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 Minutes of the Tysoe Parish Council Meeting  
 Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs Sinclair (Chair), Locke, Allen, Cressman, Haines, Littlewood & Tongue  
 In attendance: DC Feilding,  
 Public: 10

	<b>Action/ Date</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome to the meeting given by the Chair, Cllr Sinclair.</b></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all Councillors and members of the public.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies – Cllr Allen.</b></p>	
<p><b>3. Declaration of Interests</b></p> <p>The Chair, reminded councillors of the need to declare interests in any of the agenda items. Cllr Sinclair declared a pecuniary interest in item 7 the payment to Frank Mann Farmers. Cllr Tongue declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 17/01665/FUL – Home Farm, Main Street, Tysoe as he is a neighbour.</p>	
<p><b>4. Acceptance of Minutes</b></p> <p>All Councillors agreed the minutes to the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and these were duly signed.</p>	
<p><b>5. Informal Public Participation (Chair read out the statement about public participation)</b></p> <p>Member of the public asked if it was possible to move this until after the school slot.</p>	
<p><b>School</b></p> <p>The representatives from Tysoe School introduced themselves. They were Lindsey Oscroft, Executive Head of Wellesbourne &amp; Tysoe, Mrs Coates Head of Tysoe school who also has a part time teaching commitment and Larry Grannelly who is the Chair of the federation, Governing Body.</p> <p>Lindsey Oscroft advised that she had taken over the school after an Ofsted report had stated that the school “required improvement”. 6 months later in February 2015 the school was judged to be “good” under Ofsted.</p> <p>There are presently 127 children on role. The published admission is 212. The school benefits from good teaching and learning and the buildings are in good repair. There are good links with Tysoe Children’s Group which support the school with before and after school clubs and feed pupils to the school.</p> <p>The big drive for school budgets is the school role. The school had to cut two classes because of their budget situation. The other issues that affect the budget are lack of deprivation, and pupil attainment, the pupils at the school do well so again this drives a lower budget.</p> <p>The school has gone from 7 pure year groups to 5, some year groups will be mixed. It is not just a Tysoe issue it is a problem for the whole of Warwickshire. There are not young families in the area to support the number of schools.</p> <p>Large building projects are needed in the area, shortly they will have to make further changes to their budgets.</p>	

It is not a unique problem to Tysoe, it is a rural problem. Our budget is not sustainable and it will affect the security of the school.

The Tysoe Children's Group then introduced themselves. There was Sarah Paterson who is on the board of Directors of the pre-school, Yvonne Dhillon and Nicky Field. They are a charity based organisation. They open 51 weeks of the year. They run a pre-school club and a breakfast club, a walking bus service and after school club. In addition to this they also run several after school activities, as well as running a holiday club, a toddler group and a youth group.

They are currently operating at 50/60% capacity. They were also suffering from changes to legislation which have affected their staffing costs. A lot of people use the 15 hours and are not paying for the additional services. Ofsted rated "good" with some very good positive comments about the staffing. Tried to promote their services. They have a new website, a larger presence on social media and closer links with the school to encourage the use of our services.

Traditionally taking children from 2 years but now taking children from 18 months. Now have a sleeping facility to assist with this.

There have been lots of fund raising activities.

Warwickshire suffered a particularly low birth rate 2012/13. Not seeing the number of families coming to the area. Seeing lots of older age group and retirees moving into the area.

Had to make some very difficult budget decisions. Our latest big hope is that we are going to offer to be able to offer the 30 hours scheme which we are hoping to do a big drive to encourage people to take this up.

The Chair then opened the meeting for questions:

Cllr Locke apologised for being late. In terms of numbers at both schools what is the percentage of children from Tysoe? At the school 34% of the children are from Tysoe and the pre-school probably about 40%.

Cllr Collier asked how the quality of what the schools offered compare to other local schools? The school was turned around in 6 months and a subsequent Church inspection reported that there were a lot of outstanding elements. Tysoe has everything in place to be outstanding. Cllr Littlewood asked what would need to be done to be outstanding? The Head replied that more financial resources. Cllr Littlewood asked about cross funding between Wellesbourne and Tysoe? The school responded to say that legally they could not cross fund as a school but that if it were an Academy it. They went on to say that you would be unlikely to be accepted in an Academy chain if you are running at a deficit. However, more skills to be exchanged between schools. There are a lot more staff at Wellesbourne and so there are things there that we are not able to do in Tysoe.

