

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 12th May 2015
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON**

Present: Councillors Cossins, Eaton, Garland, Harding, Lee, Munford and Thompson.

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED that Cllr James Cossins, nominated by Cllr Garland, seconded by Cllr Munford and as the only nominee, was unanimously re-elected Chairman.

2. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE

The meeting received the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office and undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED that Cllr Garland, nominated by Cllr Harding, seconded by Cllr Lee and as the only nominee, was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sweetland.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of office and no dispensations required.

6. REPRESENTATION ON GEORGE GALPIN'S ALMHOUSES TRUST 2014 - 2018

RESOLVED that Cllr Garland continue to be the Council's representative for the George Galpin's Almshouses Trust for four years from 2014.

7. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED that following Council representatives be appointed:

- a) Tarrant Keyneston Recreation Ground and Village Hall Trust: Cllr Garland
- b) Tree Wardens and Rights of Way Liaison Officers: Cllr Harding and Cllr Thompson
- c) DAPTC representatives: Cllr Lee and Cllr Eaton
- d) Flood Warden and Community Resilience Officer: Cllr Harding
- e) Ancient Monuments Liaison Officer: Cllr Eaton
- f) DT11: Cllr Eaton.

8. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

Having been proposed by Cllr Garland and seconded by Cllr Harding, it was:

RESOLVED that the Council resolved to renew their subscription to the DAPTC for the financial year 2015\16.

The Annual Meeting was then followed by the first ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

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9. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2015 were approved and signed, with the exception of the following amendment:

District Councillor's Report

Remove: '... and this concern was acknowledged by the District Councillor.'

With regard to item 19 – Footpaths. Cllr Harding stated that the compost fire had been extinguished.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Received by email and concerning Blandford Fly treatment; Dorset Accessible Homes Service; wind farm planning application; telephone scam warning; driving refresher courses; Care Act 2015; North \ south route improvements and road closure at Dinah's Hollow.

11. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman congratulated Cllr Skipwith on her re-election to the District Council for which she thanked them.

Cllr Skipwith reported that there had not been a District Council meeting since the elections and two further items:

- Joint Parish information sharing sessions on planning – it was reported that these are currently scheduled for 22nd or 29th June 2015 and that North Dorset District Council's (NDDC's) planning department would contact parishes to confirm when and where the sessions would take place.
- Dorset Waste Partnership consultation – further information on the situation with regard to the approach to the consultation and its findings would be looked for in light of the financial investigations into the workings of the Partnership.

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

Mr Andrew Robinson of Symonds and Sampson addressed the Council with reference to draft plans for a barn conversion at Preston Farm, Tarrant Rushton for which he was acting as the Agent. He explained that the Planning Authority (NDDC) had encouraged discussion with the Parish Council (amongst others) as early as possible in the application process.

Councillors were shown the draft plans and Mr Robinson explained that though the site fell within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, various planning frameworks encouraged the appropriate development of disused agricultural buildings. He confirmed that the current building ridge height would remain unchanged, that the building would not be for employee use and that access arrangements to the site would remain unchanged.

Councillors gave an overall positive response to the information given. The Chairman thanked Mr Robinson for attending the meeting and concluded by stating that the Council would await formal consultation by NDDC and that any comments made by the Council during the discussion were therefore not part of the decision making process.

Mr Robinson then left the meeting. (2010 hrs)

Long term parking of touring caravans (Min pg 144, item 6 refers) – the Clerk reported that

NDDC had confirmed that touring caravans could be parked for a period of 28 days in any one year, either consecutively or not, before a licence would be required. Further enquiries would be made with regard to the parking of vans at the local public house.

FINANCES

13. The Clerk presented financial statements showing full details of income and expenditure in 2014-15 and April 2015 set against budget and bank reconciliation.

14. Council considered the Annual Return and the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement as circulated. It was:

RESOLVED that the Council approved and so instructed the signature of the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return for the financial year ended 2014-15.

