

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 12th November 2019
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7pm**

Present: Councillors Beale, Cossins (Chairman), Eaton, Garland, Harding, Munford, Parker, Sweetland, Thomson and Topliss

In attendance: County Councillor Brown, one member of public, Clerk Mrs Huck

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Councillor Deketeleare

2. Declarations of interest

None received for this meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2019

The minutes of the May meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman, with an amendment showing Cllr Parker had tendered his apologies and so was not present.

4. Report from the County Councillor

County Councillor Brown reported on: Cross party working group on the Climate Change Declared Emergency; adult social care; Highways; Internal reviews and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work.

Questions were asked in return on tree planting, including where felled due to development, county farms in terms of biodiversity and innovation; sustainable requirements for new build properties, solar panels and car charging points.

5. Dorset Council's draft Council Plan

<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Dorset-Council-Plan-2019-v12.pdf>

Cllr Brown reported the consultation period on the draft finishes on 20th December and invited councillors to attend a briefing and question session on 5th December at 7pm in Stourpaine Village Hall. The Chairman thanked Cllr Brown for this and for his report.

(With the Council's agreement, the following was brought forward on the agenda.)

18. Highways

A resident raised the matter of a footway alongside the B3082 being in a poor state with vegetation reducing its usable width and highlighted this particularly with regard to wheelchair/mobility scooter users.

The Clerk confirmed this had been reported to Highways earlier in the year and so would follow this up and thanked the resident for raising this.

6. Open discussion of up to 30 minutes

Road markings and lining on the B3082 agreed with Highways in July 2019 had not been laid and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

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7. The publicising of Council meetings and minutes availability

Council discussed the advertising of its website address and it was AGREED it would feature in the Tarrant Times, with the Clerk being asked to obtain webpage visit analysis to monitor if it increased usage of the site.

Finances

8. Presentation of financial statement for September-October 2019

The Clerk had previously emailed the financial statement showing full details of income and expenditure in September-October set against budget, with copies available at the meeting.

9. Approval of cheques for payment as per schedule

Council approved and instructed the signing of the following cheques:

670	Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
671	DAPTC	40.00
672	ICO	40.00
673	K. Huck	36.90

A cheque approved for councillor mileage would be added to the next statement.

10. To consider a draft budget for 2020/21 financial year, including payment for grass cutting

Council considered a previously emailed draft budget and confirmed their agreement to offering the amount of £110 for grass cutting and site maintenance to Mr Stephen Kelly who has carried out the task in previous years and to whom the Council are very grateful for his care of the memorial site. The current number of residents in the grouped parish had yet to be confirmed by Dorset Council, ahead of the budget and precept being set in January 2020.

Planning

11. Planning Consultation

(a) Green Acres, Wimborne Road, Tarrant Keyneston DT11 9JG – Approved

(b) Tarrant Rushton House, Rawston Road, Tarrant Rushton DT11 8SD – Has gone to Appeal with councillors being informed of the opportunity to submit any further comment.

(c) Thistles, Valley Road, Tarrant Keyneston DT11 9JB – a site visit had taken place with comments submitted.

(d) Horners, Wimborne Road Tarrant Keyneston, DT11 9JG – no objections submitted and no site visit requested.

12. BT's application (2/2019/1451/PDT) - remove the telephone service from the boxes in Tarrant's Keyneston and Rushton in light of (a) mobile reception in these areas and (b) whether to 'adopt' the boxes under the scheme run by BT

(a) Given the reported low usage, proximity of housing to the boxes and that the proposal had been publicised via the council website and in the boxes themselves without generating comment, it was:

RESOLVED there were no objections to the removal by BT of the services from the boxes in Tarrant's Keyneston and Rushton.

(b) The opportunity to 'adopt' the red telephone box in Tarrant Keyneston had been discussed at a village gathering and was generally not supported. Council further considered the ongoing maintenance and responsibilities involved, including items such as lead paint and vandalism. By a show of hands and with one against, it was:

RESOLVED not to 'adopt' the telephone box in St. Richard's Close, Tarrant Keyneston.

