

Minutes of the Tysoe Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 4 April 2016 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs Allen, Sinclair, Collier, Cressman, Locke, Riske & Littlewood  
In attendance: DC Dalla Mura  
Public: 33

1. Welcome to the meeting given by the Chair, Cllr Allen.	Action/Date
Cllr Allen welcomed all members of the public.	
2. Apologies – CC Seccombe	
<p>3. Declaration of interest</p> <p>The Chair reminded councillors of the need to declare any interests in any of the agenda items. None declared</p>	
4. Acceptance of previous Minutes –The minutes from the meeting held on 21st March 2016 were agreed and signed.	
<p>5. Informal Public Participation</p> <p>A member of the public stated that the precept had gone up a lot this year. Could the Parish Council (PC) say how this is to be spent? Cllr Locke said that it did seem slightly heavy but all the money would be spent on the village and that every penny had been budgeted for. Cllr Collier then read out a list of the of how the budget was to be spent, including; £2,500 to upgrade the lights in the village to low energy, thereby saving money in future years; £2,200 on a car park extension, to try and eliminate some of the parking problems in the village; £2,200 towards the bus shelter and £5,000 on the Neighbourhood Plan if we could not secure sufficient funds through grants.</p> <p>The budget will mean that there are savings to be made going forward.</p> <p>Cllr Allen said that our precept over previous years had been very low and the PC had reduced that precept because they were told that they should not have a surplus. The PC had tried to keep the increase to a minimum but needed to accommodate the ongoing costs, as well as a number of projects within the village.</p> <p>A member of the public asked why had the previous Neighbourhood Planning Group (NPG) resigned? Cllr Allen said that we have a resignation letter but that he knew of no further reasons as to why the resignation had occurred. Cllr Risk read the letter out.</p> <p>A member of the public said that there was some fairly damning criticism of the PC and I would like to get an understanding of what has happened since the NPG resigned.</p> <p>Another member of the public said that it was not acceptable that the PC did not know the reason that the NPG resigned. Cllr Sinclair said that the PC did know the reason.</p>	

A member of the public asked how did the PC get elected, and was there anything that could be done to change the PC? Cllr Allen suggested that the individual should speak to Stratford District Council.

A member of the public asked whether the PC were disappointed that the NPG had resigned. The member of the public asked what action the PC had taken to try to stop the resignation. Cllr Allen said that a meeting had been arranged but that the members of the NPG did not turn up to the meeting and that the PC received the resignation letter.

Chris Butchart said that it was at least 2 months before anyone contacted him to respond to the NPG resignation.

Cllr Risk said that the PC had prepared a detailed 4 page response to the events leading up to and including the NPG resignation. These are in the PC Minutes, and have been posted on the Parish & Community website. There is a lot of detail and it was not possible to provide all of this in this meeting. Copies can be made available if requested.

Member of the public said that it seemed to him that the NPG had done a lot of good work and that the relationship broke down had brought about a reckless situation.

Another member stated that we now have a developer attacking the village to develop houses on Windmill Way. As member of the parish I feel the situation has been very badly handled.

Cllr Allen said that as far as the PC are concerned we feel that we have handled it very well

Cllr Cressman said that she could totally understand what was being said. There certainly was some confusion. Cllr Cressman went on to say that the NPG had done a lot of work but there were issues that needed to be addressed. There were things that the PC could not totally agree to. There was one particular thing that the NPG could not agree to. The PC has needed to be more aware and involved in what the NPG was doing than perhaps previously as the PC needed to act as their critical friend.

The NP had been born out of the Gladman proposal and when the new PC came on-board they felt there were other things that had **got** to be thought about. We have been working hard to try crack a very difficult situation and we need to work together to move this forward.

Member of the public said that there was one particular councillor that the NPG were not prepared to work with.

Chris Butchart said that the reason we resigned was not too do with Cllr Risk but the thing that really upset us was Cllr Collier who had been involved from the beginning. Chris Butchart said that Cllr Collier had stated that he had never understood the plan until he had seen the plain English version. It was the shifting in that position that made us feel that we could not go on as we did not have the confidence of the whole PC.

