

# TINGEWICK AND DISTRICT NEWS

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## Merry Christmas Everyone!

Okay, so my Christmas greeting is a little pre-emptive I know, but with the year that we've had I feel like getting into the festive spirit early and can you blame me?

Christmas will look a little different this year for a lot of us so please remember to check in on your neighbours and make sure they're okay - especially if they're unable to have family or friends around to visit.

If you're struggling to find the perfect gifts for your friends and family, check out the gift guide I've put together on pages 17-19. There are lots of wonderful local businesses who have a fantastic range of Christmas gifts.

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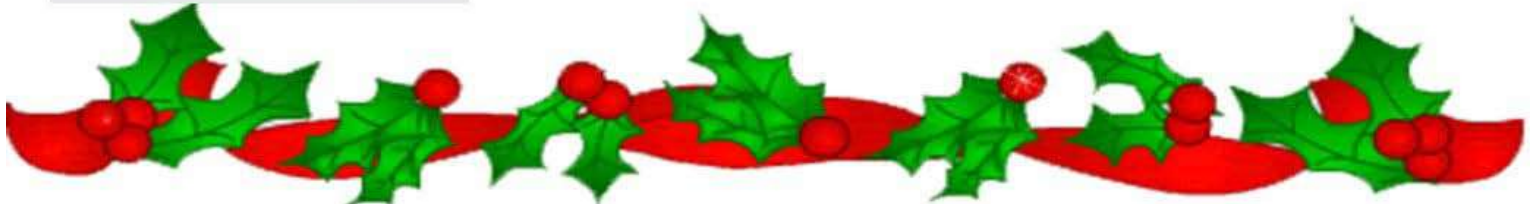
## CHRISTMAS IN TINGEWICK

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SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

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NOVEMBER 2020

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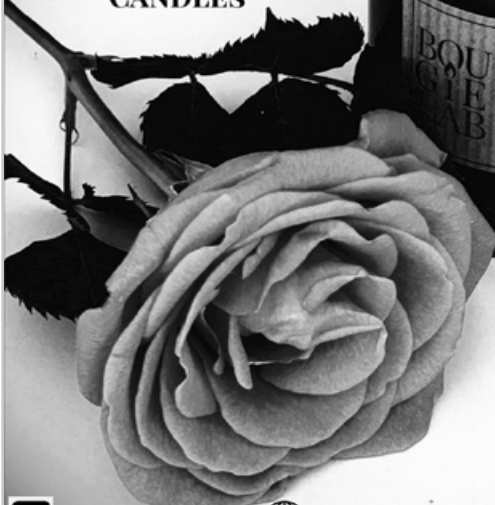
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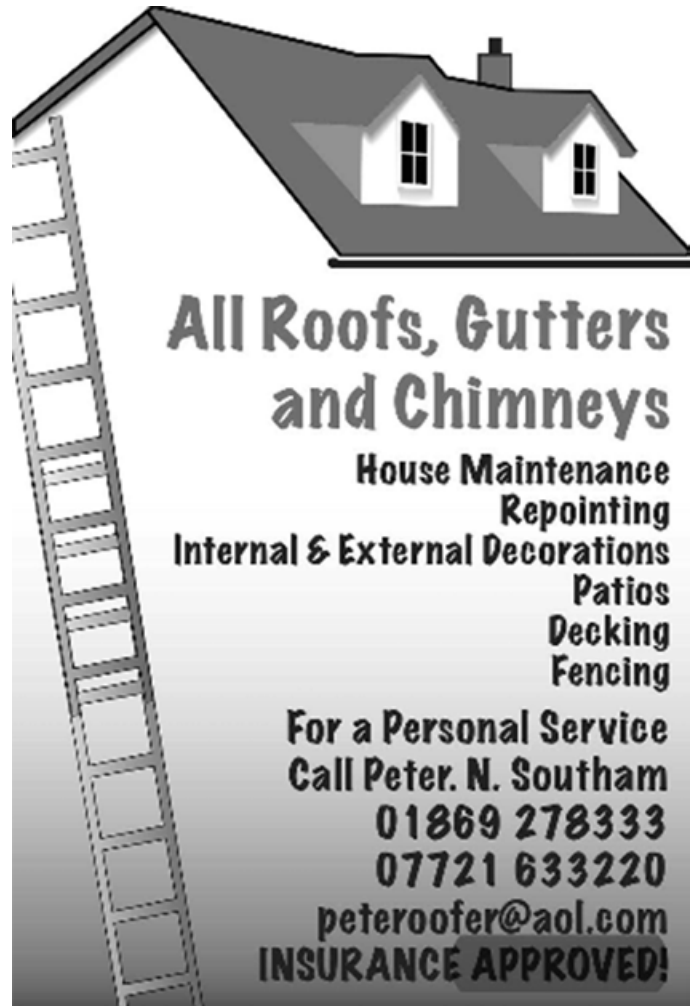
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2. A snake, indigenous to North America, venomous but not fatal to humans, average 50cm long and come in a variety of colours.
3. A group of people living in the area around the Pyrenees in Spain and France.
4. A breed of dairy cattle.
5. Character played by Julie Walters in Acorn Antiques.
6. A recurring character in the Blackadder series.
7. He led the Charge of the Light Brigade at the Battle of Balaclava.
8. A flexible tube for conveying a liquid.
9. An area of hard ground where aircraft are parked.
10. The portion of the earth, about 1800 miles thick, between the core and the crust.

