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# Teddington and Alstone Parish Council Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Teddington Village Hall on 19th March 2024

#### Present

Chairman Cllr Bishop Vice Chairman Cllr Munday

Parish Councillors Cllrs Ryan, Patrick Cullen and Tim Carter.

#### In Attendance

The Clerk (via Teams), 1 member of the public and Councillor Smith.

# 1496 Apologies for absence.

1496.1 No apologies from Parish Councillors were received.

#### 1497 Declarations of Interest

1497.1 There were no declarations of interests.

### 1498 Requests for Dispensation

1498.1 There were no written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).

# 1499 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the Extraordinary Meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

1499.1 The minutes of the above meetings were approved as a true record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

The Meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

# 1500 County Councillor's Report

- 1500.1 Cllr Smith gave his report
- 1500.2 He suggested that the clerk email him to ask when the grant from the Build Back Better fund would be approved. (At the time of writing these minutes the grant has subsequently been approved).
- 1500.3 Councillor Smith confirmed that the A46 was not progressing at the moment.
- 1500.3 Cllr Smith will use his extra Highways budget to have the road between Broadclyst and Teddington village resurfaced upon receiving a request from the PC via the Clerk.

# 1501 Borough Councillor's Report

1501.1 Councillor Gore gave her apologies.

## 1502 Clerk's Report

1502.1 The clerks report was reviewed and updated,

# 1503 Finance

1503.1 The financial statement bank reconciliation was approved. Proposed Councillor Cullen, seconded Councillor Munday, Unanimous

Date	Payee	Chq	Amount	VAT	Reason
		No.	incl VAT		
28/01/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	388.70	0.00	Clerks Salary
23/01/2024	Teddington VH	OB275	20.00	0.00	Hall Hire



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29/01/2024	Elmvale Contracting	OB276	504.00	84.00	OPPF Maintenance
30/01/2024	Elmvale Contracting	OB277	7656.00	1276.00	OPPF Fencing
28/02/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	388.70	0.00	Clerks Salary
07/02/2024	Teddington VH	OB278	10.00	0.00	Hall Hire
26/02/2024	Netwise UK	OB279	396.00	66.00	Web Hosting Renewal
20/02/2024	TAAG Group	OB280	269.21	0.00	Grant
22/02/2024	Teddington VH	OB281	10.00	0.00	Hall Hire
28/03/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	388.70	0.00	Clerks Salary
26/02/2024	Netwise UK	OB282	24.00	4.00	Web Domain Renewal
20/03/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB283	102.32	0.00	Clerks Expenses

- 1503.2 Payments of the Clerk's Expenses were approved. Proposed Councillor Carter, seconded Councillor Cullen. Unanimous.
- 1503.3 The Budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and accepted.
- 1503.4 <u>It was resolved that</u> councillors Cullen and Carter be appointed as bank signatories. Proposed Councillor Bishop, seconded Councillor Ryan. Unanimous.

#### 1504 Planning

1504.1 Current planning applications were reviewed.

Appl Number	Application	Update	
	Alstone Fields Farm Alstone		
23/01112/FUL	FieldsTewkesburyGloucestershire	Conversion of redundant barn to residential	Permit
	Parcel 3922 Teddington Tewkesbury	Construction of a pair of two storey, three bed	Comments submitted
24/00062/FUL	Gloucestershire	semi-detached dwelling houses	23/2/24
	The Bungalow Alstone Tewkesbury		
23/01126/FUL	Gloucestershire	Proposed replacement dwelling	Permit

# 1505 To receive an update on the meetings of the Tewkesbury Garden Communities Parish Liaison Group.

# 1505.1 Parish Council Liaison Group (PCLG)

Both Councillors Carter and Cullen attended the February Parish Council Liaison Group, but were both on holiday at the time of March meeting. The January meeting was mostly focussed on a presentation by the North Ashchurch Consortium (NAC) building development team, and included a wide range of related questions. Of particularly note was statements from NAC stating they were planing to build up to 5,000 new homes on the land from behind the Ashchurch Army site, and across past Aston Cross towards the Teddington Hands roundabout, but only at an initial rate of 200 homes per year. No meeting minutes have been made available for the February PCLG meeting. It was noted that the true value of the PCLG has yet to be perceived, and this something both TAPC representatives will be mindful of over the coming few months.

# 1505.2 Tewkesbury Garden Town Programme Oversight Board (TGTPOB)

The latest TGTOC meeting took place on the 12th March whilst Councillor Carter was still on holiday. He was substituted for the meeting by Jenny Lockwood from Oxenton Parish Council. The minutes of this meeting have yet to be provided. As above, the true value of the TGTPOB to TAPC, and other nearby Parishes, has yet to be perceived and is also something to be minded over the coming few months.

#### 1506 Risk Register

1506.1 No issues to report.

## 1507 Orchard Park Playing Field

- 1507.1 Councillor Bishop gave her report and noted that the playing field was currently very wet and the foot path was flooded.
- 1507.2 Councillor Bishop will ask the new mowing contractor to undertake a cut when the field is dry enough.



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- 1507.3 <u>It was resolved that</u> the quote to level the soil mound from John Gilder at £700 plus VAT be accepted. Proposed Councillor Bishop, seconded Councillor Carter. Unanimous. The cost will come out of the OPPF Maintenance Budget.
- 1507.4 No decision will be made regarding the repairs to the play tower at a cost of £1530 until after the playground inspection in April.
- 1507.5 Councillor Bishop noted that although there is a footpath around OPPF the official path is that shown on the 'Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way' and it cuts across the field. It was therefore agreed that we apply to change this as wel don't think we can prevent people with dogs using a public footpath even though it's across a playing field. Proposed Councillor Carter, seconded Councillor Munday. Unanimous.

