

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 14th March 2017 AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Cossins, Eaton, Garland, Harding, Lee, Munford, Parker, Sweetland and Thomson.

In attendance: District Councillor D Skipwith, Clerk – Kate Huck

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Panter and Councillor Thompson.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January and of the Special Parish Council meeting held on 23rd February were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. County Councillor's report

Councillors acknowledged receipt of the February and March reports from County Councillor Croney. Comment was made the March report appeared somewhat less factual and local than previously sent. It also appeared to be promoting good work whilst perhaps not encompassing all aspects, i.e., in respect of potholes in highways. Councillor Lee extended thanks to Councillor Croney for her prompt dealings in respect of delay in bin collection by Dorset Waste Partnership, which was attributed to vehicle breakdown.

The next divisional meeting was scheduled for 18th April. The Chairman was hoping to be available and would inform the Vice Chairman if otherwise.

The Chairman reported that a response had been received following a roundtable discussion with Simon Hoare MP on 9th December. Subjects included the North\South County roads, the Clinical Commissioning Group review, Superfast Broadband and Highways funding.

5. District Councillor's report

Councillor Skipwith advised that, though the District Council site in Blandford was to be sold, part would be retained as a hub so in-person housing, licensing, council tax and planning advice would be available. It was suggested that this be advertised on the website so that residents would be aware ahead of the impending changes. It was confirmed that District Council elections would take place in May 2017.

6. Open Discussion

Councillor Eaton, on behalf of a resident, raised a concern over parking by the main crossroads in Tarrant Keyneston. The Chairman would investigate the matter and it was:

RESOLVED that parking in the area of the Tarrant Keyneston crossroads be an agenda item for the May meeting.

7. Presentation of financial statement for January-February 2017.

The Clerk presented the financial statement showing full details of income and expenditure for January and February and a bank reconciliation. As agreed at the January meeting, the statement

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showed a cheque had been raised as a grant to North Dorset Citizen's Advice for the sum of £150.

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

	At
	agreed
580 K. Huck	rate
581 K. Huck	60.00
582 K. Huck	34.84
583 Tarrant Keyneston Hall	86.00
584 North Dorset CAB	150.00

Grass cutting – with reference to Min 7(c) pg 0193, it was confirmed Mr Kelly would be prepared to continue with this at the War Memorial site. The Council expressed their thanks for this and the Clerk was instructed to raise a cheque for £100 in this respect at the start of the 17\18 financial year.

9. Allocating of grants to support funding for Blandford Public Conveniences

The Council considered a requested made by letter from Blandford Forum Town Council for a funding contribution to the running of the conveniences. (Minute 10b of 19th January 2016 meeting also refers to consideration of these requests). The District Councillor raised the matter of a possible change of ownership and so it was:

RESOLVED that this be an agenda item for the May meeting following further information on the future ownership of the conveniences.

10. Annual Review of Risk Management etc.

The Clerk reported the working group met on 23rd February 2017 to review risk management, internal audit arrangements together with the asset register. No change was made to either risk levels or audit arrangements. Asset register – Councillor Thompson reported on carrying out the six monthly asset check. St Richard's Close bus shelter – this would benefit from some basic maintenance and it was:

RESOLVED that a working party would meet on 25th March at 11am to carry out vegetation removal etc on the St Richard's Close shelter.

Ashley Wood bus shelter – the Chairman confirmed he had removed the Ashley Wood bus shelter (down to ground level) as per the Resolution to Min 18, July 16 meeting (pg 0182 refers). It would therefore be shown as such on the register.

Planning

11. To consider any new applications and respond as required.

12. To report on any decisions

2/2016/1847/FUL - Little Manor, Valley Road Tarrant Keyneston – approved.

13. To report on any appeals

2/2016/0467/FUL - Redundant Bull Pen Preston Farm Access to Preston Farm Tarrant Rushton – to be decided.

14. Planning Consultation - 2/2016/1763/TEL – Potential removal by BT of telephone boxes in Tarrant Keyneston and Rawston

This was an agenda item to consider BT's response on this, including possible adoption of the Tarrant Keyneston box. However, a response was still outstanding.

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15. Planning Consultation – 2/2017/0038/FUL – Mill House, Keynston Mill Lane DT11 9HZ

A site meeting with the applicants had been attended by Councillors at 10am and a Special Meeting called on 23rd February 2017. The Council registered NO OBJECTION and offered support for the application.