## **Answers To November's "All Things Italian" Quiz**

1. Football
2. Milan
3. 8
4. Twice 1964 & 1990
5. Pink
6. A mouse
7. Tourism
8. 6 France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, San Marino, & the Vatican City
9. A cat
10. Golf



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Rosemary wishes everybody a  
Happy Christmas and a  
Healthier New Year

*Rosemary Stutchbury*

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year to all my neighbours and  
friends in Tingewick and further  
afield. I hope that 2021 will be kind  
to us. I send you all my good wishes.

*Marianne Piepenstock-Speed*



# ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

As we move towards Christmas, we are planning our services and events for the festive period as normal. However, as we all know in this year of uncertainty, these plans are all subject to change as the government announce new measures. Please keep up to date with our plans via the following link to our Facebook page, which will be regularly updated with any changes:

<http://www.facebook.com/TingewickChurch>

## SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	3.00pm	Nativity Service	Rev. Paula Smith
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Rev. Paula Smith

Our usual Crib service is being replaced with a Nativity service, in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. The service will be equally as magical as it always is for the children and their families, although with the current Covid restrictions it is likely that places will need to be reserved in advance. We will however do our best to include as many people as we can whilst following strict social distancing measures. Please keep an eye on <https://www.facebook.com/TingewickChurch> as we go through December, as we will update what is required when we have clearer information.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

As a little extra this year, when so many usual events are unlikely to happen, we are planning to have a Christmas Tree in the porch of the church for the children (and adults) of the village to decorate with homemade decorations, such as angels and stars. In return they will be able to collect a Christmas Story to take home. We look forward to seeing how creative everyone can be. Again, please follow <https://www.facebook.com/TingewickChurch> for further details.

## FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thank you so much to the whole village for the fantastic effort that was made for our harvest collection for Buckingham Food Bank. The response was incredible and the Food Bank were extremely grateful. As a result of this success, we have decided to continue to be a collection point for this very worthwhile local charity. Some of you may not be aware that the food collections in the Buckingham supermarkets are not sent to local families, so we would like to help those closest to us who are in need. We will continue to have boxes in the porch of the church and any donations of non-perishable items will be gratefully received, both by us and local families. Please help us to help them.

## TINGEWICK CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

We are making a conscious effort to improve our modern-day communication via our Facebook page. We were delighted that our new vicar, Paula Smith, could introduce herself via a friendly video whilst she is unable to meet everyone in person. This has been viewed on numerous occasions and has been extremely well received. Social media is something we are very keen to use going forward so please keep up to date with services and events via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TingewickChurch>. Please note that you can view the page without being a member of Facebook. It acts as a normal web page too.

There will be a wide variety of Christmas services at other churches in our benefice, to which all are very welcome.

**FLOWER ROTA:** Lorraine Carter

# News from Water Stratford- December 2020/January 2021

## DAFFODILS

Fortunately the 2,300 daffodil bulbs didn't arrive in September, the ground was rock hard, by the time they did arrive it was the wettest October on record!

