

## **Little Tew Parish Meeting**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

**16/16** The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

#### **In Attendance**

Clive Nightingale (Chair), Chris Hollander (Parish Clerk), Tom White, Eileen White, Kate Harris, Tif Loehnis, Brenda Gibson, Steve Bennett, Mike Bennett, Andrew Dunstan, Margaret Norris, Alan Mauro, Peter Buckman, Wendy Preece, Mike Tomlinson, Steven Webster-Edge

#### **Apologies**

Percy Bradley, Sam Bradley, Emma Bradley, Tomas Bradley, Barry Gibson, Revd Ginny Thomas, Jackie Bradley, Sue Cave, Will Carleton Paget, Ben Bradley, Elizabeth Cooper, David Cooper

#### **16/17 Reports from County/District Councillors**

No Councillors were present

#### **16/18 Approval of, and matters arising from, the meeting of Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

The Chair read the Timberyard Room report, apologizing for having omitted it from the Minutes. The Minutes were approved by the meeting. Under Matters Arising, questions were asked about progress towards resolving the Timberyard Room Trust problem. The Chair reported that Mr Bradley was due to meet Council officers on 28<sup>th</sup> October. All parties were aware that without a resolution it would be necessary to prepare for legal action, which would involve meeting as a parish to seek to raise a precept. This would need to be done before the year's end. Regarding broadband provision, Mike Tomlinson reported that Cotswold Broadband might make a super fast service available around February, 2017. There would be a connection fee, a sign-up cost and a monthly subscription. Updating the Poor's Land Trust report, the Chair said he had received a second letter from Nicholas Johnston, renewing his offer to buy or rent Parish land. The Meeting asked the Trust members to consider increasing the rent at their December meeting. The Chair hoped that David Andrews, who was happy to continue, would be approved although he now lived outside the parish. The meeting was happy so to do, and it was noted that he probably still owned land within the parish. Following a very successful tea party on 12<sup>th</sup> June, a vote of thanks to Barry and Brenda, and to all who helped was proposed.

#### **16/19 Approval of Audited Annual Return and financial update**

The report was read to the meeting. The audited accounts had been received. The meeting approved.

#### **16/20 The Timberyard Room Trust**

This had been considered under Matters Arising

**16/21 Little Tew Newsletter**

Tif Loehnis hoped to publish the new newsletter within a few weeks, and thereafter roughly every quarter. This venture was warmly received.

**16/22 Date of Christmas Social Event**

Tif and Dom Loehnis offered to host this year's gathering at Littlebrook Farm, which was very much welcomed by all present.

**16/23 Any Other Business**

Coffee mornings on 29<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> December were announced, and a Race Night at the Tew Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> November. It was felt that Little Tew Parish Meeting should rejoin the Oxfordshire Assn of Local Councils. The removal of the village telephone box (flagged by BT) was discussed, with a suggestion that it might house an emergency de-fibrillator. Once again the state of roadside verges was the subject of complaint, and speed restrictions and traffic calming measures were discussed.

**16/24 Dates of future meetings**

The next (Annual General) Meeting to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at 7:30pm