850 new houses coming in Wellesbourne and still more planning applications going in. In a short period of time Wellesbourne will be over subscribed.

Cllr Cressman asked, looking at the numbers of pupils you presently have, what is going to happen? Head responded that they would have to look at the structure again but that a lot would depend on what happened with the funding. If the numbers continue to be low then there will need to be some very serious conversations that must be had.

Cllr Cressman asked what needs to be done to help the situation? The Head responded that they needed more families which means more houses that young families can afford.

Cllr Collier asked where the other children come from? Various places Kineton, Shenington, Oxhill etc. The school is attractive because it is a small village school.

Member of the public commented about the fact that all the children that live in Tysoe do not go to the school and that if all the children within the village that do not go went we would not need any more houses because the role would be much healthier.

Really important that we have a vibrant school. The community involvement is not what it once was and this needs to be worked on. Get a task force together to see how the school can be better promoted and increase community involvement.

A member of the public asked what would be the size at which the school would not be viable. The response was that the point has been reached.

The question was asked regarding the ratio of children per house built. The response was 1.2 children for every 100 houses.

DC Feilding said that he had 10 parishes that he visited and that if the schools could provide him with a flyer he could put them onto their websites and notice boards.

Cllr Tongue agreed with member of the public regarding the importance of the village school. Cllr Tongue asked if Bloxham and Kineton were becoming over-subscribed and if so those parents needed to be encouraged to bring their children into Tysoe.

The social aspect cannot be ignored older people

Cllr Collier asked what was the percentage of children in Tysoe go to Tysoe school? The Head did not know but could provide that information.

The Chair asked about advertising further afield and promoting Tysoe in Wellesbourne. The school said that they were doing this.

Been in touch with Oxfordshire County Council who have similar problems but they are opening new schools in Banbury.

Cllr Littlewood what is the sustainable number per year? The response was 30 per year.

The question was asked about what support the local MP had provided. The response was that he had been to visit but there was no advice or support he could give.

The Chair asked if Cllr Cressman would be the liaison between the School and the Parish Council? Cllr Cressman said that she would.

## **6. Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chair read out the following statement: "I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that the recently distributed flyer, which many of you may have received, was not from the PC or the SG. The author, remains anonymous. The contents of the flyer are not endorsed by the PC or the SG. We respect everyone's right to freedom of speech but this must be done in a responsible and transparent way. We would urge you to read the background and justification behind the policies in the NDP before responding to the consultations in order that your opinions are properly informed".

David Roache did an update. The draft pre-plan consultation period had ended and if appropriate comments and feedback will be incorporated into the plan in addition to other changes to the plan. There had been very good engagement with the village and the NPG would encourage this.

The Chair asked if we could hold a NPG meeting so that members of the public could attend? It was agreed that this would be discussed at a meeting to be held with Neil Pearce the following day.

Cllr Collier said that the NPG had thanked the PC for their support but that he would like to thank the NPG for their great contribution. The only criticism Cllr Collier had was the Reading Room, which was far from inviting. The Chair said that for the next consultation she could get some display boards. Member of the public said that she said that they had some old photographs that could be displayed.

## 7. Financial Matters

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Littlewood and seconded by Cllr Collier. All Councillors agreed payments:

Tysoe Children's Group Limited	Printing for NP	129.84
Henry Jervis & Partners	Installation of concrete bus shelter base	936.00
Thomas Fox Landscaping & Maintenance	Mowing verges 30/05/17, 12/06/17 and 26/06/17	878.40
Frank Mann Farmers	5 playing field mows in June	390.00
David Roache	Reimbursement of SDC for NP Printing	139.26
Graham Collier	Reimbursement for Poles for displaying NP Banners for consultation	32.00
APS Planning Services	NP Advice	540.00

The Bank reconciliation and bank statement were agreed and signed off by Cllrs Locke and Cllr Littlewood.

The Clerk

## 8. Planning

**17/01637/AGNOT – Lindsey House, Tysoe Road, Radway** – extension of garage and store room – Cllr Tongue had looked at this and was not sure that they were on the right route. Planning Officers have been to the site and want them to submit a retrospective application. From a PC point of view there did not seem to be any issues. The Chair asked if any other councillors had comments and they did not. The Parish Council agreed unanimously to support the application on the basis that it had no impact.