Water Stratford Parish Meeting felt it was time to restock our byways with daffodils, so with the help of the Tingewick and Water Stratford Horticultural Society (Teresa, Barbara and Amanda) the bulbs were ordered including many wild English daffodils. There is something wonderful about Water Stratford, in the midst of terrible times, so many volunteers came forward, within three weeks the 2,300 bulbs were planted. Sincere thanks to all, it took some effort to organise and fulfil, in such awful weather, happily now completed successfully.

Come the sweet spring of 2021, we shall see daffodils dancing in the breeze to help us to enjoy the beauty of our village and parish.

*Susan Ford*  
*Parish Meeting Chairman*

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

A Harvest service was held in St Giles on the 18<sup>th</sup> October to welcome our new rector, Paula Smith. It was her first service with us and only the second since the church reopened and it was well attended. The church was decorated with beautiful flowers and fresh produce and the service was very uplifting.

*Guy Brogden*

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The second COVID lockdown prevented us from holding a Remembrance service but the minute bell was rung and the central Act of Remembrance was read inside a locked church, and many villagers observed the two-minute silence on their doorsteps.

*Mike Edwards*

## MORE CHURCHYARD CLEARANCE

In two further sessions, a massive amount of clearance has been done. Huge thanks to Guy and all the energetic volunteers who have worked so hard to bring about this transformation, to the benefit of everyone who visits for refreshment and those who tend graves.

## CHURCH SERVICES AND ROTA

In a spirit of hope, services have been planned for December and January, but may or may not be able to happen depending on the COVID situation. For our parish these are:

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Holy Communion	Revd Ron Bundock
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Christmas Celebration	Revd Paula Smith
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Revd Paula Smith

In December, the cleaners are Nicky and Suzanne and all arrangers are asked to help decorate. In January, Di will clean and Sarah arrange flowers.

## AT THE YEAR'S END

At the end of this unexpectedly challenging year, we may be especially grateful to live surrounded by good neighbours and by lovely countryside. Very many thanks to everyone who has offered help, from shopping to mask-making, a WhatsApp group, emails and phone calls – so many things to keep us cheerful. The Parish Meeting committee, PCC and others have been quietly beaver away to keep things going as far as possible – thank you.

Whatever kind of, probably unusual, Christmas you are planning (or not planning), I hope there will be happiness in it, and that next year will be easier for us all. Perhaps we should, like the Bishop of Oxford, this year look towards Easter rather than Christmas – and, in Water Stratford, spring flowers in abundance along the verges!

*Sara Edwards*



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**DRAFT** Minutes of the meeting of Tingewick Parish Council  
held remotely on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Apologies:** Cllr Richard Fenemore, Cllr Pat Swinburne and Cllr Paula Zanna.

**594 Declarations of Interest:** None

**595 Minutes:** To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 01-10-2020

Proposed: Cllr Jackie Newman      Seconded: Cllr Martin Hornsey      APPROVED

**OPEN FORUM:**

*Henry Lamprecht, Alun Evans and Colin Dingwall attended to discuss Wood Lane.*

*A letter drop has been partly done to neighbouring residences, this was not completed due to the weather but the rest of the village will be done soon.*

*Mr Lamprecht went through the information pertained in the leaflet and on the website.*

*He explained there will be turning circle at the end of the area of land for the bin lorry.*

*They have had some good feedback so far. 11 replies; 7 favourable, 2 mixed and 2 negatives.*

*Mr Evans stated that regards the history of previously refused applications, the issue was partly the impact on character of Wood Lane. They are trying to respond to those previous applications.*

*Cllr Lightfoot raised that access is very tight. Turning circle aside, bin lorry would not get up there.*

*Mr Evans said that the bin lorry is the benchmark for sizing used.*

*Cllr Maxwell commented that a fire engine is bigger still.*

*Mr Evans said he will check with the Highways Engineer.*

*Cllr Newman asked if there have been people come out to actually view the site?*

*Mr Lamprecht advised that they have an expert who has checked and said that it does meet the minimum requirement, actually exceeds it.*

*Cllr Lightfoot asked what square footage is being envisaged for homes?*

*Mr Evans said that they have flexibility as they would like to meet a balance between the different typologies; older houses in Upper Street and newer homes in The Maltings.*