  Action: Councillor Carter will provide the clerk with the footpath number and map following which the clerk will make an initial enquiries of PROW. Contact the PROW team at PROW@gloucestershire.gov.uk.
- 1507.6 To discuss publicity re the Enovert Community Trust grant. The Council agreed to take no further action at this stage.
- 1507.7 To discuss planting the Crab Apple trees and providing protection for them. The Council suggested that we wait until the autumn for them to be planted. To be discussed at a further meeting.

# 1508 To update and consider any Highways issues.

- 1508.1 Works outside Brecklands to alleviate the water continuously leaking from the manhole chamber across the road remains a work in progress. However, Highways have now accepted ownership of the problem and are planning to connect the chamber to the nearest Highways maintained drainage pipe during their 24/25 fiscal year. This connection is likely to result in the road being dug up for a period.
- 1508.2 The lane to Bangrove farm is also a work in progress. Again, Highways own responsibility and a road repair team will be visiting soonest to fill all the pot holes along the length in question. Although intended to be completed before the end of March 24, it seems now more likely to happen in April.
- 1508.3 Councillor Carter is in discussion with Highways and the Gloucestershire Stakeholder Team about the worn out stretch of road between the eastern edge of Teddington Village and Broadclyst. There has already been work undertaken in Teddington to fill potholes in advance of a resurfacing program later in the year. TAPC are keen to ensure this resurfacing activity includes the identified worn out stretch of road.
- 1508.4 <u>Action:</u> The Clerk will report a damage sign at the entrance to Alstone. Councillor Munday will send the clerk a photograph.
- 1508.5 The Parish Council expressed their thanks and gratitude to Andy as retiring snow warden.
- 1508.6 Cllr Bishop reported that Jan Davis had also resigned, after nine years as Alstone Flood Warden (including two years as Teddington warden) and she expressed her thanks for all Jan's hard work and perseverance with Highways over the numerous flooding issues during that time.
- 1509 To discuss publicising the two Snow Warden vacancies and Teddington Flood Warden vacancy.
  - 1509.1 Action: Councillor Carter will investigate the role before producing a brief to advertise the vacancy.
- 1510 The A46 Group (TAAG)
  - 1510.1 Please see report attached.
- 1511 To review progress regarding the Alstone bus shelter refurbishment grant application.
  - 1511.1 The Parish Council are still awaiting a decision regarding the funding application from the Build Back Better Scheme. The Clerk will chase. See Minute Note 1500.2 above.
- 1512 To receive an update regarding the blocked drain at the junction in Alstone.
  - 1512.1 Jan Davis (Flood Warden) reported that following her recent request to divert the CCTV work outside her house on 5 March to that of the main pipe and also no doubt helped by a parishioner reporting the



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drainage issues, Highways have agreed that investigation of the junction issue takes priority. They have managed to arrange for a full day of CCTV work and assume clearance of any blockages in the pipe on 11 March. If they have time they will also conduct the planned CCTV work outside her house on the same day, but otherwise that will be scheduled for some time in the new FY. At least now the expense of clearing the ditch wasn't in vain thanks was expressed again to The Playing Field Association.

# 1513 To review progress regarding the dog waste bin for Teddington.

1513.1 <u>It was agreed that</u> the dog bin be ordered from Glasdon at a cost of £218.26 (inclusive of VAT). Proposed Councillor Bishop, seconded Councillor Cullen. Unanimous.

# 1514 To review continuation of using Facebook to post Parish Council messages.

1514.1 It was agreed that the use of Facebook for the posting of Parish Council information as a noticeboard only will continue. Councillor Cullen agreed to post items once the content had been approved for compliance issues by the clerk.

# 1515 To discuss councillor resignations.

- 1515.1 Councillor Munday confirmed her resignation as a member of the Parish Council with immediate effect.
- 1515.2 The Council expressed their gratitude for all the help and expertise she had brought to Council meetings.
- 1515.3 Councillor Bishop (Chairman) also confirmed that she would be standing down at the AGM.
- 1515.3 The Clerk will enquire the process for advertising vacancies with TBC Elections Department.

# 1516 To discuss Cllr Munday's replacement as responsible person for the Teddington defibrillator.

1516.1 It was agreed that Councillor Carter would fill the position.

#### 1517 Items for Future Agenda.

1517.1 None.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm Date of the next meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at Teddington Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm. This will also be the AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting.





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# TAAG Update for TAPC meeting 19th March 2024

GCC have recently provided an update on the potential changes to the A46 and M5 Junction 9;

# M5 Junction 9 and A46 (Transport) Scheme

"Spring 2024 update

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) has been considering undertaking a non-statutory public consultation for the M5 Junction 9 and A46 (Ashchurch) Transport Scheme. We have been reviewing the shortlist of scheme options and undertaken additional analysis to inform decision making. This work is ongoing. A non-statutory public consultation is now unlikely to take place until after a general election, which is expected later this year."

So yet another delay which leaves us in limbo for potentially another 12 months.

Meanwhile we continue to be involved in the Tewkesbury Garden Communities programme (previously the Tewkesbury Garden Town) Community Liaison Group and will continue to keep an eye on how the emerging plans impact on potential route options.