

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 18th July 2017
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7pm**

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

In attendance: District Councillor D Skipwith; Clerk Mrs K Huck.

2 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence

The Council received apologies from Councillor Thomson for this meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

Councillor Lee declared an interest in respect of the item on the George Galpin's Almshouses Trust.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report from the County Councillor

Councillors acknowledged receipt of the emailed report from Councillor Croney on 30th June which included the following: Fire Risk Review Strategy; A350 and C13 road improvements; Local Government reorganisation and Durweston bridge repairs.

5. Report from the District Councillor

Councillor Skipwith reported there had been no District Council meetings since the May meeting and the next full council meeting would be held at the end of July. There were no questions.

6. To consider traffic and road safety issues

(a) on the road adjacent to the junction with the B3082 in Tarrant Keyneston. The Council reviewed the emailed response kindly provided by the resident in the area, giving detail of mitigating actions taken over concerns around parking. Councillors expressed their thanks for the response and it was:

RESOLVED no further action on the part of the council was required in respect of parking concerns.

(b) at The Cross junction, Tarrant Crawford. Councillors acknowledged receipt of the email from a resident and the response from the Community Highways Officer confirming the speed limit in that area was 60mph and the unavailability of ways to reduce this. It was therefore:

RESOLVED no further action was available to the Council in respect of traffic speed in the area of The Cross at Tarrant Crawford.

7. Councillor vacancy – co-option

Council reviewed the progress with filling a vacancy on the Council, which was to be by co-option. A resident had expressed an interest but had been unable to attend the meeting. It was therefore **AGREED** this would be an agenda item for the September meeting.

8. Open discussion of up to 30 minutes

Footpath access – Tarrant Keyneston Mill. A resident had asked if footpath access was to continue across land at the Mill, given the development work. The Clerk was asked to contact the owners for clarification for report at the September meeting.

(Chairman).....

(The following item was brought forward)

9. River Tarrant

Council received a report from Mr David Panter on the work of the River Tarrant Protection Society. He outlined the historical and current concerns and the combined work to mitigate these, including the abstraction policy related to improvement in flow. The Council thanked all involved, **AGREED** on the value of this project and expressed their support for its work.

10. Representation on the George Galpin's Almshouses Trust

It was confirmed DAPTC had advised that the contents of the Trust's Deed take precedence over regular local government practice. This enabled the appointment of a representative by the Parish Council to the Almshouses Trust with that person not required to be a member of the Council. The representation would be reviewed at each Annual Council Meeting. It was:

RESOLVED that Mrs Liz Lee be appointed as a Trustee for a period of four years, from May 2017.

11. Distribution of 30 complementary tickets to the Great Dorset Steam Fair

It was considered an unnecessary task for councillors to distribute 2 for 1 vouchers when these were easily available at a number of outlets. Councillors wished to keep the distribution of the 30 free tickets as simple as possible, given the small number and it was:

RESOLVED that (a) the free tickets would be given to Parish Councillors on a household-proportionate basis and they would take responsibility for their distribution; and, (b) the Council would not be distributing further vouchers for the Steam Fair.

Finances

12. The Clerk presented the financial statement showing full details of income and expenditure for May-June set against budget. There were no questions.

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

595	K Huck	At agreed rate
596	K Huck	£73.44
597	WEL Medical (Defibrillator)	£1807.50

14. Council considered the allocating of a grant to Blandford Forum Town Council to support funding for the Public Conveniences. (Minute 20 of 9th May meeting refers.) The Clerk reported the Town Council had confirmed they had not been closed in the recent past. It was:

RESOLVED to pay a £100 grant to Blandford Forum Town Council to support the provision of public conveniences, with the funding coming from Parish Council reserves.

15. Employer Pension Auto Enrolment Scheme

The Clerk confirmed a Declaration of Compliance had been filed with the Pensions Regulator and so the required process completed at this stage.

