

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 11th MARCH 2014
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNSTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Cossins (Chairman), Garland, Harding, Lee, Munford and Panter.
In attendance: District Councillor Skipwith, Mrs K Huck (Clerk)
There was 1 member of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed and introduced the newly appointed Clerk, Mrs Kate Huck.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Eaton (due to being on holiday, Thompson (due to a medical appointment), Sweetland, Bayer and Tory.

2. DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE AND DISPENSATIONS

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

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2014 were approved and signed.
Re Min 5 – Councillors asked that it be recorded that a request for an NDDC Planning Officer to attend a Parish Council meeting had been declined.
(The Chairman proposed that Item 7 - Superfast Broadband presentation - be brought forward to this point in the meeting – this was agreed.)

4. SUPERFAST BROADBAND – Presentation by Penny Sydall of the Superfast Broadband Project Team

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Sydall to the meeting. She outlined that the main benefits of the Project were that the delivery of digital inclusion would foster economic growth and help with the progressive transformation of public services. Dorset County Council had contributed a sum of £10m towards the £31.75m required to fund the project, which was a joint venture with BT. The aim was that 100% of properties would have access to Broadband with speeds of at least 2 mgbs and that 95% would have at least 24mgbs. It is anticipated that Bridport, Charmouth and Chideock would be receiving these services imminently and that the Parish would receive them by Summer 2016, with the project being run over 3 years and in 10 phases. It was confirmed that the nature of the current services and terrain in the Tarrants may mean reconfigurations would be required but that these will be provided by BT and broadband will be taken into all properties. The Parish Council will be informed of developments as the project moved forward. The Chairman thanked Mrs Sydall for her presentation. The meeting was then suspended whilst Mrs Sydall left. On reconvening, the meeting returned to the agenda order of items for discussion.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None received.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Received by e mail. Subjects: 2014/15 District Budget, North Dorset Local Plan Part 1, Bus Services, building work for Asda stores, Civic Society and Blandford Fly. Councillors queried more information on the responsible Board for the latter (Health and Wellbeing Board). Councillor Skipwith was unsure of the Board's remit \ membership etc.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION

There was 1 member of public present. No open discussion points were raised.

The Chairman then requested that Agenda Item 14 be brought forward and this was agreed.

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(Chairman)

PLANNING

8. 2/2014/0061 PLNG - LOCATION: Land at E 396239 N 105615, Hemsworth Farm, Witchampton

PROPOSAL: Erect agricultural building for grain storage, drying and processing, and for the storage of agricultural machinery. Form hardstanding.

Councillors Cossins and Harding had made a site visit. They confirmed that this standalone building was well screened, that there were other buildings in the vicinity and that extra traffic would not be created as a result of the development. The applicant was present at the Council meeting and confirmed that the new build could not replace the existing barns due to the siting of overhead cables and proximity to a public by-way.

DECISION – No objection.

There were no decisions or appeals to report.

9. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

The Chairman confirmed the appointment of the Parish Clerk (Mrs Kate Huck), explaining that a probationary period of service had been successfully completed.

10. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

ST01/2014 Min 7 pg 0117 refers. It was confirmed that the Clerk had, as requested, made contact with Mr Lovelace of ICL Web Design and initiated the development and maintenance of a website for the Parish Council for a trial period of 1 year. The costings were confirmed in writing and accepted by the Council. It was therefore:

RESOLVED that approval was given for the issuing of a Purchase Order with regard to the website (Local Government Act 1972, Part VII, Section 111 refers).

A Councillor was sought to work with Mr Loveless on the design and it was further:

RESOLVED that Councillor Munford would work on the joint development of the website and would verbally report back to the Council on its progress.

Councillor Munford was thanked for the above.

FINANCES

11. The Clerk presented the financial statement for Jan – Feb 2014.

12. **Cheques for payment:** AGREED that signatories be authorised and instructed to sign cheques in payment as shown on the schedule and as follow:

488 Clerk's expenses	107.45
489 Cllr Lee mileage	18.00
490 Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
491 DAPTC	65.00
492 Clerk's salary Mar	At agreed rate
493 Clerk's expenses Mar	25.20
494 HMRC PAYE	110.40

Approval was also given for the release of cheque 482 - £154 to Shillingstone Parish Council.

13. Council considered the purchase of a Laptop computer and related software. The Clerk confirmed that advice had been sought, including from DAPTC and suppliers. It was:

RESOLVED that, with due reference to Financial Regulations, approval be given for the purchase of a laptop computer, related software and a printer with a total spend of £650 against the budget line for the 2014\15 financial year. (Power: Local Government Act 1972, Part VII, Section 111 refers).

14. Council considered the provision of a telephone for the business use of the Council and in particular the Clerk. As trial approach, it was:

RESOLVED that a mobile phone together with a SIM Pay As You Go card be purchased with a total spend of £20 against the Telephone budget line for the 2013\14 financial year. (Power: (Local Government Act 1972, Part VII, Section 111 refers).

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15. HIGHWAYS

Valley road to Tarrant's Rawston and Rushton – Councillor Harding reported that he had met with DCC Highways officers. Grips with in 1 – 2 metres of the road edge are the responsibility of NDDC. However, most on the Valley Road are 3 – 4 metres and so would appear to be the responsibility of adjacent landowners. The reporting of potholes was discussed with some specific cases highlighted and it was:

RESOLVED that the Clerk would report potholes on the Valley Road and on the entrance road to Rushton.

16. FOOTPATHS

No issues were reported.

17. DAPTC

Councillor Lee reported that he had not attended the last DAPTC Area meeting as it had coincided with the Parish Council meeting. It had been noted that there had been criticism of NDDC for not passing on the full Transitional Grant given by central government, despite requests to do so.

18. DT11 Forum

Report received by email and noted.

19. RIVER TARRANT

No issues raised.

20. WAR MEMORIAL

Considered that the surrounding hedge would need to be trimmed – condition to be checked and reported back to Council. No further maintenance was felt necessary at this stage.

21. BUS SHELTER REPAIRS

St Richards Close – Councillor Garland thanked for clearing consider amount of vegetation from over and around the shelter.

Ashley Wood – it was:

RESOLVED that this bus shelter could potentially be removed. Councillor Cossins would establish the liaison for this at Ashley Wood Park and report back to the Council.

22. PARISH MEETING

Noted that the annual Parish Meeting was to be held on 13th May. Suggested that community groups be invited to attend and report on their activities as had been done in previous years.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors noted the correspondence as outlined on the agenda.

24. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Standing items plus:

Purchase of a laptop computer, related software and printer

Parish Council website progress

War Memorial

Bus Shelter

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed as Tuesday 13th May 2014 (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting).

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed.....

Chairman – Councillor James Cossins