*Cllr Newman asked if there will be measures in place to ensure the homes are completed and in line with design.*

*Mr Lamprecht stated that this is just the Planning in Principal and each house would have individual planning applications.*

*Cllr Newman asked what measures will be put in place if the buyers can't complete the houses due to financial situations etc?*

*Mr Lamprecht said that they could look at putting a clause in the contract that if someone ended up in that situation, they would offer to buy the property back from them to then sell it on again.*

*Cllr Newman asked Mr Lamprecht if he could explain the "prioritise for local people" statement?*

*Mr Lamprecht explained that while they can't necessarily prescribe who will and won't buy the plots, they can use local estate agents, if they know local people looking for self-build plots.*

*Mr Evans added that there is guidance in the national planning policy framework; they can include provision of a mechanism to have the first round of sales / advertising for local people before being advertised more widely.*

*Cllr Lightfoot as about the timings for 3 plots and what if one or two does not sell.*

*Mr Lamprecht said they can write into the contract that the homes must be built within a certain time of purchasing the plot.*

*Cllr lightfoot asked if there will be any criteria about finish?*

*Mr Lamprecht said that could also be included in the contract; parameters, size and materials etc*

*Cllr Hornsey asked about services / utilities?*

*Mr Evans advised that that will be included and installed prior to building.*

*Mr Lamprecht added that they need to ensure the condition of Wood Lane.*

*Cllr Maxwell turned the conversation back to the matter of access stating that it is not only difficult for lorry's turning into Wood Lane but there are often parked cars either side of the entrance.*

*Mr Evans stated that is all included in the technical drawings for vision splay etc.*



*Cllr Hornsey asked how this application is any different from the previous 3 applications that all failed due to access?*

*Mr Evans said that the final one did not fail on access, that the Planning Inspector agreed it was ok from detailed drawings but he will meet with the Highways Officers on site to go over it.*

*He feels that the previous submissions didn't take full stock of the access issues.*

*Cllr Lightfoot asked when the POP application may come through?*

*Mr Lamprecht advised it will possibly be in mid-November.*

*He added that they did not want to steam ahead and just plonk the planning application on everyone, they want to have conversations with people and address concerns.*

*He thinks it is a lovely village.*

*Cllr Lightfoot thanked the three gentlemen for their time and advised that when the PIP is received, the PC will make their comments.*

### **596 Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Charlie Clare advised that he has unfortunately not been able to check on the progress of the Gorrell Lane slabs yet.

Cllr Newman advised that the repairs to the foundation wall are happening now, it's slow progress but looks good. She will double check the progress tomorrow.

Cllr Clare noted that Cllr Fenemore was not present but that he and Cllr Lightfoot had spoken about the footpath up to the Rec Ground.

Cllr Lightfoot confirmed that Mr Marsh from Buckinghamshire Council is now speaking with their representative from Beal so hopefully there will be some progress soon, they are just waiting on surveys to be carried out.

Cllr Clare advised that the line marking has been re-done at the Tingewick Road roundabout and that the PC should be proud because that happened from a suggestion at a TPC meeting! Emergency patchwork is happening down Radclive Road and in Chackmore.

Regards the adoption of the Bovis estate, Cllr Clare advised that he is waiting to hear back from the Chief Officer about who at the council is actually dealing with that, who is the Adoption Officer.

Cllr Clare suggested Cllrs Newman and Lightfoot contact the people who managed the adoption of the Lace Hill estate as they can share their knowledge and experience of dealing with the inevitable issues that need to be managed. He will put the in touch with each other.

Lastly Cllr Clare reminded that there is funding available from the Council, which is earmarked for COVID-19 related expenses, should it be needed through the lockdown.

Cllr Patrick Fealey advised that the invoices will soon be arriving for the brown bin service, they have been reduced to compensate for the period when the service was not running.

Cllr Fealey reminded that the COVID-19 threat level has increased across the UK to Severe and asks everyone to be alert.

Cllr Fealey advised that East West Rail are doing some work on the A413 where it turns into Gawcott and he has asked for greater clarity about what is being done.

As we again go into lockdown, Cllr Fealey advised that the Local Authority is working on a number of support packages for the community and local businesses.