16. Planning

(a) Current application (2/2017/0507/HOUSE – Tarrant Keynston House, DT11 9JE) Noted as Approved

(b) New application (2/2017/0915/HOUSE - Charlton Cottage, Rawston Road ,Tarrant Rushton DT11 8SD). Councillors did not feel a site visit was required and had No Objections to this application. It was noted that Rawston Road was not a known name.

(c) There were no appeals.

(Chairman).....

17. Planning Consultation 2/2016/1763/TEL – potential removal of telephone boxes by BT
The Clerk reported there had been no further development with this consultation and so it would be an item for the next agenda.

18. War Memorial

Councillor Thompson reported the obtaining of further quotes to support a grant application would be a lengthy process without any guarantee of receiving either a quote or a grant. The only quote for £625 received thus far was reviewed and seen as acceptable. It was also confirmed a sum of £500 raised from a WWI commemoration event would be available on request. Councillor Thompson was thanked for his work and Councillor Eaton and colleagues for the fundraising. It was:

RESOLVED to (a) accept the quote for £625 for the refurbishment of the posts at the site, given that (b) a sum of £500 could and would be requested to support the funding of the work, with the remainder coming from Council reserves. (The chains had been security marked and would not be replaced.)

19. Fingerpost directional signs

Councillor Harding confirmed a sum of £200 would be available from the CPRE towards the project for the refurbishment of the sign at Tarrant Keyneston Mill. Cranborne Chase AONB could also be contacted in April 2018 for possible funding. He would report further at the next meeting on materials required, etc.

20. Defibrillator

Councillor Eaton confirmed 47 people had already been trained in the defibrillator's use, with a further session planned for October. It is checked weekly by Councillor Eaton, who was thanked for this. There could also be funding available for a second machine and so it was:

RESOLVED that (a) this would be an agenda item for the next meeting; (b) an additional insurance premium would be paid to cover the defibrillator and (c) the purchase and use of Smartwater marking equipment on the machine etc was agreed.

21. Waste bins in the Parish

The Clerk reported information previously given under Minute 26 of the May meeting was erroneous, given a subsequent response received from Dorset Waste Partnership on the availability of an emptying service. However, it was noted that bins are frequently not used and that there had been some vandalism. Further, dog waste could now be disposed of in the general waste bins. On this basis, it was:

RESOLVED that no further bins would be provided in the Parish at this time.

22. Lighting of a beacon on 11th November 2018 ('Battle's Over – a Nation's Tribute)

Participation in a national commemorative event by the Council was discussed and tentatively risk assessed as being potentially problematic. Councillor Harding had previously hosted similar events on a private basis and agreed to involvement with the national event. The Council thanked him and the Clerk would forward the required information.

23. Footpaths

Councillor Thompson referred to overgrown vegetation behind the Canford Drove stile and agreed to report it to DCC.

24. Highways

Pothole – on the road through Tarrant Keyneston, outside entrance to Tarrant Keyneston House.

(Chairman).....

The Clerk would report this to DCC. The Chairman had also agreed to trim the laurel hedge along this section of road for which the Council thanked him.

25. DAPTC

Councillor Lee reported the next area meeting would be on 19th July and so he would report back to the September meeting.

26. Superfast Broadband

There was nothing further to report at this stage in terms of availability.

27. Correspondence

- (a) The receipt of a letter from Citizen's Advice thanking the Council for their grant was noted.
- (b) The Clerk was requested to write to Dr Percival to thank him for his time in training the volunteers in connection with the defibrillator which was much appreciated.

28. Items for next agenda

Councillor vacancy – co-option
Planning Consultation 2/2016/1763/TEL – potential removal of telephone boxes by BT
War Memorial
Fingerpost directional signs
Defibrillator
DAPTC

29. Date of next meeting

This was confirmed as 12th September 2017 at 7pm. Councillor Munford gave her apologies for the meeting.

Signed(Chairman)

Date.....