

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 13th September 2016
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: Cllr D Skipwith, Clerk Mrs K Huck.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Munford.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

September report was emailed to Councillors on 12th September with information on the unitary consultation; web based resources for voluntary and community groups; recycling centre charges and the annual canvass for the register of electors.

The Chairman apologised that he was unable to attend the Divisional meeting on 20th July. He would attend the next meeting on 21st October and advise Councillors if he was unable to do so.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Skipwith reported on the following: establishment of a Combined Authority, (including that there would be a roadshow on this in Blandford on 14th October), unitary councils consultation and the Nordon site disposal.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION OF UP TO 30 MINUTES - members of the public may raise issues.

Homewatch Scheme – Councillor Garland reported that a new co-ordinator for Tarrant Keyneston had kindly volunteered. The current functioning of the scheme was discussed and it was felt that this could be improved by re-connecting the co-ordinators for the area and by contact with the local PCSO to confirm current provision of support. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Panter (Homewatch for Tarrant Rushton) would contact other co-ordinators and work with Councillor Thomson to advertise the existence of the scheme in the Tarrant Times. It was also:

RESOLVED that PCSO Goddard would be invited to attend the January 2017 meeting.

7. CONSULTATION – RESHAPING OF COUNCILS

Council commented that concern existed over the possible lack of local services. Further information was required before the Council could reply. Councillors Lee and Eaton would attend the DAPTC workshop on 20th September and the Chairman would attend a presentation on 21st September. It was:

RESOLVED that a Special Council meeting would be arranged so that a reply could be formulated before the close date of 25th October.

Chairman

FINANCES

8. The Clerk presented the financial statement showing full details of income and expenditure in July and August 2016 set against budget and bank reconciliation. It was confirmed that the delegated payment of the 30-day term invoice from the stonemason had been completed, necessarily ahead of the receipt of monies from the War Memorials Trust.

9. Annual audit return – the Clerk stated that there was a minor issue report as part of the return which did not require further action from the Council. It was:

RESOLVED that the Annual Return for the audit for the year ended 31st March 2016, including the external auditor's certificate, be approved and accepted by the Council.

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

Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
Clerk's expenses and postage	£29.44
Dorset Stone Memorials	£900.00
Mrs Richards	£10.00 (Use of electricity in connection with Memorial Restoration work – to be shown on November Statement.)

11. **Employer Pension Auto-enrolment** – It was confirmed that the date for Council to have a pension provision in place (if required) would be February 2017 at the latest. Councillors Thompson and Thomson had met with the Clerk to review the matter for which the Clerk gave her thanks.

Councillor Thomson reported on the necessary stages, confirming that the first stage had been completed. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would complete the second stage (Duties Checker online) by 30 November and:

RESOLVED that (a) other councils would be consulted to gain information and (b) that this be an agenda item so that it can be considered whether the Council would wish to contribute to any pension scheme put in place and allowance made in the budget if so.

12. PLANNING

Council noted the following:

2/2016/0958/FUL – Hillside and The Vineyard Wimborne Road to Hill Farm Lane Tarrant Keyneston DT11 9JH (No objection) - Approved

2/2016/0988/FUL – Chapelcombe House Wimborne Road Tarrant Keyneston DT11 9JH (No objection) – Refused – potential for development of a separate property

2/2016/1150/House – Brookfield Wimborne Road Tarrant Keyneston Dorset DT11 9JG (No objection) Not decided at time of meeting

2/2016/1200/House – 4 Church Close Tarrant Keyneston DT119LD following site visit on 1st September which had no objections. Council confirmed they were in agreement with this.

13. 2/2014/1196/FUL Green Acres Wimborne Road Tarrant Keyneston Dorset

The Council considered the Planning Officer's response of 29th July stating that the District Council was not in a position to enforce the demolition of the part of the building shown as such on the plans. The resolution to submit a complaint by the Parish Council was also considered in the light of this reply. Councillors asked that it be confirmed whether there are currently two or three dwellings on the site and that the resolution to submit a complaint be held whilst this information was gained. A copy of the information request would be sent to the District Councillor.

14. There were no appeals to report.

(Chairman)

15. WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor Thompson reported that the grant funding was still awaited from the War Memorials Trust. The Council recorded their thanks to Councillor Thompson for his perseverance in this matter. A photograph of the Council at the Memorial site had been taken prior to the meeting, with the District Councillor and Mr Stephen Kelly in attendance to whom to the Council is grateful for his continued maintenance of the area.

