

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 13th January 2015
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNSTON**

Present: Councillors Cossins (Chairman), Bayer, Eaton, Garland, Harding, Lee, Panter, Sweetland and Thompson.

In attendance: County Councillor Mrs D Croney, Clerk Mrs K Huck.

0 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted for Cllrs Munford and Tory. Council also noted apologies given by District Councillor Skipwith.
2. There were no new declarations of office and no dispensations requested.
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 11th November 2014 were reviewed – *re Min 22 DAPTC. To add – Councillor Lee had attended the AGM on 8th November 2014 and reported that attendance by MPs and representatives from larger Councils had been very disappointing.*

With this addition the minutes were approved and signed.

The minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 4th December 2014 were approved and signed.

4. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Croney reported on the ongoing work with regard to the C13A350 Road Closure and on the County Council's Budget process.

5. District Councillor's Report

County Councillor Croney reported on behalf of District Councillor Skipwith with regard to the following:

Tri-Council Partnership progress, Blandford Fly spraying and Dorset Waste Partnership finances which were overspent. The County Councillor agreed on behalf of the District Councillor to provide further information on the latter, including the names of those companies involved with the Partnership which were a mix of both private and public.

6. Highways

Council considered the matter of road and traffic safety within the Parish. It was noted that advice had been received from Dorset Police with regard to the Community Speedwatch programme which would entail a group of approximately 10 volunteers receiving training in the use of 'speed guns' and then carrying out checks at approximately two week intervals on a rota basis. After discussion, which included acknowledgement that regular Dorset Police activity was evident in the Parish with regard to speed violations\monitoring, it was:

RESOLVED that the Community Speedwatch programme would not be pursued at present.

7. Open Discussion

Two items were reported on behalf of members of the public:

- Galpin's Cottages – there was currently a vacancy for which applications had been received and so a decision on occupation would be made shortly.
- A touring caravan was identified as being inappropriately parked within the Parish – the Chairman commented that he was aware of the situation.

.....(Chairman)

Planning

8. New application: **2/2014/1196 FUL Green Acres, Wimborne Road, Tarrant Keynston, DT11 9JG**

It was reported that three Councillors had attended a site meeting on 10th January 2015. Council considered the application and it was confirmed that there was **NO OBJECTION**.

9. Decision: **2/2014/1389/CPE – Hindwater, Wimborne Road to Hill Farm Lane, Tarrant Keynston, Dorset DT11 9JH.**

Council noted the decision of the Planning Authority to grant the Certificate of Lawfulness. It was **AGREED** that the County Councillor would ask the District Councillor to contact the Authority's Planning Officer to ask for clarity around the reasons supporting the decision as it appeared to Councillors that local opinion had been set aside.

10. There were no appeals to report.

Finances

11. The Clerk presented the financial statement for November - December 2014 showing details of expenditure as set against the budget. It was:

RESOLVED that a cheque should be drawn for signature at the next Council meeting which would make a payment of a 2014\15 grant of £150 from the Parish to the North Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau.

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

Cheque 517- Clerk's salary at agreed rate

Cheque 518 – HMRC - £110.40

Cheque 519 – Clerk's expenses – £63.12

Cheque 520 – Councillor's mileage - £28.80

13. **Draft Budget and Setting of Precept for 2015\16 Financial Year**

The Clerk \ Responsible Financial Officer presented the draft budget for the coming financial year. With a reduction in the budgeted figures for telephone, postage, stationery and mileage and an increase in those for payroll services, insurance premiums and salary costs, it was noted that the overall budget total had remained the same as the previous year.

It was then noted that North Dorset District Council Cabinet had recommended that a grant was offered for 2015\16 based on 25% of the amount paid in 2013\14 increased for inflation, which would result in a grant of £55 for the Parish. It was further noted that the number of Band D equivalent properties in the Parish had increased from 214 in 2014\15 to 219.6, which would result in a drop of £0.53 per property from 2014\15.

It was proposed by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Lee and then:

RESOLVED that the Budget as presented for the financial year 2015\16 be accepted and agreed with a Precept requirement of £4400. Of this, £4345 would be the net precept requirement, given that there was a Grant of £55 which would be accepted from North Dorset District Council.

14. **Dorset, Devon and Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company (DDC CRC)**

Council considered whether there were any projects within the Parish which would be suitable for application to DDC CRC for assistance. It was:

RESOLVED that there were no suitable projects within the Parish at present.

15. **CPEND Superfast Broadband**

Councillor Eaton reported that she had registered several postcodes as had been requested. It was then:

RESOLVED that Councillor Eaton would contact the Superfast Broadband project team and invite attendance by one of their members at the next Parish Council meeting.

.....(Chairman)

16. Tarrant Rushton Old Airfield - wood processing operation at the Old Airfield.

Council considered safety concerns in connection with the wood processing operation at the Old Airfield. Site visits had been made by District and Parish Councillors which had resulted in the involvement of the Planning / Enforcement Officer (Area South) of Development Services Department of North Dorset District Council. It was also noted that there would appear to have been some retail activity which had resulted in unauthorised traffic leaving and entering the site and AGREED that this would be reported to the Planning / Enforcement Officer.

17. Household Recycling Centres

Council noted a consultation by Dorset Waste Partnership on proposed changes which would close on 13th February 2015. It was:

RESOLVED that Councillors would respond as individuals to the Consultation via the webpage on the Dorset County Council website.

18. River Tarrant

Councillor Panter reported that the planned maintenance work was moving ahead, thanks in part to the excellent work of the consultant working on behalf of the River Tarrant Protection Society. Project funding had been secured for a further 18 months.

19. DAPTC

There had been no Northern Area meetings since the last Parish Council and therefore there was nothing further to report.

20. DT11 Forum

There had been no Forum meetings since the last Parish Council and therefore there was nothing further to report.

21. Footpaths

It was AGREED that the repair to the stile in 'Barry's Field' remained outstanding and so would be reported once more. (Min 21, page 0137 /ST11 / 2014 refers).

Asset Register

22. War Memorial

Council noted information on progress with the application made to the War Memorials Trust for funding to clean the War Memorial, in that the Trust had confirmed that it would be considering the application imminently. Council also noted with grateful thanks that members of the Kelly family had been voluntarily involved with the care of the Memorial in past years.

23. To review the Asset Checking report

It was noted that the noticeboards at Tarrant Rushton and Tarrant Rawston had been checked and were considered to be in good condition. No other assets were discussed.

24. Council's proposed Standing Orders

Council had received proposed Standing Orders at their meeting on 11th November 2014 following their revision by the Working Party on 27th October 2014. There were no further comments at this meeting and it was:

RESOLVED that the proposed Standing Orders would be placed on the March agenda of the Parish Council with a view to their adoption.

.....(Chairman)

25. To decide items for next agenda

Galpin's Cottages, proposed Standing Orders, CPEND Superfast Broadband, War Memorial, Ashley Wood Bus Shelter, Parish Elections in May 2015.

26. Council noted the date of the next meeting as being set for **Tuesday 10th March 2015.**

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