

**SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7pm**

**Present:** Councillors Cossins (Chairman), Deketeleare, Garland, Lee, Munford, Parker, Sweetland, Thomson and Thompson.

In attendance: 2 members of public, 2 North Dorset Rural Team Police Officers, District Councillor Skipwith, Clerk Mrs Huck

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Eaton and Harding.

**2. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September were approved and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendment: Min 1 – Cllr Thomson to read Cllr Thompson.

**4. County Councillor's Report**

The latest report from the County Councillor had been for the September meeting.

**5. District Councillor's Report**

District Councillor Skipwith highlighted the meeting held post the GDSF event had proved disappointing and another would be held in January. The Chairman asked to be informed of the date.

**6. Open discussion - members of the public may raise issues.**

(a) B3082 traffic concerns (*This matter was also discussed under minute 17b*)

A member of the public raised, from personal experience, the issue of potential danger from traffic usage and speed on the B3082 in Tarrant Keyneston. PC 2146 Sugrue explained the working criteria around enforcement which included officer safety, transparency, i.e., the clear visibility of the officer by drivers, not operating from private land and the required distance between 40mph and 30 mph signs. It was highlighted enforcement was the responsibility of the DCC Road Safety Alliance Team, of which the police were a member. Information on Speed Indicator Devices and pedestrian crossings was provided by the Clerk. The vehicle activated speed indicator sign near Ashley Wood had also been reported to DCC highways for maintenance.

Councillor Skipwith suggested joint parish working on traffic issues may be a way forward. PC Sugrue would gather further details on pedestrian crossing installation.

(b) Street hawkers – Cllr Thompson raised the issue of door to door cold call sellers. PC Sugrue confirmed reporting this under the 101 number would help police gather continuity information. He would provide door stickers via the Clerk and Cllr Thomson would arrange for an item in the Tarrant Times on the matter.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance at the meeting.

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(c) Tarrant Crawford – stolen post box. The Clerk was attempting to communicate with Royal Mail on this subject and would report any progress to the next meeting.

### **7. True Lovers Knot Public House – welcoming of tenants**

The Council welcomed the True Lovers Knot Business Partner, Mr Barry Norris to the meeting and the parish. Mr Norris outlined his and his wife's future business plans, with the overall intention for True Lovers Knot to become village orientated. In that vein, Mr and Mrs Norris would welcome suggestions and discussion followed.

### **Finance**

#### **8. Presentation of financial statement for September-October 2018**

The Clerk had previously emailed a statement showing expenditure set against budget, together with a bank reconciliation. The reserves figure was highlighted as being healthy and this situation prudent given the unknown effects of the new unitary authority and council tax harmonisation.

#### **9. To approve cheques for payment as per schedule**

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

635	Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
636	Clerk's expenses	£25.20
637	Information Commissioner	£40.00
638	Hall hire for PC meetings	£80.00

#### **10. 2019 Dorset and Parish Council Elections – candidate information and possible council costs**

Councillors received information on timelines and the potential costs of between £500 and £1000 for future elections following DCC's decision they be recharged to Parish and Town Councils.

#### **11. To consider a draft budget for 2019/20 financial year, including payment for grass cutting**

Councillors considered a previously circulated draft budget. It was felt the potential cost of elections (£500) should not form part of this budget's precept and:

**RESOLVED (a) the draft budget be accepted with one amendment: Elections to show £0 with any cost being met from reserves, and (b) payment of £110 be offered to Mr Kelly for War Memorial grass cutting for the 2019\20 financial year.**

#### **12. Planning - 2/2018/1280/FUL - Denham Lodge Valley Road Tarrant Keyneston DT11 9JB**

The decision on this was showing as awaited on the NDDC planning website.

#### **13. Fingerpost directional signs – refurbishment project for the sign at Tarrant Keyneston Mill**

Cllr Harding had previously provided councillors with quote information for the project. Grants from the Cranborne Chase AONB (£740) and Dorset CPRE (£200) together with the Council's budget amount (£200) would be sufficient to cover the quote. The Clerk advised the AONB grant was expected at the end of November. Thanks were given to Cllr Harding for his work. It was:

**RESOLVED the quote be accepted provided the AONB grant had been confirmed.**

#### **14. Council noticeboard refurbishment – Tarrant Keyneston**

Cllr Thompson suggested the glass in the Tarrant Keyneston noticeboard be replaced with Perspex. He was thanked for volunteering to carry out the work. It was:

**RESOLVED an amount of £60 be allocated for Tarrant Keyneston noticeboard refurbishment.**

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**15. Asset review – to arrange the second of the twice-yearly asset reviews**

Cllr Garland agreed to carry out the review and report back.

**16. Grit bin resiting – update from Chairman**

The Chairman reported on his meeting with the resident who had suggested the siting of a bin on the Blandford hill part of the B3082. Councillors acknowledged that, for safety reasons, gritting of class B roads was a DCC Highways responsibility and the siting of a bin nearby may encourage others to become involved. It was:

**RESOLVED the grit bin remain sited on the Valley road.**

**17. Highways – to report and decide on any matters, including Tarrant Rushton trees**

(a) Overhanging tree branches in Tarrant Rushton had been removed by SSE after prolonged efforts by Cllr Harding and the landowner.

(b) (*Minute 6a refers*) Councillors further considered B3082 traffic usage and speed. It was:  
**RESOLVED a data survey be commissioned from DCC Highways, enabling future decision making.**

(c) Road surface repairs in Tarrant Rushton carried out by DCC Highways were considered to be of good quality.

(d) The Clerk would report damage to the 30mph sign opposite Tarrant Keyneston House.

**18. Footpaths - to report and decide on any matters, including Crawford Drove  
bridleway and footpath indicator post, Tarrant Keyneston**

Cllr Thompson considered the Crawford Drove bridleway obstruction to have been dealt with and would follow up on the missing indicator post.

**19. Blandford & Rural TAG – to report and decide on any matters**

Cllr Thompson would attend future meetings of the TAG which would be focussed on public, rather than community, transport provision.

**20. DAPTC - to report and decide on any matters**

No matters to report.

**21. River Tarrant – to receive any update on this**

Considered to be dry at Tarrant Monkton and low at Tarrant Rushton.

**22. Correspondence.**

Outgoing: The Clerk was asked to thank those involved in the Remembrance Commemoration and lunch which had been much appreciated. The Council thank Mr Kelly for his ongoing care of the War Memorial and its site.

**23. To decide items for next agenda**

GDPR, 2019 budget and precept setting, and potential joint parish working on road safety.

**24. To confirm 2019 meeting dates**

**RESOLVED** these be **8<sup>th</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

Signed .....(Chairman)

Date.....