

# **TOWERSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mrs Jo Wills**

Cllr's Byrne, Davis (Chairman), Jackson, Nutley and Stephenson

**MINUTES** of Towersey Parish Council meeting held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

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Apologies for absence: D/Cllr Lloyd, D/Cllr White, C/Cllr Matelot

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & Dispensations: None

**Public Forum Section** – 8 members of the public were present.

Objections were raised against P17/S3127/FUL for erection of four dwellings: larger properties than originally submitted, poor design on some of the dwellings, major parking concerns especially relating to access and users of the Phoenix Trail, over development, more affordable housing needed in the Parish and watercourse concerns as within 20m of the ditch. Concerns were also raised regarding the Carousel Bus Service as the daily service through Towersey has ceased, there are scheduled buses for school times but these are not reliable. It was requested that TPC advertise planning applications more widely in the community. Cllr Jackson to put notices on the notice boards relating to applications. The newsletter to be used more effectively also. The community social media pages can be utilised more to spread the word, as and when is needed.

Church Wardens were present at the meeting – start date for St. Catherine's improvement works is 13<sup>th</sup> November for completion May 2018.

**Minutes of the last meeting** dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved by Cllr Stephenson and Cllr Byrne and signed by Cllr Davis.

**OCC report:** Written report submitted – in minutes file.

**SODC report:** Written report submitted – in minutes file.

## **Planning Matters:**

### **PM.1 Planning Applications considered:**

**P17/S3127/FUL** Proposed erection of four detached two storey dwellings (2x4 bed and 2x3 bed), private amenity space and landscaping. Creation of new access points from Chinnor Road at land to the west of Chinnor Road. **TPC Recommendation: Objection**

- *Overdevelopment*
- *Poor design on some of the proposed dwellings*
- *Insufficient parking*
- *Watercourse concerns*
- *Affordable housing required*
- *Highway access a concern.*

(A letter has been received by The Chairman from the land owner to confirm only 4 dwellings are planned – this application now supersedes the Appeal Decision)

**P17/S2620/FUL** Proposed extension (cattle housing) to existing agricultural barn (a covered yard) at Penn Field, Manor Road. **TPC Recommendation: Approval**

**P17/S2913/FUL** Demolition of two barns, conversion of traditional timber framed cow shed with extension to form 3 bed dwelling and erection of garages, and access over permissive way. New roof and timber cladding together with bin store to existing pump house and realignment of permissive way at The Stone House, New Close Farm Road, Henton.

**TPC Recommendation: Objection**

Towersey Parish Council cannot review this application at this time as the Parish Council have discovered the application has inaccurate information within it. The statement regarding the footpath relocation is not correct. A decision on the application cannot be made until the application is fully correct. Please re-issue application with updated and accurate footpath detail. Thank you

**P17/S2582/FUL** Insertion of new glazed pegged oak doors in the south porch at St Catherine's Church, Church lane. **TPC Recommendation: Approval**

**PM.2 Planning Permission granted by SODC was noted:**

**P17/S2204/HH** Two storey side and single storey front extension. Conversion of garage and change to external materials (amended plans) at Greenway, Manor Road.

**Finance Matters:**

**FM.1** Payments for approval were all agreed and signed by Cllr Davis and Cllr Nutley:

Lashlake Nurseries – July and August cut	£ 200.00
Mrs J Wills – Q2 salary	£ 537.60
Post Office Ltd – PAYE	£ 134.40
TNHP – Marney Hall – Survey	£ 300.00
ED Fisher – Lockable site storage container	£1200.00
SODC – dog waste bin empty – April to June	£ 37.68
Playsafety Ltd – Play area inspection	£ 105.00
Zurich Insurance – annual premium	£ 383.65

**FM.2** Replacement cheque required for Staying Alive Thame as it has not been received - £500.00 cheque for Staying Alive Thame to be hand delivered to Louise Riley. Proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Nutley.

**Other Matters**

**OM.1** Towersey Neighbourhood Plan – ongoing with consultation pending.

**OM.2** Letter from resident regarding footpath maintenance and overgrowth was discussed – land owners have been requested to clear the footpaths.

**OM.3** Letter from resident regarding speeding in the village and extra signage required to be passed to PCSO White for auctioning.

**OM.4** Carousel route 40 bus service – C/Cllr Matelot to be asked to get involved and attend Wednesday coffee mornings to speak to bus users and try to implement improvements.

**OM.5** Update on installation of stock litter bin by S&SC car park entrance – to be completed at the next work party.

**OM.6** Better Broadband for Towersey – ongoing.

**OM.7** Email from resident regarding housing concerns and Village Plan was noted.

**OM.8** Thames Valley Police Authority Indemnity Agreement was signed by Cllr Davis.

**OM.9** The next work park will be on 19<sup>th</sup> November from 10am.

**OM.10** Update on removal of BT phone box – approx. 2 years before it is removed.

**OM.11** SODC Local Plan meeting – Cllr Davis and Byrne to attend.

**OM.12** Remembrance Day – Cllr Stephenson, Jackson and Byrne to attend service.

**OM.13** Next meeting date – 24<sup>th</sup> October

**Chairman**

**Dated**

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