

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 10th September 2019
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7pm**

Present: Councillors Beale, Cossins, Deketelaere, Eaton and Topliss

In attendance: Mr Graham Stanley, one member of public, Clerk Mrs Huck

(The meeting was confirmed quorate in line with the Council's Standing Order 3(s), i.e., with at least one third of members present.)

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Councillors Garland, Harding, Munford, Sweetland and Thomson.

2. Declarations of interest

None received for this meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2019

The minutes of the May meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report from the County Councillor

County Councillor Brown did not attend this meeting and there was no report or update available.

5. Information on footpaths etc from Mr Graham Stanley, Senior Ranger – North, Countryside and Greenspace, Dorset Council (DC)

Mr Stanley shared information on his responsibilities and working together with the council on managing these, including on footpaths, bridleways, byways and verges in the parish. He gave two A2 size maps detailing all the paths – one to Cllr Topliss as the Council's Footpaths representative and one which Cllr Eaton suggested be put up for information in the Hall.

Verges – it was confirmed DC are responsible for cutting these between the 30mph signs only.

Footpaths - overgrown footpaths – landowners are responsible for overhead and alongside the paths, whilst DC is responsible for the surface; footpaths to a width of 1.5m, 3 to 4m for bridleways and approximately 6m for byways and 2 spades depth. Problems can be reported directly to the landowner (if known), to Mr Stanley or online to DC.

Signage – DC are responsible for signing paths off from the highways; once on the path (i.e., interior signage) there is no statutory obligation to do this. However, parishes, landowners and DC have worked together to provide interior signage at other parishes' discretion. Mr Stanley confirmed the replacement of an oak signpost (as opposed to an aluminium one) off the highway would cost between £300 - £500 and that DC would pay/complete its installation.

Stiles – the landowner is responsible for these, though DC works closely with them to complete repairs. These can be reported as above. Mr Stanley highlighted a project by Child Okeford Parish to replace all stiles with gates, enabling all to use them.

The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley for attending the meeting and it was agreed his contact details be sent to the councillors.

(Chairman.....)

(Cllr Deketeleare joined the meeting at 19.40hrs)

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

A member of the public raised concerns on smoke pollution from a number of bonfires in gardens in the river area of Tarrant Keyneston, with particular concern for the dense smoke witnessed over the children's play area behind the Hall. Photographs were shared with councillors, the garden waste collection scheme was highlighted (though cost acknowledged) and it was:

RESOLVED to put an article on the use of bonfires in the Tarrant Times to raise awareness of the potential for air pollution and impact on neighbouring properties.

7. Presentation of financial statement for July-August 2019

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

8. To approve cheques for payment as per schedule

Council approved and instructed the signing of the following cheques:

666	Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
667	HMRC	56.60
668	DAPTC	40.00
669	Clerk's expenses	36.90

9. Planning Consultations

(a) 11 Rawston Road, Tarrant Rushton - no objections following a site visit by councillors and subsequently approved.

(b) Green Acres, Wimborne Road, Tarrant Keyneston DT11 9JG – site visit not requested by councillors. Case officer, in telephone conversation with Clerk, confirmed that roof space would not allow for future development of rooms above and that neighbours had received notice of the proposals. No objections registered by Council. Awaiting decision.

10. Highways

(a) to report on a meeting with Dorset Council Highways

The Clerk reported on a meeting by Cllr Thomson and herself on 18th June with DC Highways, following up on the Council's comments on the proposed lining and signing of the B3082 through Tarrant Keyneston and between the 40mph signs either end, with the work designed to enhance driver awareness and safety. It is anticipated it will be completed within the next 3 months and the Council thanked the Highways officers for their proactive approach on this.

(b) to report on a possible community work project on sign cleaning

The Clerk reported on discussions held on 4th September with the Unpaid Work Operations Manager, Probation Service on possible road sign cleaning in the parish. It was explained 2\3 would work together to clean those signs where it was considered safe to do so, with the Clerk explaining this could be approximately 20. There would be a supervisory and transport fee for this. Council considered this to be reasonable expenditure for the service which should result in better visibility with winter approaching. It was:

RESOLVED the Parish Council work jointly with the Probation Service to have road signs cleaned for a fee of £160 + VAT.

(Chairman.....)

Cllr Eaton was thanked for clearing overhanging vegetation away from the fingerpost sign by The Mill.

Cllr Harding was thanked for meeting with the Community Highways Officer and arranging for SLOW road markings to be laid outside the cottages at Hogstock.

11. Fingerpost directional signs

The Chairman updated councillors following receipt of an email from Cllr Harding. Progress was waiting on seeing original pictures of the signs in question (Tarrant Rushton village junction and Ashley Wood Golf Course corner) for the correct information before a quote for recycled plastic arms was sought. Cllr Harding would report to the next meeting.

12. Great Dorset Steam Fair – distribution of complementary tickets

The Council thanked GDSF for the 50 complementary tickets, collected from their offices by the Chairman and which had then been distributed as requested at the July meeting. There were no issues with traffic etc reported.

13. Potential health related project in partnership with Whitecliff PPG – the Tarrant Rushton Initiative (Cycling)

Cllr Harding would report on any progress to the next meeting.

14. Footpaths (see item above)

Following Min 5, there was nothing further on these.

15. Town and Parish Councils – Commemoration of VE Day, 8th – 10 May 2020

It was confirmed the Hall had been booked for Friday 8th May. Ideas included having a band to play with afternoon tea.

16. DAPTC

Cllrs Eaton and Beale had attended a Northern Area meeting, reporting disappointment by those there at the non-attendance by any councillor or officer from Dorset Council.

17. River Tarrant

The river was considered to be low, though by no more than in previous years.

18. Superfast Broadband, Tarrants Rushton and Rawston

There was nothing further to report on this. Speeds in the villages appear to vary significantly.

19. Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed all relevant correspondence had been forwarded to councillors.

20. To decide items for next agenda

DC Climate Change statement work update; fingerpost refurbishment; bonfires; VE Day commemoration; asset review; draft 20-21 budget

21. To confirm date of next meeting

Set for 12th November 2019.

Chairman..... **Date**