**17/01665/FUL – Home Farm, Main Street, Tysoe** – conversion of agricultural buildings to residential use. Cllr Tongue had visited the site on Sunday and met with the applicant who is following all the correct procedure. Very good highly qualified architect. PC looked at the plans and debated the application. Parish Council agreed unanimously to support the application because it supports a local family within the village. Sympathetic good use of historic building. No impact on AONB, very well architecturally designed and reusing existing building materials. The Chair asked that consideration be given to the additional water and flooding issues and ensure that these are eliminated. It was also agreed that vehicle movements to the site to be during non-school drop off and pick up hours and that the lorries go out of the village to the north.

**17/01377/FUL – Honeysuckle Cottage, Main Street**, Creation of vehicular access – Cllr Tongue advised that this was a difficult application. The concerns were that the levels which are very difficult because it is a bank, it will have to marry with the existing road way and be safe for people to cross the green. Will it be possible to enforce any conditions? For example, if people park in the drive access. Would not want a car to be parked on the access drive all the time. Do the Parish Council become liable if someone does trip and have an accident. Cllr Tongue was not sure that the application had

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<p>been done correctly. Cllr Littlewood said that if you consider it from the applicant's point of view there are driveways to either side. Cllr Locke said that whether it is uphill or downhill because the cottage is a holiday cottage whether we agree to it or not they will continue to park and cut up the village green. More of an asset to the village to get those cars off the road. Do not think the driveway should be as wide as the gate. Cllr Cressman said there will only be off road parking for one car. It is not taking the cars off the road.</p> <p>Is this planning application legal? The Parish Council are the owners of the land and they have not had notice served on them by the applicant. The Parish Council also has concerns as this site is on a bend. After further debate the Clerk was asked to go to the Planning Officer and raise the concerns of the PC and a decision would be made once this response was received.</p> <p><b>Planning Committee</b> – Cllr Littlewood had attended the Planning Committee for application for the property adjacent to Hillsborough. After the Committee had debated the application they vote 4:2 in favour but DC Feilding sat off the committee and did not feel able to speak. Cllr Littlewood said that he was somewhat disappointed as some of the Councillors on the Committee said that considering the DC Feilding saying nothing they felt that they needed to go with the officer's recommendation. Cllr Littlewood felt that there needed to be some process and procedure in place to ensure that this does not happen again. DC Feilding said that he was happy to support on the two forthcoming applications. Cllr Tongue said that the District Councillor must have their own view and it was not possible to always agree with the PC. Cllr Collier said that presumably there would be a no point in going to speak if the District Councillor has a different view and that they needed to have a united front.</p> <p>At the Planning Committee to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 the following applications are to be discussed:</p> <p><b>17/00737/FUL – Lane End</b> – Demolition of existing redundant farm buildings and erection of three new dwellings with associated works.</p> <p><b>16/02684/FUL – Land adjoining church Farm Court and Main Street</b> – Proposed residential development for 10 dwellings.</p> <p>Cllr Collier has agreed to represent the PC on that evening go along to support. DC Feilding is going to sit down with Cllr Collier &amp; Tongue to go through the applications. All Councillors were happy with what is being proposed. The Clerk was asked to write to Louise Koelman, the Planning Officer concerned, to ask what architectural input the application has had.</p> <p>The Chair summarised; Cllrs Tongue &amp; Collier DC Feilding to meet to discuss their submissions for planning committee.</p> <p>Cllr Tongue asked if DC Feilding could ask for a site visit.</p>	<p>Cllrs Collier/ Tongue &amp; Feilding</p>
<p><b>9. Actions from Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Bollards on Saddledon Street</b> – Cllr Littlewood advised that a neighbour had bashed them all back in. However, they are not in very good repair and believe that the PC should consider replacing them with something more substantial. The cost could be built into the next precept. Cllr Tongue &amp; Cressman agreed that they would get quotes. The Clerk was asked to do a letter to Mr Price to thank him for making good of what was there.</p> <p><b>State of the Roads with the Parish</b> – The Clerk had arranged a meeting with Michael Rogers from WCC and had emailed Councillors regarding this. Fortunately, the meeting had to be postponed but the Clerk had only heard back from Cllrs Sinclair and Littlewood. Two issues were raised line marking by the school and the Epwell Road in addition to Sandpits Road which Cllr Littlewood had already advised. All Councillors to contact the Clerk with any further issues.</p>	<p>Cllrs Tongue &amp; Cressman The Clerk</p> <p>All Councillors</p>

