

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 8th November 2016
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors Cossins, Eaton, Garland, Harding, Lee, Munford, Panter, Parker, Thomson and Thompson.

In attendance: Cllr D Skipwith, Community Highways Officers Corinne Holbrook and Roger Bell, Clerk Mrs K Huck.

Members of the public: 7

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Sweetland. Councillors Skipwith and Panter joined the meeting at 7.30pm.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th September 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman. An amendment was requested to the minutes of 18th October 2016 Extraordinary meeting ("Option 2B" to be expanded upon). These would therefore be presented to the January 2017 meeting.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The November report was emailed to Councillors with information on the NDDC Remembrance service; the Local Government Reorganisation consultation; Dorset Waste Partnership; Blandford Fly spraying; A350/C13 update; North Dorset Business Day; Hambledon Divisional Meetings; Living and Learning; and Children and Young People's Plan. Details were given of a meeting request received from Simon Hoare MP to a roundtable discussion on 9th December to which the Chairman and Clerk were invited.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Skipwith confirmed that the sale of the NDDC site in Norden would be going ahead.

6. COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS ADVICE SESSION

Those present received advice from the Community Highways Officer (CHO) on availability of services for the future. (Item 17 and 18 also refer.) The following was received: No road surfaces in the parish area were due to be rescheduled in the coming year; the following would continue – ditches cleared every two years; drains \ gullies, grips (running into ditches) cleared every 2 years; no Highways record maintained of which ditches \ grips are owned by whom; there is no specific parish normal maintenance schedule available; Highways are legally bound to remove excess water from road surfaces; any work carried out by volunteers under the clearance of Highways will be the department's responsibility; highways inspections (as part of their core functions) will continue; vegetation on sponsored roundabouts is the responsibility of the sponsors; snow clearance service would continue on specified roads; where snow etc is not cleared on other roads, there will not be any insurance liability falling on parishes.

Grass cutting on the B3082 on the bend past the True Lovers Knot pub would be reported by the CHO.

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Assistance with fingerpost restoration – the CHO advised that the AONB held a database of volunteers prepared to assist with this.

The Chairman thanked the CHOs for attending the meeting.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION

Telephone box St Richard's Close – a resident reported that a potential removal notice had been placed in the box. The Council thanked the resident and asked that the Clerk investigate the matter.

8. CONSULTATION – NDDC's budget options

Council considered the proposals on NDDC's budget options concerning (a) Citizens Advice Bureau Grant and (b) Community Development Service. It was felt that the figures were unclear in terms of budget expenditure and so potential impact of council cuts in funding. Councillor Skipwith undertook to provide further information and it was:

RESOLVED that, since the Council's response must be made by 28th November, it would be confirmed via email discussion between them and the outcome advised to the Clerk for reply to NDDC.

FINANCES

9. The Clerk presented the financial statement showing full details of income and expenditure in September and October 2016 set against budget and bank reconciliation. The role of the Information Commissioner was clarified since the annual registration fee was due.

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

Mrs J Richards	£10.00
Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
Clerk's expenses	£55.80
DAPTC	£105.00
Information Commissioner	£35
Clerk – printer cost reimbursement	£56.99
Cllr R Thompson – postage	£1.85

11. EMPLOYER PENSION AUTO-ENROLMENT

Council considered the Employer Pension Auto-enrolment in terms of whether the Council wished to contribute to any scheme put in place. Discussion took place with regard to necessary steps and it was confirmed the Council was on schedule with preparations for the staging date of 1 February 2017. It was:

RESOLVED that the decision on whether the council would put a pension scheme in place would be debated again at the January meeting in time for any necessary inclusion of an amount in the budget for contributions should they be required.

12. DRAFT BUDGET 2017 - 18

Council considered the draft budget for the next financial year. Re Highways repairs as shown – decided this line be removed given the information provided at Minute 6 of these minutes.

No other lines in the budget were requested to be altered. Discussion took place on options for contributions to the costs of the War Memorial's refurbishment, with a suggestion that 50% be borne by Council reserves and 50% from fundraising.

Re grit bin filling – noted that Highways bears the cost of grit bin filling at the start of each season. Requested that the Clerk confirm who bears the cost should the grit bin not need filling on the first visit.

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13. Council noted current and considered new PLANNING applications:

2/2016/1336/FUL – Chapelcombe House Wimborne Road Tarrant Keyneston DT11 9JH
(No objection \ Waiting decision)

2/2016/1150/House – Brookfield Wimborne Road Tarrant Keyneston Dorset DT11 9JG
(No objection \ Permitted)

2/2016/1200/House – 4 Church Close Tarrant Keyneston DT119LD (No objection –
approved)

14. 2/2014/1196/FUL Green Acres, Tarrant Keyneston

Council considered the Planning Officer's response with regard to 2/2014/1196/FUL Green Acres, Tarrant Keyneston. It was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Skipwith would contact the Planning Officer concerning a response to the Council.

15. There were no planning decisions and \ or appeals to report to the Council.

16. WAR MEMORIAL REFURBISHMENT

Councillor Thompson reported that photographs of the refurbished Memorial were now on the War Memorial Trust's website. It was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Thompson would (a) contact Historic England for a Listing application form and (b) obtain quotes for fence posts replacement for consideration by the Council.

17. HIGHWAYS

Minute 6 refers. There was nothing further to report.

18. DIRECTIONAL FINGERPOSTS

Council considered which of two posts should be investigated for refurbishment (Crawford War memorial \ Crawford Mill junction) and **AGREED** on the Crawford War memorial. The Clerk was requested to do further research on how to take the matter forward and report back to the January meeting.

19. PLANNING PROVISION FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

Council considered the parish's planning provision for inclement weather \ flooding. The Clerk confirmed there was no plan currently in place. A template plan was available from DCC Highways and Councillor Thomson **AGREED** to review the template and report back to the January meeting.

20. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Council received a request from Councillor Parker that links be placed on the website and it was:

RESOLVED that links to the Chase Benefice Council appear on the Council's website.

21. SUPERFAST BROADBAND

It was reported that there appeared to be progress with Rushton village now being capable of receiving 11 mgbs.

22. RIVER TARRANT

There was nothing for report with regard to the River Tarrant.

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23. DAPTC

Councillor Lee had attended the Northern Area AGM in October which received, in addition to other information, a figure of £1.5m to be saved next in connection with the Councils Partnership funding figures. DAPTC AGM - there was no availability of parish councillors to attend this.

24. DT11 Forum

There was nothing for report on the DT11 Forum.

25. FOOTPATHS

Councillor Thompson stated he would follow up on outstanding footpath queries for report back to the January meeting.

26. CORRESPONDENCE

Blandford Forum Town Council – revised financial figures for public conveniences' costs – for consideration at end of year as possible donation from reserves.

27. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Budget for 2017\18 and Precept setting; Superfast Broadband; Inclement weather planning; Pension provision; War Memorial (fencing and Listing), Fingerpost project

28. 2017 MEETING DATES

It was:

RESOLVED that the 2017 meeting dates would be: 10th January (Mary Cossins Room), 14th March (Mary Cossins Room), 9th May, 11th July, 12th September, 14th November.

29. The date of next meeting was confirmed as being **Tuesday 10th January 2017 in the Mary Cossins Room.**

Signed(Chairman)

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