CBC are currently reviewing guidance and it is likely that data logging will be allowed. Ward Cllr Jamieson recommended that TPM write to Simon Ford, Highways Portfolio Holder saying how valuable/useful it would be to have access to the data.

Action: CS

Mobile SIDs- CBC are looking into purchasing units.

SID Charges - £500 is for the SID to be relocated. There is no charge for the head to be swivelled. CBC are looking into whether this can be done by the PM.

CBC Budget – projected £9m overspend for the year.

Culvert, High Street – still awaiting post and rail fence.

Action: JJ

CBC Highways Visit – tba for February 2024.

Action: JJ

Gulleys – these were cleared. The gully by the corner of the Memorial Shelter has collapsed and the gully 3m further up in Church Road is completely blocked. Highways are aware.

445. Flitwick Lodge

See 444 above.

Concerts have been held between May and September and complaints have been made re noise. TPM will continue to push for a review of the licence.

446. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 14 June 2023

It was proposed by Sue Allam and seconded by Richard Stratford that the minutes from the meeting held on 14 June 2023 be signed as a true record with all in agreement.

447. Matters Arising

432 High Street Hedges – CBC have cut the hedges but not to an acceptable standard. Chris Schuster to follow up with Nick Carafalo, CBC. It was agreed to get a working party together to clear the nettles. CS is awaiting a quote from an external contractor to trim the hollies at a higher height than can be done with a standard tractor/hedge cutter.

433 Deacon Astrey Trust – Mick Duffy is happy to continue as a trustee. Richard Stratford to forward Charity terms to Chris Schuster and the Clerk with a view to publicising in the village. Current balance £2,168.11.

448. Reports

a Police – monthly reports are sent to the Chair and Vice Chair. Activity in the Memorial Bus Shelter has been reported but no evidence of any police action. It was agreed a second report would be made and if no police action the PM would follow up. **Action: CS**

b) Planning

CB/23/03230/FULL – The Old Lodge – orangery and new detached garage with room above – no objection.

CB/23/03502/FULL – Barn 9, Home Farm – new external door opening - no objection.

Bendbrooke House – new dwelling – appeal dismissed.

CB/22/03211/FULL - 11 St Nicholas Close – two storey extension – refused.

BR Ticket Offices are being kept open.

London Luton Airport – appeal for 19 m passengers upheld.

c) Highways

See 444 above.

449. Finance

The finance spreadsheet including the overview was posted on the website and links sent to the village email group prior to the meeting.

Current Account: £3,783.27

Deposit Account: £545.65

2024/25 spend will be in line with 2023/24 – no major areas of expenditure are foreseen. Chris Schuster proposed to keep the precept at £2,500 and Richard Stratford seconded. The motion was agreed unanimously. **Action: Clerk**

NALC 2023 Pay Award – the Meeting agreed the £1 ph pay rise back dated to April 2023.

450. Tingrith Housing Needs

Clive Faine and the clerk attended a conference hosted by English Rural Housing Association re the provisions of affordable housing in rural areas. The Meeting agreed (with one abstention) subject to cost (approx. £400) to join Eversholt and Milton Bryan in having a survey of the village, undertaken by BRCC to see if/what needs exist.

451. Greensands Community Energy

The group is a co-operative benefit society and is in the process of setting up a website. With the “profits” from projects with businesses the money would be used to support powering down projects in the community.

452. Correspondence

Circulated prior to the meeting.

453. Open Forum

Doo Poo Bins – Chris Schuster to check they have been emptied. If not will report on FMS. **Action: CS**

454. Date of Next Meeting

May 2023. Meeting closed at 2045.

Signed

Date

TPM – 15.11.23