

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 12th September 2017
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7pm**

Present: Councillors Cossins, Harding, Lee, Parker, Thomson and Thompson.
In attendance: District Councillor D Skipwith; Clerk Mrs K Huck

1. Apologies for absence

The Council received apologies from Councillors Eaton, Garland, Munford and Sweetland for this meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report from the County Councillor

Councillors acknowledged receipt of the emailed report from Councillor Croney which included information on the following: Local Government reorganisation; Development and Planning; Dorset Waste Partnership; Community Bus Service Launch, Council Tax Single Person review; funding to help North Dorset businesses; Blandford Town Centre improvements and the next Divisional meeting, due to be held on 6th October at 6.30pm in Durweston.

On Dorset Waste Partnership, it was noted there had been a budgetary underspend and yet the closure of recycling centres was still a reality, with the comment this seemed incompatible.

5. Report from the District Councillor

Councillor Skipwith commented the community bus services needed to be used or lost as part of the trial service. There was uncertainty over whether the current offer covered the Parish, though this seemed unlikely.

There was discussion over the provision of the hub of services at Norden and clarity on how this was to be advertised to residents was requested.

6. Councillor vacancy – co-option process to fill a vacancy on the Council

Councillors received the information that, following notices being placed on the noticeboards in the Parish, one resident had put themselves forward for Co-Option on to the Council. Mr Mark Deketelaere gave brief details of his reasons for looking to be co-opted. After a unanimous vote by a show of hands, it was:

RESOLVED Mr Deketelaere be co-opted as a full member on to the South Tarrant Valley Parish Council and that he sign a Declaration of Office as such.

7. Open discussion of up to 30 minutes: members of the public may raise issues

Councillor Thompson reported recycling bins had not been emptied on one occasion in August and gaining timely information on this had been problematical. Given the Dorset Waste Partnership telephone number went to the general call centre, it was felt prompt coordination between the two was important and that information should also appear promptly on the DWP webpages. It was **AGREED** Councillor Skipwith would investigate how information is disseminated by DWP to advise residents of situations such as non emptying of bins due to vehicle breakdown etc.

(Chairman.....)

Councillor Lee also reported concern on unscheduled playing of music alongside the public house which was creating some noise nuisance for residents. Whilst it was noted the regular events were well managed, it was hoped the winter may put a stop to any others. It was **AGREED** that this be noted for the present, to be reviewed if necessary.

Finances

8. The Clerk presented the financial statement showing full details of income and expenditure for July-August set against budget.

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

598	£11.96 - Community First insurance (defibrillator)
599	£625.00 - D. Young Building and Maintenance (War Memorial Posts)
600	£156.49 – DAPTC subscription (thereby also agreeing to the continuing membership)
601	Clerk's salary at agreed rate
602	£25.20 - Clerk's expenses

10. External audit

Council noted the receipt of a satisfactory external audit report for the financial year 2016 – 17, with no matters arising. The Clerk was thanked for this.

Planning

11. (a) current application (2/2017/0915/HOUSE and 2/2017/1118/HOUSE - Charlton Cottage Rawston Road, Tarrant Rushton DT11 8SD) – noted as Approved; (b) current application Keyneston Mill - 2/2017/0968/VARIA – undecided. (c) There were no appeals.

12. Planning Consultation 2/2016/1763/TEL – potential removal of telephone boxes by BT

It was reported a reply was still awaited from BT to the co-ordinated response from NDDC Planning sent in January 2017.

13. War Memorial – to review the project to refurbish the Memorial and its site

Councillor Thompson was thanked for his considerable efforts over a number of years in obtaining quotes, grant funding and subsequent organising of work which had resulted in the Memorial itself being refurbished and the concrete posts on the site being replaced. The posts had largely been paid for by fundraising by residents. Mr Stephen Kelly was also thanked for his continuing care of the area which was much appreciated. It was then:

RESOLVED that this project was now completed and would no longer be a standing item on the Council's agendas.

14. Fingerpost directional sign refurbishment

Councillor Harding reported on progress with costings for the refurbishment of the sign at Tarrant Keyneston Mill and queried what was required in terms of wording, mileage etc. It was suggested that archive material may exist in this respect. It was also suggested the approach to the refurbishment and so budget be further considered on the basis of whether it was to be purely utilitarian or as part of the retention of heritage.

It was **AGREED** this be (a) an item for the next agenda when Councillors Harding and Thompson would report back and (b) Councillor Harding would arrange to confirm whether any signpost arms may be still in existence in the undergrowth in the area etc.

15. Defibrillator

This item is being led by Councillor Eaton who had given her apologies for this meeting. It was therefore to be on the next agenda.

(Chairman.....)

16. Inclement weather plan

Given the winter was approaching, Councillor Thomson confirmed the Council's inclement weather plan had been reviewed and was deemed fit for purpose. It was confirmed it can be accessed on the Council's website.

17. Lighting of a beacon on 11th November 2018 as part of a nationwide commemoration initiative

Councillor Harding confirmed this would tentatively take place on his land as an event open to local residents. It was anticipated there would be no requirement for Council involvement.

18. Footpaths

Councillor Thompson stated the overgrown vegetation at Crawford Drove had been reported online and was showing as to be dealt with in the next 6 months.

19. Highways

Councillor Cossins reported the low brick wall alongside the road at Ham Corner had been cleared and cleaned.

20. DAPTC

Councillor Lee reported on the Northern Area meeting held on 19th July at which the District Council's Development Manager had been present as the guest speaker.

21. River Tarrant

There was some discussion on the perceived health of the river. It was **AGREED** Councillor Parker would provide a copy of the recent report on this from Wessex Water which would be circulated to councillors.

22. Superfast Broadband

It was believed the broadband box situated opposite the public house was to come into service shortly, though there was no definite information available.

23. Correspondence

The Clerk reported the Dorset Highways Councillors Satisfaction Survey was available and would be forwarded for completion if individual councillors wished to do so.

24. Items for next agenda

Planning Consultation 2/2016/1763/TEL – potential removal of telephone boxes by BT
Fingerpost directional signs
Defibrillator
Superfast Broadband
Asset review
Draft Budget 18\19

25. Date of next meeting

This was confirmed as 14th November 2017 at 7pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date

Signed(Chairman)

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