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

527	Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
528	Sandisons	£174.00
529	Community First - insurance	£194.80
530	Clerk's expenses	£30.81
531	JP Consultants - internal audit	£50.00

16. A working group of the Chairman and Cllrs Garland, Harding and Thompson would meet with the Clerk to review the asset register, risk assessment, insurance and internal audit arrangements. A date would be fixed at the next meeting.

PLANNING

20. The following were considered:

- (a) 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.

(Post meeting note: NDDC Planning had 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. This information had been forwarded to Councillors on 26th May 2015.)

The following were noted:

- (b) 2/2015/0638/CATREE – Tree work at Heather Ridge Valley Road Tarrant Keynston Dorset DT11 9JE. Decision: Permitted.

- (c) 2/2015/0412/CATREE – Tree work at Harvest Cottage Valley Road Tarrant Keynston Dorset DT11 9JB. (Cllr Garland declared a Pecuniary Interest in this application.)

Decision: Permitted

The following supplementary items were also considered:

- (d) 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 NO OBJECTION to the development.

(e) 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 to take place on 13th May 2015 and that a response was requested by 27th May 2015.

17. NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN

Council noted progress on the Independent Examination of the North Dorset District Council - North Dorset Local Plan and that further information was available to view on the Council website: <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/northdorsetlocalplanmidhearingdocuments>

18. FOOTPATHS

The following were reported:

1. Stile damage – ‘Barry’s field’. Reported to DCC – reference MNT31523.
2. Stile damage – behind the house on the Church to the hill footpath.

Councillor Thompson stated the above had been reported and would be followed up.

19. HIGHWAYS

B3082 – Wimborne to Blandford Road. It was reported that after heavy rain, water was laying on the road surface close to the entrance of Ashley Wood Golf Course.

20. DAPTC

Cllr Lee reported on the meeting held on 1st April 2015 and that the main item of discussion was on the work on the C13 road which appeared to be making little progress.

21. DT11 FORUM

Cllr Eaton stated there was little to report though the Trailway car park was nearly ready and that it had been confirmed that there would be no extension to the Trailway due to funding restrictions.

22. RIVER TARRANT

Cllr Harding suggested that Mr David Panter be approached to ask if he would consider providing the Council with an update on the condition of and associated works on the river. This was **AGREED**.

23. GEORGE GALPIN’S ALMHOUSES TRUST

Cllr Garland, the Council’s representative on the Trust, reported that the previously vacant cottage had now been occupied.

24. WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Thomson reported that a grant of £2,500 had been obtained from the War Memorials Trust to fund cleaning \ restoration of the Tarrant Keyneston memorial. There were a number of conditions attached to the grant, which included the requirement to submit 3 quotes. To assist with the latter, the Chairman, Cllr Harding and the Clerk offered to provide contact details for further investigation. The subject of the surrounding chain link fence was also discussed. It was then:

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Quotes should be obtained on the basis that the memorial would be cleaned and the names re-inscribed;
- (b) A suggestion from a stonemason that a new plaque with inscribed names be attached to the memorial was decided against;

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(c) Work on the chain link fence would be further considered once the approach with the memorial had been confirmed; and,

(d) A public meeting would be held when more definite information was available.

25. ASSET CHECKING REPORT

This was deferred to the next meeting when Council will consider whether it wishes to receive a regular report at its meetings with regard to assets and if so, how this will be achieved.

26. ASHLEY WOOD BUS SHELTER

Council received information from the Secretary of the Ashley Wood Park Residents' Association with regard to the upkeep of the council owned shelter. It had been confirmed that the Association would continue to monitor its condition and that of the surrounding area. The Council offered their thanks for this.

27. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Macmillan Cancer Support advising that the Dorset Bike Ride involving some 800 cyclists would pass through the area on 5th July 2015.

(b) North Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Parish for their grant of £150 for the 2014-15 year.

(c) The subject of the extent of camping facilities at the local public house were raised at this point as an item not covered

28. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) Co-Option of Parish Councillors

b) Information on cleaning of the War Memorial

c) Planning information sharing session 29th June – feedback

d) Superfast Broadband

d) Asset Checking Report

e) Date for working group meeting on the asset register, risk assessment, insurance and internal audit arrangements

29. The date of next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7th July 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed(Chairman)

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