

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 8th July, 2014
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNSTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Cossins (Chairman), Eaton, Harding, Lee, Munford, Panter, Sweetland and Tory.

In attendance: District Councillor Skipwith, Clerk Mrs K Huck.

0 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted for Cllrs Bayer, Garland and Thompson.
2. There were no new declarations of office and no dispensations requested.
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th May 2014 were approved and signed.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor's July report had been received by email and covered the following:

- Ask Dorset Consultation
- Road Closure – Dinah's Hollow. A Working Party was to be formed from District and County Councillors, together with Councillors from all Parishes located along the A350 and C13 in an effort to secure the necessary funding for improvements to the north \ south route through the county.

Comment was made on the County Councillor's infrequent attendance at the Parish Council meeting.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The District Councillor's report had been received by email and covered the following:

- Crown Meadows as a development site to be removed from the Local Plan in favour of a site at Blandford St Mary
- Blandford Fly
- Transformation Challenge Award Fund – joint working proposals by North, West District Councils and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

PLANNING

7. There were no new applications.

8. Decisions to report:

- **2/2014/0179/PLNG** – Tarrant Crawford Farm – Proposal: Erect 1 No. agricultural building to house cattle. **Permission Granted.**
- **2/2014/0368/PLNG** - Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use to continue using as a dwelling and residential curtilage. Hindwater, Tarrant Keynston, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 9JH. **Decision awaited.** *It was suggested that the Parish Council's comments be re-sent to NDDC since the District Council's records did not seem to be showing those submitted on 7th May 2014 as having been received.*
- **2/2014/0230/PLNG** – Tarrant Crawford Farm – Proposal to convert and extend outbuilding to form no. 1 agricultural worker's dwelling. **Permission Granted.**

.....(Chairman)

- **2/2014/0230/PLNG** – Rawston Farm House, Tarrant Rawston – install 7 No. replacement windows to North West elevation and carry out associated internal and external alterations. **Permission Refused.**

9. There were no Appeals to report.

FINANCES

10. The Clerk presented the financial statement for May – June 2014 showing details of expenditure as set against the budget.

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

Cheque 503 – Clerk's salary – at agreed rate

Cheque 504 – DAPTC Annual Subscription - £145.60 (Min 8 of ST3\2014 refers)

Cheque 505 – Clerk's expenses - £18.10

Cheque 506 – DAPTC Course - £30

12. WAR MEMORIAL

The question of whether the Memorial should be renovated \ cleaned was discussed. Councillor Eaton stated that funds would hopefully be forthcoming from an event being organised in the Parish in commemoration of WW1. Further funding may be available from the War Memorials Trust (WMT) though it was highlighted that it cannot be applied for retrospectively and tenders must be obtained. It was therefore:

RESOLVED that the Memorial would be renovated and cleaned. Councillors Eaton and Thompson would contact the WMT in order to progress the issue and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

13. COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

Councillor Munford reported that good progress had been made with the development of a website and thanked Councillors for their input. It was due to go live within a week of the meeting. It was:

RESOLVED that the website address be added to all future Parish correspondence, that the Clerk would send a short item on the website for inclusion in the Parish magazine, that future items for posting on the website would be sent to the Clerk for onward transmission to the website managers and that the Clerk would seek advice on whether donations can be accepted for advertisements placed on the site.

14. ASSET CHECKING REPORT

Council discussed certain assets. It was felt that receipt of a report at each meeting would be of value. It was then:

RESOLVED that Councillors Eaton and Tory would revamp the Council's noticeboards outside the Anne Biddlecome Hall and at Tarrant Crawford respectively.

15. WORKING GROUP MEETING ON ASSET REGISTER, RISK ASSESSMENT, INSURANCE AND INTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS IN ADDITION TO THE REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

It was AGREED that a Working Group would meet in October 2014 and that the Clerk would circulate suggested dates.

.....(Chairman)

16. ASHLEY WOOD BUS SHELTER

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the Secretary of the Ashley Wood Park Residents' Association on 2nd July 2014, stating that they were prepared to assist with the maintenance of the shelter. It was:

RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate insurance cover for volunteers working on Council property and that the Chairman would assess whether the surrounding ground could be evened out.

17. HIGHWAYS

a. There was discussion on safety in relation to the main Wimborne-Blandford road as the issue had been raised with a member of the Council. It was:

RESOLVED that this issue be deferred until the next meeting of the Council so that the matter could be clarified to aid further discussion.

b. It was reported that a road sign on the B3082 road had been obscured by vegetation and the Clerk was requested to report this to the DCC's Highways Department.

c. It was also reported that, whilst a number of potholes in roads in the Parish had been filled, there were a number remaining in the village of Rushton and the Clerk was requested to investigate this and report as necessary to the DCC's Highways Department.

18. FOOTPATHS

a. Min 23 ST5/2014 River path – appreciation was registered for remedial work carried out on protruding metal posts.

b. The following were reported:

- Min 23 ST5/2014 'Barry's field' stile damage – outstanding as at the time of the meeting.
- Footpath by the Church – requires topping.

19. DAPTC

LAG – Cllr Harding reported that the Northern Area LAG had been selected for support in relation to the LEADER programme. (*Min 13 ST5/2014 refers*).

Information received from DAPTC on the Association's Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 8th November 2014 was noted and considered. It was:

RESOLVED that consideration be given to putting forward the issue of the North Dorset District Council's planning policies and processes and clarity surrounding these as a proposed Resolution for discussion at the AGM. The matter would be taken forward by Cllr Lee and the Chairman, together with the support of the Clerk.

20. DT11 FORUM

Cllr Eaton confirmed that minutes of the DT11 Forum had been sent electronically to Councillors.

21. RIVER TARRANT

Cllr Panter reported that an award to the value of £500 had been given by Wessex Water to assist those working on maintenance of the river between Keyneston and Crawford.

.....(Chairman)

22. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

- (a) DCC's Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- (b) Dorset Fingerpost Newsletter

23. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

War Memorial
Website
Ashley Wood Bus Shelter
DAPTC (AGM Resolution)

24. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th September 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed(Chairman)

Date.....