Diwali starts today, a time to celebrate. Cllr Fealey hopes everyone will keep safe and have a happy Diwali!

Cllr Fealey confirmed that unfortunately Remembrance Day events have been curtailed, though there are small examples of where wreaths can be laid locally. He is doing one at Gawcott, purely to commemorate, no church service.

Cllr Robin Stuchbury advised that all work has been done on the Tingewick Road roundabout that had been agreed in 2015/16, it was in the Section 106 agreement along with a new cycleway. He has no information about the management company for Tingewick Park but warns, from his own experience, to tread carefully; they are still working on getting some things done at Lace Hill from the original planning information and is also currently looking in to the balancing lakes at the new Tingewick Road estate. He has found that a lot of problems encountered with a management company can take a long time to come to fruition.

Regards the cemetery, Cllr Stuchbury recommends TPC get in touch with Paul Hodston the Town Clerk for Buckingham because of his experience and knowledge.

Cllr Stuchbury will be putting forward two motions to Council; he feels the new planning constitution is quite prescriptive for how parishes will be involved in the planning process. They are now going to consult with parishes on the Constitution for planning.

A motion was taken against the Government proposal for the white paper; the Leader of the council spoke eloquently about the elements of consultation. It wasn't the blanket objection that Cllr Stuchbury wanted but it was a string objection to the many details in the white paper, financial obligations to the Local Authority and to residents.

Today Cllr Stuchbury attended Children's Services Select Committee and reports there will be changes in children's service centres. There had been big debate for a number of years and the report back today showed improvement. Later in the day education performance was discussed, narrowing the gap in education. Though Bucks does very well against statistical neighbours there is need to improve and SEN is still quite challenging.

Cllr Stuchbury worked on a report to the Council in 2015 around the gap in education and did not think he would be doing this in 2020. The worry is that children who fail in education, generally fail in life and struggle to support themselves which means they may rely on government support.

Cllr Stuchbury advised that the Christmas lights will be going up in Buckingham over the next few days and while there was no events for Bonfire Night and there will be no Christmas parade, the council is doing what it can.

#### **597 Matters Arising:**

- *Item 542 – Correspondence: New Allotments*

*A resident suggesting using the land behind the Maltings, which is part of Tingewick Park for new allotments. Clerk has contacted Bovis to ask permission to use the land for this purpose. Further exploration will be required as to any applicable regulations or statutory requirements.*

*Clerk advised that the Bovis representative has made contact and requested a map of the area in question, which has been provided.*

*Bovis have put the proposal to the residents via the Management Company, there is a two-week consultation period but initial responses have not been favourable.*

This will, unfortunately, not be progressing.

Item to be removed from the Agenda.

- *Item 554 – Councillors Reports: streetlight near bypass roundabout.*

*Cllr Maxwell advised that he reported the street light and received a response stating that it would involve a Stopping Order for the traffic on the bypass, he has clarified with TfB that the light is not on the dual carriageway but he has not had a response yet.*

*Action: Cllr Maxwell to follow up with TfB and notify them that another light nearby is also now on all the time.*

Cllr Maxwell advised that he has looked twice and the lights seems to be out during the day. Another light on the other side of the road now also appears to be on during the day and another two are not on at all – all have been reported.

- *Item 579 – Councillors Reports: Flashing lights for school*

*Regarding the flashing lights for the school, Cllr Lightfoot is working with Aylesbury Mains to identify where they can be positioned as the old telegraph poles with a light fitting at the top either belong to TPC or the electricity company. Pictures have been sent to Aylesbury Mains to identify which they are.*

*Cllr Lightfoot will be meeting with Aylesbury Mains at some point during the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> October, as the photos were not conclusive enough.*

Cllr Lightfoot confirmed she had met with Aylesbury Mains and together they identified two posts to fix the flashing lights to and a price has been agreed for the works.

