

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 7th July 2015
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON**

Present: Councillors Cossins, Garland, Lee, Sweetland and Thompson.

In attendance: County Councillor D Croney, Councillor D Skipwith, Clerk Mrs K Huck.
1 member of the public was present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Eaton, Munford and Harding.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in respect of this meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Annual Council and Ordinary meetings held on 12th May 2015 and the Special Meeting held on 19th May 2015 were approved and signed as accurate records.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillors had received an emailed report from the County Councillor on 12th June 2015. Councillor Croney updated the information with regard to the C13 road at Dinah's Hollow, in that the decision had been taken, based on a wide ranging risk assessment, to open the road whilst works were being completed. There were no vehicle size restrictions and at the Hollow, the road was single carriageway controlled by traffic signals and with CCTV in operation.

Verge cutting – this had been contracted out by the County Council. It was reported that the overgrown verge at the bend opposite Ashley Wood House was creating a safety hazard and Councillor Croney agreed to follow this up. Councillor Lee thanked Councillor Croney for her assistance in respect of verge cutting which had already proved to be very helpful.

Dorset Waste Partnership – it was confirmed that an action plan was now in place following management changes at the Partnership. Councillor Skipworth agreed to forward the plan for information. It was also confirmed that the proposals around the recycling centres were under consideration, though they were a separate subject to the Waste Partnership issue in general. Councillor Croney agreed that the consultation on reduction of services had been put forward at an 'insensitive' time (given the financial situation of the Partnership was under scrutiny) and that several members were challenging the proposals.

With the Council's agreement, item 14, **(to receive Councillors' feedback on the North Dorset District Council Planning Department's Information Sharing Session on 29th June 2015)** was brought forward on the agenda so that the County Councillor could hear the feedback. It was considered that the session had not fulfilled the task of being 'information sharing' (as had been requested by Parishes), since a long powerpoint presentation had severely curtailed the opportunity for questions, answers and general discussion which would have included, on the part of the Parish, a request for clarification around policies and processes.

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It was also felt that the Planning Department should continue to be cognisant of the problems faced by Parishes (who remain without good broadband internet connections) as they attempt to use the online system which on occasions severely restricts the viewing of detail of plans, creating difficulties in the consultation process for those tasked with responding. This is even more the case where site visits take place with neither usable-size hard copy plans or internet connections available.

With the Council's agreement, **item 16 (Superfast Broadband)** was brought forward on the agenda so that the County Councillor could advise on progress which would still appear to be sometime into the future as far as the Parish was concerned. Councillor Croney agreed to investigate the matter further on behalf of the Parish.

The Chairman then thanked County Councillor Croney for her attendance and she left the meeting.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillors had received an emailed report from the District Councillor prior to the meeting. This had confirmed the start of public consultation on the Inspector's modifications of the draft Local Plan.

6. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

It was confirmed that there were 3 Councillor vacancies and so the process of co-option would be used to fill these. Posters advertising the vacancies had been put on Parish noticeboards, placed in the Tarrant Times and had been posted on the website. Councillor Garland suggested that a previous applicant be contacted and this was AGREED. Councillor Cossins stated that a Councillor who previously given service was willing to return if this was agreed to by the Council. On a vote, all were in favour and it was:

RESOLVED that Mr David Panter would be invited to the next meeting with a view to re-joining the Council.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION OF UP TO 30 MINUTES for members of the public to raise issues

(a) There was one member of the public who stated that he believed that, as a statutory consultee, the Council should be advised if a planning application was to be passed to the District's Planning Committee for a decision.

(b) On behalf of Councillor Eaton, it was stated that concern had been expressed by residents with regard to the telephone boxes at Tarrants Rawston and Keyneston. Both had apparently been vandalised and \ or had telephones which were not in service. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Councillor Eaton to take this item forward and that it would be an agenda item for the September Council meeting.

FINANCES

8. The Clerk presented financial statements showing full details of income and expenditure for the months of May - June 2015 set against budget and a bank reconciliation. There were no queries.

9. The Council approved and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

532	DAPTC	£148.95
533	Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
534	HMRC	£110.40
535	Clerk's expenses	£46.71

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PLANNING

10. The Council noted the following

2/2015/0793/HOUSE Tarrant Keynston House, Valley Road, Tarrant Keynston – construct tennis court. Council had registered NO OBJECTION.

2/2015/0631/HOUSE The Leys, Valley Road, Tarrant Keynston – extend dormer and clad with weatherboard. Council had registered NO OBJECTION.