<p><b>Bus Shelter</b> – Cllr Littlewood said what an excellent job had been done both in terms of the shelter and the pad that the shelter stands on. The Clerk was asked to write to Henry Jervis to thank him for the excellent work. Cllr Cressman said that it needs to be made very clear that it was Parish Council finances that had paid for the project. The bus shelter had been in the 2010 parish plan and we have now finally got the bus shelter in place.</p> <p><b>Manhole cover</b> – The Chair all sorted.</p> <p><b>Speeding</b> – Cllr Cressman advised that a further 4 people had been the training course and that there might be some more courses. If anyone else wants to do the training they should advise Cllr Cressman. Cllr Collier advised that the 40mph speed limit had been agreed because of a very serious accident, and that the PC should try to get the police along to do another speed monitoring. Cllr Cressman said that she would speak to the police.</p> <p><b>Notice for Car Park Opening Times</b> – Cllr Locke this will be done and the old notice will be taken down.</p> <p><b>Lighting Changes</b> – Cllr Allen had updated the clerk by email that WCC had now stated that the cost would be £85.51 per light rather than the £120.42 that they had stated previously. Cllr Allen advised that he needed to go back to them to clarify the position. Cllr Allen will forward something out to Councillors before the next meeting in August.</p>	<p>The Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Cressman</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Cllr Allen</p>
<p><b>10. New Matters</b></p> <p><b>Parking</b> – Cllr Cressman advised that the issue of people parking on the pavement had been raised again. This is on the Oxhill Road. Someone had stepped into the road to go past a car and nearly gotten run over. Councillors were asked to put notice onto cars again.</p>	<p>All Councillors</p>
<p><b>11. Correspondence</b> – Two pieces of correspondence had been received this month, an email from Tom Dudley regarding a driveway in Old Tree Lane. Cllr Cressman said that it is an Orbit house and that the other houses all have driveways. The resident will do whatever he needs to do. Cllr Tongue said that everything should be treated on its own merit if we give him a licence. Cllrs Tongue and Cressman will go and have a look at this and bring this matter back to the August meeting. The Clerk was asked to look at the licencing issue on the Government website.</p> <p>Email from Simon Forrester about the mess left after WCC had completed the pathway in Lower Tysoe. Mr Forrester had advised the Clerk that he would let her know when he heard back from WCC.</p>	<p>Cllrs Tongue &amp; Cressman</p> <p>The Clerk</p>
<p><b>12. DC Feilding (5 Minutes)</b></p> <p>DC Feilding gave an update on Broadband organisations and achieving European standards. The would be working with Parishes to get information disseminated.</p> <p>Orbit have now appointed a new company for repairs and maintenance. The new company are called Forten. DC Feilding advised that matters are just as slow as ever. Orbit are selling off garages and have raised over a million pounds.</p> <p>Ubus – are a mini bus transport provider that residents can ring a number and they will pitch up.</p>	
<p><b>13. Councillors Reports and items for future agenda</b></p> <p>Cllr Haines mentioned the church yard again. Cllr Locke agreed that on occasions it was a mess, but that unlike many surrounding villages who seem able to recruit volunteer labour, despite regular requests no one appears interested in helping at Tysoe, therefore the quality of the cuts and</p>	

<p>maintenance can only be as good as funding allows and the only income to the church yard fund arises from statutory fees paid when a burial takes place or a headstone is erected and an annual contribution from the PC. The Chair advised Cllr Haines that this was not a Parish Council matter and this needs to be raised with the Parochial Church Council.</p>	
<p>Cllr Locke asked that a short note be sent to the resident in Orchard Close who had undertaken the work on the hedge which backs on to the children’s play area. It really has made a great improvement. A very good job had been done.</p>	The Clerk
<p>Cllr Collier advised that the gullies in Peacock Lane needed clearing. The Clerk was asked to contact WCC Highways.</p>	The Clerk
<p>Cllr Cressman wanted to express her thanks to Sarah Paterson &amp; Jane Millward for the work on the playground. The Zip wire is now in place.</p>	
<p>Cllr Collier had received the quotes for the work to be undertaken to the oak and chestnut trees. The two quotations were £245 and £425. The Chair stated that Rural works had undertaken tree work previously and they were good. They were also the cheapest quote. The Chair proposed Rural Works, Cllr Tongue seconded all Councillors voted in favour.</p>	Cllr Collier
<p><b>14. Closure of the meeting to the public and press – 9.50pm</b></p>	