**Action: Cllr Lightfoot to speak to Buckinghamshire Council to confirm if there are any statutory requirements regarding the positioning of the “School” signs as they would like to move them to be closer to the flashing lights.**

- *Item 579 – Councillors Reports: Christmas*

*Cllr Lightfoot suggested TPC arrange for the Village Christmas Tree to be ordered soon for it to be positioned in its spot on Main Street, in front of the school, as per usual. All in agreement. It was suggested that TPC explore alternatives for the Tree Lighting event that has been held in previous years, due to the Covid-19 restrictions that may still be in place in December.*

*Action: Cllr Fenemore to order the tree and all Councillors to think of an alternative event for the village to celebrate Christmas.*

*It was agreed that there will be no tree-lighting event, as in previous years, however the PC will be adding to the decorations / display and would still like everyone to visit the tree in their family groups and support-bubbles throughout the month.*

*Action: Clerk to create a notice for Tingewick News and Website / Facebook*

Clerk confirmed this had all been arranged.

- *Item 579 – Councillors Reports: Salt Bin on Buckingham Street*

*Cllr Lightfoot advised that the Salt Bin on Buckingham Street is in the wrong place. Cllr Maxwell has logged this on the Fix My Street portal.*

*Cllr Maxwell advised that a TfB report received today said the salt bin job is completed.*

*Action: Cllr Maxwell will check that the job has been completed and if not follow up with TfB.*

Cllr Maxwell confirmed that the Salt Bin has been positioned correctly.

- *Item 582 – Bus Stop Book Exchange*

*With winter on its way, the PC are concerned that the books will become damp and damaged.*

*It was agreed that the Bus Stop Book Exchange will need to be closed until the Spring.*

*The children’s pictures will be laminated and displayed at the church and the books will be donated to charity at the end of September.*

*Action: Clerk to post signage in the bus stop and online.*

*Clerk confirmed the sign was posted and some books have been removed however there are still approximately 400 books plus approximately 250 DVD’s and CD’s in the bus shelter.*

*The children’s artworks have been removed and the Church display will be arranged soon.*

*Information will be posted once this has been done.*

*Action: Clerk to confirm with the charity that they will accept this large a collection of books.*

*Action: Cllr Lightfoot to check with the Church Wardens if they would like some of the books and/or the small bookcase for the Church.*

*Action: Cllr Lightfoot to explore having the bus shelter cleaned so that the PC can repaint it.*

*Action: Cllr Hornsey to explore plastic sheeting for the open gaps to shield those using the bus shelter from the harsher weather conditions.*

Cllr Lightfoot confirmed that the books have been packed up and donated to charity. One bookcase has been donated to the Village Hall and the other is being returned to Cllr Hornsey.

Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Hornsey cleaned the bus shelter so it can now be re-painted.

**Action: Cllrs and Clerk to arrange a date to paint the bus shelter.**

Cllr Hornsey advised that he had obtained a price for framed Perspex panels for the two front and side open walls of £300 + VAT + labour, which estimates to be approximately £450

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey                      Seconded: Cllr Lightfoot                      APPROVED

Cllr Lightfoot suggested having a cork board in a frame also made to go on the back wall of the bus shelter for notices, to stop the wood being pinned and damaged.

**Action: Cllr Hornsey to arrange this along with the Perspex panels.**

- *Item 590 – Councillors Reports: Footpath on Main Street*

*Cllr Newman advised that the footpath on Main Street near the new build properties is in a horrid state since contractors have been digging it up to put services in, this will be monitored to see if they put it back to rights.*

It was confirmed that the works are still being done and Cllr Newman will keep an eye on it until the works are completed.

Item to be removed from the agenda.

- *Item 591(c) – Correspondence: DofE Litter Pickers*

*A young resident has contacted the PC to enquire about they and another person volunteering 12 hours conducting litter picking, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.*

*The PC agreed that this is a wonderful contribution to the community and could perhaps be tied in with a Tidy Tingewick litter picking event, though it was noted that we would need to know when and where the volunteers are litter picking so as to not double up on the same areas.*

*Action: Clerk to ascertain what area/s the volunteers will be focussing on and when.*

Clerk confirmed that the two young men have kept her updated when they have been litter picking. They have done at the Rec Ground and along the road toward Buckingham as you exit the village. They have almost completed their twelve hours and have done a wonderful job.

**Action: Clerk to send a “thank you” to the two young men when they have finished.**

It was agreed that with current restrictions and Lockdown number 2 that a Tidy Tingewick event would be best put on hold until next year.