2/2015/0782/HOUSE Ashley Wood House, Wimborne Road, Tarrant Keynston – erect single storey extension (demolish store). Council had registered NO OBJECTION

2/2014/1196 FUL Green Acres, Wimborne Road, Tarrant Keynston, DT11 9JG. Decision: Permitted. It was queried whether the conditions made mention of the need for demolition of the existing structure before building commenced. NDDC Planning had subsequently confirmed by email that, whilst there was not a requirement to demolish the existing building before the replacement is built, it would be required prior to occupation of the new dwelling. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Planning to confirm how this requirement would be monitored.

11. Decisions for reporting

2/2015/0395/HOUSE – Denham Lodge, Valley Road, Tarrant Keynston DT11 9JB:

Proposal: Erect new conservatory and porch (demolish existing)

A site visit in relation to this application was made by Parish Councillors on 23rd April 2015.

The Council had registered NO OBJECTION to the development. Planning Decision:

Permitted

2/2015/0607/FUL – Land at E 396239 N 105615 Windy Corner Memorial to Witchampton – Lane Tarrant Rawston Dorset

Proposal: Install 400 No. Photovoltaic panels to roof of existing farm building

It was noted that a site visit was made on 13th May 2015 and the Council had registered NO OBJECTION to the application. Planning Decision: Permitted

12. There were no appeals to report to this meeting.

13. Council noted that a public consultation would be taking place on the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals and Waste Plans. The consultation dates were confirmed as being between 15th July and 23rd September 2015.

15. WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor Thompson reported on progress with the preparatory work on the cleaning \ restoring of the War Memorial at Tarrant Keynston. He stated that obtaining quotes from local stonemasons, as required by the War Memorials Trust, was problematic and that only one had been received. He would contact the Trust to ascertain the time period for submitting quotes and also whether one quote would be sufficient, given the situation. Input from Councillor Eaton in her absence was considered. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact DAPTC to ask for their advice on the experience of other parishes in respect of memorial cleaning and then:

RESOLVED that (a) this would be an agenda item for the September meeting and that, (b) if necessary, the Council would also consider the use of their financial reserves in order to achieve the project aim.

17. COUNCIL ASSETS (FIXED) – MONITORING

Council considered the future approach to the monitoring of its fixed assets which include the bus stops, grit bins and noticeboards. Councillor Cossins volunteered to review the condition

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of those in Tarrant Rawston and Councillor Thompson of those in Keyneston. It was suggested that Councillor Harding be approached re those in Tarrant Rushton. It was then:

RESOLVED that a fixed asset monitoring report be brought to the Council twice yearly.

18. FOOTPATHS

Councillor Thompson confirmed that of two broken stiles reported to Dorset County Council, one had been fixed. He would follow the repair progress of the other.

19. HIGHWAYS

(a) Councillor Lee raised an issue of vegetation from a privately owned garden overgrowing and interfering with the pavement alongside it. He undertook to mention this to the landowner.

(b) Tarrant Crawford – Councillor Thompson would contact Dorset County Council Highways with regard to the ‘tunnel’ being formed by overgrown trees on the road near to the turning to the Church.

20. DAPTC

Councillor Lee stated that the next meeting of the Northern Area DAPTC would take place on the week following the Council meeting and that he would consult others on the situation with regard to War Memorial cleaning etc. He also confirmed the appointment of Mrs Hilary Trevorah as DAPTC Chief Executive.

21. DT11 FORUM

There had been no meeting of the DT11 Forum and there were no matters to report.

22. RIVER TARRANT

It was reported that the fish count on the river was up, though there were concerns over fallen trees in the river. It was:

RESOLVED that this be an item for the next agenda so that clarification could be sought over responsibility for tree clearance ahead of winter weather.

23. ASSET REGISTER, RISK ASSESSMENT, INSURANCE AND INTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW

The Clerk would contact those Councillors involved with the review to obtain a convenient date to meet.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of hard copy correspondence to report, with emailed correspondence having been previously forwarded to Councillors.

25. ITEMS FOR AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The following were requested for the September 2015 agenda, in addition to the standing items:

- (a) Co-option of Parish Councillors
- (b) War Memorial
- (c) Superfast Broadband update
- (d) Telephone boxes and interiors – condition report
- (e) River Tarrant – fallen trees

26. NEXT MEETING – CONFIRMATION OF DATE

The next meeting of the Council was noted as being Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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