

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 18th October 2016 AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON
AT 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Cossins, Eaton, Lee, Munford, Panter, Parker, Thomson and Thompson.
In attendance: Clerk Mrs K Huck.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Garland, Harding and Sweetland and District Councillor D Skipwith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

3. OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no members of the public present.

4. CONSULTATION – Reshaping of Local Councils

The Council considered proposals on the reshaping of local authorities in Dorset. It was felt the savings figures quoted were in general received with some scepticism, with queries such as whether redundancy figures had been included. It was felt that the possible increase in council tax which would be levied on the area of North Dorset could be over 3% in order to catch up with other areas. The differences in provision between rural North Dorset and other parts of the county were raised and the question asked as to why other areas could not reduce services \ their council tax. It was felt that making savings on the part of the councils should not result in increased council tax for households. Given that the status quo was not an option, the Council completed the questionnaire and it was: **RESOLVED that the Clerk submit the questionnaire within the timeframe, with Option 2b having been selected.**

5. CONSULTATION – Local Government Finance Settlement

The Council considered proposals on the Local Government Finance Settlement and it was: **RESOLVED that the Clerk respond as directed by the Council, i.e., that it does not agree with the suggestion that referendum principles be extended to all local precepting authorities as set out in paragraph 3.3.6 and that the Council agreed with the views of the National Association of Local Councils, with the response to be copied to the local MP.**

6. PARISH SNOW PLAN SCHEME

The Council considered the planning options for the response to inclement winter weather. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the previous plan for review at the next meeting. The Clerk was also asked to ascertain from the Council's insurers who would have liability for roads not salted \ gritted by the Highways Department.

7. DAPTC AGM

The Council considered representation at the AGM and the Clerk was asked to give apologies for non attendance on 5th November.

8. PLANNING

2/2016/1336/FUL – Chapelcombe House Wimborne Road Tarrant Keyneston DT11 9JH. The Clerk advised the agent had confirmed all that was changed was the annexe had been made smaller than the previous application. On this basis, Council to respond as before - No objection.

9. The date of next meeting was confirmed as being Tuesday 8th November 2016. Councillor Eaton gave her apologies for this.

Signed(Chairman)

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