<p>Cllr Cressman said yes mistakes have been made but we have to work together to move this forward.</p> <p>Cllr Littlewood joined the meeting</p> <p>Cllr Collier wanted to respond to what had been said. Cllr Collier said that when he read earlier versions of the NP, and had also since then read NP's of other communities like Kinton's, he felt that the Tysoe plan needed to be made more easily readable.</p>	
<p><b>6. Actions from Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Village Playground – The Clerk reported that the invoice had now been received from Mr Stewart for the Tractor and Trailer in the Play ground.</p> <p>Speeding in Tysoe – Cllr Cressman said that a number of people have submitted applications to monitor speeding in the village but if anyone else wanted to be involved and support the initiative, would they please contact Cllr Cressman. Cllr Cressman said that the programme would allow us do our own speed monitoring within the village. Individuals caught speeding will be sent letters advising them of the dangers of speeding through the village. It will then be for us go gauge whether we have an issue or not with speeding.</p> <p>Location of village sign on the Oxhill Road – Cllr Locke asked if this could be carried forward to the next meeting</p> <p>Pathway from Lower to Middle Tysoe- Cllr Cressman said that we have been going back and forth with WCC on this issue but that she would continue to follow this up.</p> <p>Appointment of RFO – The Clerk reported that a draft job description had been circulated and feedback had been received from Councillors. The Clerk was now asking for agreement that the role be advertised on a 2 hours per week basis. All councillors agreed</p> <p>New Seat in the village – carried forward to next meeting</p>	
<p><b>7. Planning</b> – 15/04415/VARY – Oaklands Stables, Shipston Road, Tysoe. Cllr Risk said that he was not conscious that anything further had been added. Agreed that Cllr Risk would look at this and circulate to councillors if anything further needed to be stated.</p> <p><b>8. Neighbourhood Planning Update</b></p> <p>The PC had agreed that working groups would be set up to look at what needed to be done.</p> <p>The PC had advertised for volunteers for those working groups. Leaflets have been delivered to all houses. We now have sufficient volunteers for the 3 working groups.</p>	

We have had their agreement to disclose their names they are:

Freddie Brookes, Wayne Cressman, David Dawkins, Tarryn Henson, Alison Mallalieu, Margaret Pollard, Jeremy Rivers-Fletcher, David Roache and Judith Webb.

Hopefully within two to three months they will have pulled together their reports. We have previously agreed the terms of reference.

Cllr Risk proposed that their appointment be approved. Cllr Locke seconded and all the councillors agreed.

Cllr Risk felt there needed to be an informal briefing with those working groups. This briefing would also agree the Terms of Reference with them. They will be able to hold meetings informally and as often as they need to. Essentially they are task and finish groups.

During the briefing Cllr Risk said that he would like the Clerk present and the Councillors who will be the liaison with those groups. Cllr Risk suggested that for the informal briefing Cllrs Collier, Sinclair and he should be present, and act as PC liaisons with the working groups. Cllr Risk proposed that the PC agree these Cllrs as PC liaisons and to hold this informal briefing meeting with the working parties. All Councillors agreed.

Cllr Littlewood said that he thought as many councillors as wanted to should be included.

Cllr Allen said that if Councillors wanted to attend meetings then they were welcome to do so.

Cllr Risk said that the PC is not responsible for the creation of the NP. It is for the people within the Parish to pull the NP together with the support and authority of the PC behind them. The PC had to be satisfied that so far as possible the NP represented the views of the whole community, not just one section of it.

**9. Financial Administration** - The following payment was advised:

Banbury Turf	Turf for Tractor in playing field	72.00
Trevor Stewart Play Equipment	Tractor & Trailer for play ground	2400.00
Thomas Fox Landscaping & Maintenance	Mowing verges 7/3 & 21/3/16	585.60
Village Hall	Donation to village hall maintenance	1000.00
Hayward Masonry Limited	Repairs to the Millennium Stone	240.00
PJ Hibberd	Work fitting Play Tractor in playground	326.25
R Pickering	Work fitting Play Tractor in playground	300.00
PJ Hibberd	Fit notice board	157.06

Proposed by Cllr Risk seconded by Cllr Sinclair.

<p><b>10. Correspondence</b></p> <p>There was just one piece of correspondence an email from Julia Sewell asking for permission to use the Recreation field car park for the Open Gardens weekend on the 4/5<sup>th</sup> June 2016.</p> <p>All Councillors agreed. Asked the Clerk to write the usual caveats about insurance and ensuring that the car park is left in good condition after the event.</p>	
<p><b>11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda</b></p> <p>Conditions of use of Notice Board – Cllr Locke New dog waste bins – Cllr Cressman</p>	
<p><b>12. Closure of the meeting – 19.06 pm</b></p> <p>The next PC meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.15pm. Agenda items to the Clerk by 27<sup>th</sup> April</p>	