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13. Fingerpost directional signs

Cllr Harding, as project lead, reported to councillors on the refurbishment of the signs at (a) Tarrant Rushton village junction and (b) Ashley Wood Golf Course corner.

(a) It was anticipated this would be done 'in-house' with donated lettering and so at no cost to the Council.

(b) Costs for a 3 finger post and a 4 finger post and, given there was no archive picture available, historical accuracy were discussed. It was:

RESOLVED the Ashley Wood fingerpost be refurbished with 3 recycled fingers at a cost of £414, with funding from donations and £200 from the Council's budget line.

Council expressed their thanks to Cllr Harding for his work on this.

County Councillor Brown was asked to investigate the future ownership of fingerposts so that insurance could be arranged for the refurbished posts. Currently they belong to Dorset Council.

14. Sign cleaning – to receive an update on the community services work to clean road signs

The Clerk reported on the attempted sign cleaning on 17th October which was aborted due to poor weather and management concerns. The Community Payback Service had apologised for the latter and offered to rearrange and for the service to be free of charge in recognition of this. Basing the team at the Village Hall was discussed and it was:

RESOLVED the Council ask the Payback Service to rearrange for the cleaning of road signs in the grouped parish at no charge to the Council.

15. To review the Council's Inclement weather plan

Cllr Thomson had carried out a review of the Inclement weather plan and made the necessary amendments. Version 1.3.1 had been circulated to councillors and was AGREED. It would be available on the website.

Council thanked Cllr Thomson for his work on this.

16. Asset review

A condition review of the council's assets was due and Cllr Thomson kindly agreed to do this and report back to the January meeting. The Clerk confirmed the grit bins had been refilled by Dorset Council.

17. Potential cycling project at Tarrant Rushton Airfield in partnership with Whitecliff PPG

Cllr Harding reported this project was progressing, with external funding having been acquired. It was AGREED it be a standing agenda item so the Council could be kept informed.

(Item 18 Highways had been moved further up the agenda – earlier minute refers)

19. Footpaths

Cllr Topliss reported a manhole cover alongside the B3082 as needing attention and the Clerk undertook to report it.

It was AGREED contact details for footpath concerns would be given in the Tarrant Times and Cllr Topliss gave consent for this.

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20. Commemoration of VE Day, 8th – 10 May 2020

Cllr Eaton reported current planned activities include a vintage afternoon tea held outside if possible and hopefully with a flyover. Volunteers would be needed to host the afternoon. Cllr Eaton was thanked on behalf of the villages for her work on this.

21. Dorset Council and Dorset Parish and Town Council Workshops

(a) Dorset Council Peer Review – 3rd October – attended by Cllr Beale who reported the main discussion being on communication and budget matters.

(b) Joint working – 24th October – attended by Cllr Cossins and Cllr Topliss. The main focus was on looking to establish the principles and values as seen by both Dorset Council and the town and parish councils.

22. DAPTC

Cllr Eaton reported on the AGM and the motions received concerning planning consultations and responses; future housing (homes for need not want); concerns over development without infrastructure; tree felling and requirements of developers.

23. River Tarrant

The wet autumn had resulted in the Tarrant flowing. Cllr Deketeleare was confirmed as the Flood representative for the council.

24. Superfast Broadband, Tarrants Rushton and Rawston

It was reported Tarrant Rushton was now receiving broadband speeds of approximately 22mgbs and AGREED it no longer needed to be an agenda standing item.

25. Correspondence

The Clerk reported on two letters requesting grants for the 2020 – 21 financial year which would be considered at the end of the 2019 – 20 year, as per the Council's previous resolution. It was confirmed all other required correspondence had been forwarded electronically to councillors.

26. To decide items for next agenda

VE Day commemoration; Whitecliff PPG Cycling project; fingerpost refurbishment; Highways matters; 2020-21 budget; Asset review; sign cleaning.

27. Date of 2020 meetings

These were AGREED as **14th January 2020**, followed by **10th March, 12th May, 14th July, 8th September, 10th November.**

Signed(Chairman) Date