

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 13th March 2018
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7pm**

Present: Councillors Cossins, Eaton, Garland, Harding, Sweetland and Thompson.
In attendance: 1 resident (item 7), District Councillor Skipwith, Clerk Mrs Huck

1. Apologies for absence

The Council received apologies from Councillors Deketeleare, Lee, Munford, Parker and Thomson.

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

Councillor Cossins declared an interest in Minute 7(a).

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report from the County Councillor

No report had been received from the County Councillor.

5. Report from the District Councillor

Councillor Skipwith referred to the current situation on the Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset. She also confirmed the Norden hub was providing a point of contact for NDDC and residents.

6. To receive feedback from the Chairman on a Roundtable meeting hosted by MP

The Chairman outlined discussion items from the meeting held on 2nd February as: larger development concerns, superfast broadband, hospital provision, rural transport, fly tipping and education funding.

7. Open discussion of up to 30 minutes: members of the public may raise issues

a) Bridleway 11 in Tarrant Crawford was reported as having been narrowed by the planting of crops. It was **AGREED the Chairman would contact the farmer in that area and report back to the next meeting.**

b) Concern was expressed about low light levels created by the tree canopy at Tarrant Crawford, particularly where a footpath crosses the road. Cllr Thompson confirmed he reported this two years ago to Highways who indicated little could be done. **It was AGREED Cllr Thompson would contact them again.**

c) The Clerk reported on contact from a resident suggesting the placing of a grit bin at the Blandford Hill area of Tarrant Keyneston. This had been passed to the Community Highways Officer and would be reported on at the May meeting.

Finances

8. Presentation of financial statement for January-February 2018

The Clerk presented the financial statement showing full details of income and expenditure for January and February 2018 set against the budget and the bank reconciliation. There were no questions. **It was AGREED the amount of £100 would be paid to Mr S Kelly in April for grass cutting for the 2018-19 year, as shown in the budget.**

(Chairman.....)

9. To approve cheques for payment as per schedule

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

610	Cllr Thompson	54.97
611	Clerk's salary	Agreed rate
612	K. Huck	51.35
613	K. Huck	60.00
614	North Dorset CA	150.00

10. To consider the allocating of grants to support funding for (a) Blandford Public Conveniences and (b) Dorset Youth Association

(a) Council considered future ownership plans for the conveniences should be clarified prior to the agreeing of a grant. The Clerk would report to the May meeting on this.

(b) Council discussed a grant in respect of Dorset Youth Association. Given the parish did not appear to benefit from this, it was:

RESOLVED a grant would not be given to Dorset Youth Association.

Planning

11. 2/2018/0232/HOUSE Proposal: Erect rear roof extension and install rooflights to form accommodation in roof space with balcony. Erect single storey side extension and porch. Location: Rushwood , Wimborne Road, Tarrant Keyneston, DT11 9JH

It was confirmed a site visit would be arranged, prior to the council's response being given by 23rd March 2018 and reported at the May meeting.

12. Fingerpost directional signs – to consider the project for the refurbishment of the sign at Tarrant Keyneston Mill

Cllr Harding reported waiting for a response from Cranborne Chase AONB in respect of a grant and would bring further information to the next meeting. Cllr Skipwith reported on speaking with the Highways department on the possible insuring of fingerposts across the county in the future, given the expenditure involved with refurbishments.

13. Defibrillator – to consider the purchase of a second machine and if so, the possible siting at All Saints Church

Cllr Parker had reported prior to the meeting that the siting of a defibrillator at All Saints Church would not be supported by the Parochial Church Council. After discussion it was:

RESOLVED a second machine would not be purchased at present and that funds raised and externally held would be requested via Cllr Eaton when the need for maintenance on the owned machine arose.

14. Annual Risk Management meeting – to report back from a Council working group which reviewed assets, risk management and insurance arrangements

The working group members were Cllrs Cossins, Garland and Thomson and, together with the Clerk, met on 7th March. Notes from the meeting had been circulated.

Risk Assessment: It was **RESOLVED** an external hard drive valued at approximately £80 would be purchased and used for data backup storage with the unit stored offsite from the Clerk's home at a place to be decided.

Defibrillator: regular checking is carried out by Cllr Eaton with written reporting to the Ambulance service. It was **AGREED** this would be sufficient to mitigate any risk in this respect.

(Chairman.....)

Asset register: the Clerk would investigate the possible moving of the grit bin 6.163 from Valley Road to Blandford Hill. (Minute 7 refers.)

Financial Regulations: due for review by the Clerk and a councillor. It was suggested Cllr Thomson be approached in this respect.

15. Council noticeboard Tarrant Keyneston – replacement

Cllr Thompson reported on the refurbishment of the noticeboard. Further marine ply was available to be used for other boards. It was:

RESOLVED Cllr Thompson would purchase 2 x 6ft posts and be assisted in replacing the current one by Cllrs Cossins and Sweetland.

16. Parish Transport – to receive feedback on meetings attended by Councillors

Cllr Eaton had attended the Integrated Transport Review and felt it was a useful meeting which gathered feedback countywide. A potential transport scheme calling through Tarrant Keyneston would be investigated further and Cllr Eaton would work with Cllr Thompson on this. Cllr Eaton was thanked for her attendance on behalf of the council.

17. General Data Processing Regulations – update

The Clerk reported she would attend a DAPTC training on this on 26th March and would report to the next meeting.

18. Highways – to report and decide on any matters

(a) Standing water during and after heavy rain on B3082 near Ashley Wood golf course – this had been reported previously and would be again by the Clerk.

(b) The Clerk referred to concerns around traffic speed through the villages and to the use of 30mph stickers on wastebins put out for collection in Harmans Cross, with the possibility of these being used in the parish. The cost etc would be reported to the next meeting.

19. Footpaths - to report and decide on any matters.

(See minute 7 for additional matters.)

Cllr Thompson reported the placing of a large amount of topsoil partially blocking access to a bridleway at Crawford Drove. After discussion it was **AGREED** Cllr Thompson would investigate this further and report back.

20. DAPTC – as above, to include council representation.

Cllr Eaton had attended a Northern area meeting. Notes had been circulated. Of interest was that Sturminster Newton reported no cash withdrawal facility in the town and there was concern this may be a future trend.

21. River Tarrant – to receive any update

There was no report available on this.

22. Superfast Broadband – to receive any update.

Cllr Thomson and District Cllr Skipwith had contacted Superfast Dorset on the delay of the go live date for cabinet 28. They responded: “Unfortunately the rules covering use of the Openreach network by internet service providers means we are in the hands of one company which must update its systems before go-live.”

It was **AGREED** this was an unacceptable situation and the Chairman and Cllr Harding would speak with Simon Hoare MP on this matter. In addition District Cllr Skipwith offered to email Mr Hoare.

(Chairman.....)

23. Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed all correspondence had been forwarded to councillors and reported on.

24. Items for next agenda

Superfast broadband
Footpaths
Highways
GDPR
Parish Transport
Tarrant Keynston noticeboard
Financial regulations review
Fingerpost project
Blandford public conveniences grant
Grit bin resiting

25. Next meeting

Cllr Skipwith reported the date of the next meeting was incorrect on the agenda and should read **8th May 2018: Annual Parish meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Council meeting at 7.30pm**. Cllrs Eaton, Garland and Harding all confirmed they would report for their respective groups at the Parish meeting.

Signed.....(Chairman) Date.....