16. Tree Works Consultation – 2/2017/0328/CATREE – Harvest Cottage, Tarrant Keynston

Emailed responses had confirmed NO OBJECTION to this work. (*Min 13, July 2016 meeting, pg 0182 refers on emailed responses*).

17. Defibrillator

Council considered the purchase and installation of a defibrillator unit. Councillor Eaton confirmed that fund raising and a Dorset County Council POPPS grant would be available for the purchase of the unit and a training manikin and that training would be given free of charge by a local GP. The current approach was for it to be fitted to the Village Hall and that the Hall Trust would take responsibility for it, negating the need for Council involvement. Councillor Eaton was thanked for her efforts on this.

18. Employer Pension Auto-Enrolment

The Clerk, as the Pensions contact, reported this process was at the correct stage, with the employer having written to the only employee to ask whether membership of a scheme was required. The Clerk confirmed the declaration of compliance would be completed.

19. Inclement weather planning

The Plan is now on the website and its existence has been advertised in the Tarrant Times. Councillor Thompson undertook to review it every 3 – 4 months and it was:

RESOLVED that mention be made of the Plan in the November 2017 Tarrant Times.

20. War Memorial

(a) Council noted the Grade II listing of the Memorial by Historic England on 27th February 2017. The listing information stated: 'Listing helps us to mark a building's significance and celebrate its special architectural and historic interest. It brings specific protection so that its special interest can be properly considered in managing its future. Listing does not mean, however, that no alterations can be made - in fact in the vast majority of cases applications to make changes to a listed building are approved.'

(b) Replacement of fence posts – Councillor Thompson was absent from this meeting and this item deferred to the next.

21. Directional fingerpost refurbishment project

Councillor Thompson was absent from this meeting and so the item deferred to the next.

22. Dog Waste bins

Council considered the installation of these in response to a resident's request. It was confirmed there was one by All Saints Church and by the splash, which were emptied but not maintained. The Clerk had contacted Dorset Waste Partnership for further information and so the item would be added to the next agenda.

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23. Superfast Broadband

It was reported there was some indication of a hub being installed which would service Tarrant Rushton. It was also reported there was good speeds in Tarrant Crawford, with the service potentially being picked up from Spetisbury.

24. River Tarrant

Councillor Panter had given his apologies for this meeting.

25. DAPTC

Councillor Eaton had attended the Northern Area meeting in Stalbridge where items had included Community housing, Clinical Commissioning Group, potential precept increases, local government reorganisation.

26. DT11 Forum

Councillor Eaton had attended the meeting which was to be the last for the Forum in its present format, with the changes being due to cutting of county council funding. In future it would meet as Blandford Area Development Trust which would enable access to funding etc for community projects.

27. Footpaths

- The path on the hill near to Greenacres was reported as being slippery – Councillor Stuart Thomson would contact Councillor Ray Thompson on this.
- Footpath by the weir – old fenceposts previously removed to ground level were now protruding above and were a potential hazard – the Chairman would look at this.
- Bridlepath on field alongside Crawford Cross was reported as having been ploughed over – the Chairman would ask about this.
- Councillor Harding and Barry were thanked for their work on styles on their land.

28. Highways

(a) Temporary closure of road at Langton Long – information on this had been previously distributed; there were no further comments.

(b) Preston Footbridge replacement – other than some puzzlement as to why the replacement was required, there were no further comments.

29. Correspondence

Councillors noted:

- Tarrant Valley Running Race 16 July 2017 – proposed road closure at Tarrant Monkton;
- The use of traffic flow cables across Valley Road near Rawston Farm which was not initiated by DCC but by a private contractor.

30. Items for next agenda

Fingerpost project; War Memorial; Superfast Broadband; Parking at Tarrant Keyneston crossroads; Blandford Forum conveniences – possible grant; Defibrillator; Dog waste bins; Employer Pension Scheme.

31. Date of next meeting

This was confirmed as being Tuesday 9th May 2017 (Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Council Meeting at 7.30pm.)

It was AGREED that Dorset Police Safer Neighbourhood Officer be invited to attend.

District Councillor Skipwith gave her apologies for the meeting.

Signed(Chairman)

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