

**SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Cossins, Harding, Lee, Munford, Panter, Parker, Sweetland, Thomson and Thompson.

In attendance: Cllr D Skipwith, Clerk Mrs K Huck.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Garland and Eaton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harding declared an interest in the planning application related to the Bull Pen at Tarrant Rawston.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

June and July reports received by email on 6<sup>th</sup> June and concerning Community Infrastructure Levy; Dorsetforyou; Bring Banks; Living & Learning Centres; Combined Authority Proposals and public and school transport

The Chairman confirmed that he would be attending the Divisional meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Skipwith reported on the following: that Councillor Croney is stepping down as Leader of NDDC; the GDSF; Combined Authority proposals with a report on this going to the NDDC Special meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**6. OPEN DISCUSSION OF UP TO 30 MINUTES - members of the public may raise issues.**

Tarrant Rawston bridge – Cllr Cossins stated he had written to DCC Highways as an individual on the way in which the project to complete work on the bridge was managed. As per the previous minutes, it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter on the same basis so that the Council could express their views to DCC on the matter.

**FINANCES**

7. The Clerk presented financial statements showing full details of income and expenditure in May - June 2016 set against budget and bank reconciliation. The Clerk confirmed the internal auditor had suggested the outstanding and out of date cheque amount be received back into the accounts as a donation. It was confirmed there was paperwork to support this. The Chairman reported that he had consulted the Vice Chair on the Clerk's salary. It was agreed that the Council supported the salary being raised by £0.60p per hour in line with the negotiated salary scales.

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

(Chairman).....

Clerk's salary	Agreed	
Clerk's expenses	41.60	
DAPTC	153.42	
	563.42	
Mr S Kelly	100.00	* (Min 08\ST11 2015 refers - already approved)
Spetisbury Primary	100.00	(From Reserves - Min 10\ST11 2015 refers - already approved)

**9. Employer Pension Auto-enrolment** – It was confirmed that the date for Council to have a pension provision in place would be February 2017 at the latest. Councillors Thompson and Thomson volunteered to meet with the Clerk to review the matter ahead of it being an agenda item at the November \ January 2017 meetings.

### 10. PLANNING

Council noted the following:

2/2016/0731/HOUSE - Tarrant Keynston House Valley Road Tarrant Keynston Dorset DT11 9JE (No objection submitted)

2/2016/0761/LBC - Rawston Farm House Blandford Road Tarrant Rawston Dorset DT11 8S (No objection submitted)

Council considered the following:

2/2016/0893/CATREE - Little Manor Valley Road Tarrant Keynston Dorset DT11 9JB - instructed that a response of no objection be submitted.

2/2016/0988/FUL Chapelcombe House Wimborne Road Tarrant Keynston Blandford Forum DT11 9JH – received on 12<sup>th</sup> July and Clerk requested to send to Councillors for further consideration and a site meeting to be arranged if required.

11. 2/2014/1196/FUL Green Acres Wimborne Road Tarrant Keynston Dorset DT11 9JG. Councillor Skipwith confirmed she had contacted DCC Councillor Batty-Smith (Development Management Committee Chairman) with regard to the process and the demolition of the existing building. Given that there had been emailed correspondence on the subject, Councillors felt that the matter required an in depth investigation. It was therefore: **RESOLVED that a formal complaint be lodged in respect of NDDC Planning Department's processing and handling of the application.**

12. There were no appeals to report. Council noted the following decision:

2/2016/0467/FUL - Redundant Bull Pen Preston Farm Access To Preston Farm Tarrant Rushton Dorset. Permission refused. No objection submitted by Parish Council.

### 13. STATUTORY RESPONSE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Council considered its statutory response on planning applications and it was:

**RESOLVED that emailed responses from Councillors to applications were acceptable. However, should there be more than one objection, a site visit should be arranged where 4 or more Councillors would need to attend for a delegated decision to stand. If less than 4 attended, then all Councillors would need to be consulted.**

(Chairman).....