Item to be removed from the agenda and revisited when restrictions have eased.

## **598 Planning**

### **20/00886/ADP – BUCKINGHAM, Land at Tingewick Road**

Variation of condition 10 of planning permission 17/04668/ADP as amended by 17/A4668/NON

It was noted that this was sent as an advisory notice due to Tingewick's proximity to the development.

## **599 Accounts**

To consider the list of payments as presented to the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Newman                      Seconded: Cllr Hornsey                      APPROVED

## **600 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda**

For each Councillor to report matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda, to agree urgent actions and to raise items for future agendas.

- Cllr Lightfoot – Street Lighting

It has been arranged for the greenery to be trimmed from two lights, both previously mentioned, a date is not set for this work to be done but Cllr Lightfoot will follow up to have it booked it.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture

Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Swinburne – Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects



Cllr Swinburne was not in attendance but Cllr Lightfoot advised that the trees have been done at the cemetery and they look amazing. Thanks to Nick and his team at Greensleeves for doing such an excellent job. The PC will engage with them again next year to continue to reshape the trees.

- Cllr Fenemore – Recreation Ground

Cllr Fenemore was not in attendance but Cllr Lightfoot confirmed that he has arranged to have the hedges cut all around the Rec Ground and also up toward the allotments.

- Cllr Maxwell – Roads

Cllr Maxwell confirmed that he has reported an issue in Main Street where the tarmac is coming up around a manhole cover.

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond

Gorrell Lane retaining wall slabs discussed above. Cllr Newman commented that it looks really nice.

## **601 Correspondence**

### **a) Wood Lane Development**

Discussed under Open Forum

## **602 Tingewick Community Park Trust Update** (standing item)

Discussed above with Cllr Clare.

## **603 Date of next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 21:30

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## *Fun Christmas Facts*

The image of Santa Claus flying his sleigh began in 1819 and was created by Washington Irving, the same author who dreamt up the Headless Horseman.

Want to know a useful way to recycle your Christmas tree? Some [zoos take donated Christmas trees](#) and use them as food for the animals.

Bicycle, the U.S. playing card company, manufactured cards to give all the POWS in Germany during World War II as Christmas presents. These cards, when soaked in water, revealed an escape route for POWs. The Nazis never knew.

The three traditional colors of most Christmas decorations are red, green and gold. Red symbolizes the blood of Christ, green symbolized life and rebirth, and gold represents light, royalty and wealth.

Tinsel was invented in 1610 in Germany and was once made of real silver.

NORAD's "Santa Tracker" was born from a misprint in the newspaper. A 1955 Sears ad was supposed to print the number of a store where children could call and tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. The number printed was to the hotline of the Director of Operations for the U.S. Continental Air Defense. Colonel Shoup ordered his staff to give the children updates on the flight coordinates of Santa.

Almost 28 sets of LEGO are sold every second during the Christmas season.

# Christmas Tree Festival

## Padbury Village

### 4, 5 & 6 December



St Mary's Church, Padbury  
5 and 6 December 2020

*Like everything else, the Christmas Tree Festival will be a little different this year. The church is closed so there will be a trail of decorated trees throughout the village.*

**Friday, 4 December, 6 pm 'The Village Switch-on'**

Food and drinks in the vicinity of the New Inn

Visit Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus in the Churchyard Stable



**Saturday, 5 December, 9.30 am until 4.30 pm**

Tree Trail, Children's Trail, Food and Drink, Music, Craft Stalls, Cakes & Preserves, local gin for sale

**Sunday, 6 December, 2 pm until 4.30 pm**

Again there will be a Tree Trail, Children's Trail, Food and Drink, Music, Cakes & Preserves & Craft Stalls



*Refreshments provided by Little Oaks of Gawcott*

*Fair Trade coffee, selection of teas, hot chocolate, cakes, hot food including their famous home grown lamb & a vegetarian option.*

Brunch, Lunch, Tea on Saturday, Hot Drinks & Cakes on Sunday



**Keep an eye on Facebook and local posters for details nearer the time because Covid-19 restrictions will determine exactly what can be done.**

There is a car park at St Mary's Church and parking within the village but please park responsibly. When walking around the village, be aware that you are on public roads and be mindful of the traffic.