16. COUNCIL ASSETS

Councillor Eaton reported that she had carried out a check of the assets listed in the register. The grit bin at Tarrant Rushton required attention together with the Tarrant Keyneston noticeboard. It was also requested that the siting of the Council benches be noted on the register. The Clerk reported that the Council's printer, which had been repaired last year, was now not functioning. It was:

RESOLVED that the printer for Council use be replaced with an expenditure of £75 being allowed.

17. HIGHWAYS

Councillor Harding reported that the hoped-for resurfacing of the village road would now not take place, following information received from the Highways department. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would report the condition of the Tarrant Crawford road.

18. FINGERPOST DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Council considered funding information received from Cranborne Chase AONB, including the standard of refurbishment required and the amount of anticipated contribution (£500). It was also noted that there could be potential input from DCC Highways. Discussion followed on the potential number of fingerposts in need of repair and it was:

RESOLVED that (a) one fingerpost be selected for refurbishment, and (b) all Councillors would consider and if possible photograph potential refurbishment posts, sending the photos to the Clerk ahead of the November meeting.

19. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillor Thomson reported that a number of items had been added to the website to increase its topical relevance, e.g., 'What's On' information which is updated monthly. He felt that the creation of a village website, with the Parish Council being part of this, would be beneficial to all and was therefore aspirational. It was **AGREED** that the Chairman would speak with a neighbouring parish clerk on this and Councillors were requested to send photos of the Parish to the Clerk for inclusion on the current site.

20. TARRANT RAWSTON BRIDGE

The Chairman reported on the response to his letter to Councillor Croney on the matter of the road improvement work at Tarrant Rawston bridge which Councillors had received. The Clerk reported that a letter from the Parish Council, as per the resolution at the July meeting, had been held after discussion with the Chairman until the response had been considered by the Council. After further discussion, it was:

RESOLVED that a letter from the Council was now not required since the received response was sufficient.

21. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEMES

The Chairman confirmed that he had met with the Secretary of the Ashley Wood Park Residents' Association. It was considered the current transport arrangements were meeting need and confirmed the Parish Council would be willing to support future discussion should this be necessary.

(Chairman)

22. Superfast Broadband

There was no further information available.

23. River Tarrant

Councillor Panter reported that trout had been rescued from the low level river. A further meeting on extraction was to be held on 19th October and so more information would be available for the November meeting.

24. DAPTC

Councillor Lee reported on a change to working practice by the DCC's Highways Department, with increased frequency requests \ supporting of routine maintenance schedules now to be chargeable to Parish Councils. A Community Highways Officer had been appointed for the area and it was confirmed that the officer was due to attend the November meeting which would support the consideration of the budget for the 2017\18 year in this respect. Councillor Lee stated that he felt that electors should be made aware of the potential financial impact, though it was noted that the November Tarrant Times would be published too late for this purpose. Councillor Lee also stated that 30th September was the deadline for proposal submissions to be made for the DAPTC AGM. There were none from the Councillors.

25. DT11 Forum

Councillor Eaton reported that the DT11 Forum was due to fold due to withdrawn District Council funding. There would be an AGM on 5th October which Councillor Eaton would attend on behalf of the Council.

26. Footpaths

Councillor Thompson reported that he would investigate the ongoing reported issues with footpaths.

26. Correspondence

Council noted (a) a card of thanks from Mrs Kay Rycroft in response to the Council's letter and (b) the changes to the mobile library service.

27. Items for next agenda

- (a) War Memorial
- (b) Auto enrolment pension
- (c) Fingerpost directional signs
- (d) Parish Council website
- (e) DAPTC
- (f) DT11 Forum
- (h) Superfast Broadband
- (i) Highways – Community Highways Officer
- (j) March 2017 meeting date confirmation

28. Council considered the Clerk's request for the date of the March 2017 meeting to be considered at this point in the year. It was:

RESOLVED that the Clerk would check the hall availability for the evenings of 14th and 15th March 2017.

The date of next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 8th November 2016. (Councillor Eaton tendered her apologies for this meeting.) A Special Meeting would be called before this to consider the response to the Reshaping Councils consultation.

The Council then RESOLVED that future ordinary meetings would start at 7pm with the exception of the May Annual meeting which would start at 7.30pm to allow for the Annual Parish meeting to be held at 7pm.

Signed(Chairman)

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