#### **14. WAR MEMORIAL**

Councillor Thompson reported that funding from the War Memorials Trust (WMT) had been obtained and that the cleaning work could go ahead, with the anticipated completion date for this by the end of July. Council thanked him for all his determined and prolonged efforts in obtaining the grant and arranging the contractor. Use of electricity would be required by the latter and subsequent to the work being completed, an invoice would be raised for the Council to pay against. It was:

**RESOLVED that (a) a payment of £10 would be made to a parishioner for the use of their electricity supply and (b) that payment of the contractor's invoice be delegated upon confirmation of the WMT funds having been paid to the Council.**

#### **15. FINGERPOST DIRECTIONAL SIGNS**

Council considered funding information received from Cranborne Chase AONB, including the standard of refurbishment required and the amount of anticipated contribution (£500). Discussion followed on the potential number of fingerposts in need of repair and it was:

**RESOLVED that (a) one fingerpost be selected for refurbishment, and (b) all Councillors would consider and if possible photograph potential refurbishment posts, sending the photos to the Clerk ahead of the September meeting.**

#### **16. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Council considered the current and future use and format of the Council's website. Councillor Stuart Thomson volunteered to review the site further. It was:

**RESOLVED that the current website be structured to lean further towards the local community in addition to it fulfilling its required functions of provision of Council information.**

#### **17. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEMES**

Council noted that there was increasing correspondence with regard to the establishing of community transport schemes which were seen as the way forward with public services in rural areas. In order to raise awareness and further consider the matter, it was:

**RESOLVED that the Chairman would ask Councillor Eaton if she would be willing to meet with him and possibly the Ashley Wood Park Residents' Association to discuss the way forward on community schemes being established in the South Tarrants. The matter would be put on the next agenda.**

#### **18. ASHLEY WOOD BUS SHELTER**

Council considered the need to retain the Ashley Wood bus shelter bearing in mind the removal of bus services from the area. Given the deteriorating condition of the metal shelter and the potential for vandalism and broken glass, it was:

**RESOLVED that the Ashley Wood metal bus shelter be removed and the site made good. The Chairman undertook to complete this work.**

#### **19. CONSULTATIONS**

Councillors confirmed receipt of information on a number of consultations, following this being emailed on the dates shown in brackets -

- (a) Public & Schools Bus Services Review (28<sup>th</sup> May 2016).
- (b) Registration Service Public Consultation (24<sup>th</sup> June 2016).
- (c) NDDC Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule (24<sup>th</sup> June 2016)
- (d) School Provision Strategy (10<sup>th</sup> June 2016)

It was confirmed that no response was required to be made by the Clerk.

**20. Great Dorset Steam Fair 2016 Complementary Tickets and vouchers**

Council noted there were 30 complementary tickets received from the organisers of the GDSF and a 2 for 1 voucher for each household in the Parish (220 in total). The method of distribution and the need for consistency in the handling of the complimentary tickets between the 4 parishes was discussed. Councillors from each parish were invited to collect the appropriate number of tickets after the meeting.

**21. Superfast Broadband**

There was no further information available. It was reported that speeds were acceptable in Tarrant Keyneston and very variable in Tarrant Crawford.

**22. River Tarrant**

Councillor Panter reported that 2016 was so far wetter than 2015. During May new observation boreholes were drilled at Gunville, Launceston, Collingwood and Snow's Down from which data is being drawn. The Black Lane source was switched off on 9<sup>th</sup> June as part of the site's redevelopment as part of the Grid scheme. Plans are in place to undertake a long (up 30 day) pumping test of the source in August/September, with monitoring of the new boreholes. The test should help determine whether the Black Lane source impacts the River Tarrant.

**23. DAPTC**

Councillor Lee reported that DCC Highways are to change their provision of service in 2017 and that further information should be forthcoming at a scheduled meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July which he would attend. Councillor Lee referred to grants now available from NDDC.

**24. DT11**

There was no information available on this.

**25. Footpaths**

An overgrown footpath was reported at Crawford Drove. Councillor Thompson undertook to look at this and advise the Chairman.

**26. Highways**

Councillor Panter queried when the road to Shaftesbury would be reopened and reported that there was reduced visibility at the Blandford roundabout.

**27. Items for next agenda**

- (a) War Memorial
- (b) Asset Checking Report
- (c) Fingerpost directional signs
- (d) Parish Council website
- (e) DAPTC
- (f) DT11 Forum
- (g) POPP presentation
- (h) Superfast Broadband
- (i) Community Transport Schemes

**28.** The date of next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016. (Councillor Munford tendered her apologies for this meeting.)

Signed .....(Chairman)

Date.....