

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 9th July 2019
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7pm**

Present: Councillors Beale, Cossins, Deketelaere, Eaton, Garland, Harding, Munford, Parker, Sweetland, Thomson and Topliss
In attendance: County Cllr Brown, Clerk Mrs Huck

1. Apologies for absence

None received – full Council attendance.

2. Declarations of interest

None received for this meeting.

3. Co-option to fill one vacancy on the Council and receipt of Acceptance Of Office

Mr Tim Munford put himself forward for co-option, re-stating he had been a resident of the village since childhood and was fully committed to the present and future welfare of it and its natural environment. The Chairman thanked Mr Munford for putting himself forward and, by unanimous vote, it was:

RESOLVED Mr Tim Munford be co-opted to the South Tarrant Valley Parish Council with his Declaration of Office being duly signed and received.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2019

The minutes of the May meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment, to read:

Council representatives to be appointed:

- a) Tarrant Keyneston Recreation Ground and Village Hall Trust – Cllr Garland
- b) Tree Warden and Rights of Way – Cllrs Topliss and Harding
- c) Rights of Way Officer – Footpaths – Cllr Topliss
- d) 2 DAPTC representatives – Cllr Eaton and Cllr Beale
- e) Flood warden – Cllr Deketelaere
- f) Community Resilience Officer – Cllr Deketelaere
- g) Ancient Monuments Liaison Officer – Cllr Eaton

5. Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Brown reported much of his work to date had been with the Council Overview and Scrutiny. Issues of other note included the Climate Change Emergency, education funding, supporting internet provision to Langton Long and Highways work in Tarrant Monkton and Long. Cllr Thomson raised the lack of good mobile phone signal in Tarrant Keyneston, with only one company being able to provide a service, so limiting the choice for residents. Cllr Beale stated a response on the climate change emergency was crucial and queried how the new housing plans Dorset-wide would support this. Cllr Topliss stated the Care Commission report for Dorset 9 months ago had shown a fail result and queried what was being done at Council level in this regard.

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

A visitor to the parish provided information on the important part played by Tarrant Rushton Airfield in the WWII D Day Landings and asked whether a more elaborate interpretation board

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should be provided. He was thanked for this and advised that, as the management of the airfield was by the Wimborne Branch of the Royal Air Force Association, he may wish to contact them directly.

Finances

7. Presentation of financial statement for May-June 2019

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

8. To approve cheques for payment as per schedule

It was confirmed payment to ICL was for both management and ongoing updating. It was felt this was good value. Cllr Beale suggested the website address be included in the Tarrant Times each month. Council then approved and instructed the signing of the following cheques:

661	Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
662	Cancelled	
663	K Huck	101.15
664	ICL Web Design	60.00
665	HMRC	56.40

Planning

9. Planning Consultation – 11 Rawston Road, Tarrant Rushton DT11 8S

Councillors present at the site meeting were thanked for their attendance and Cllr Thomson for confirming the outcome in writing to the Clerk. There were no objections by the council. A decision by the LPA was pending.

10. Highways – Dorset Council meeting re B3082 and other matters

(a) Councillors considered pictorial information from the Senior Technical Officer at Highways following a site meeting with Cllrs Cossins, Eaton, Thomson and Topliss, together with the Clerk on 20th June. The Officers were thanked for their proactive approach to the suggested provision of additional road markings \ signage on the B3082 in Tarrant Keyneston. It was confirmed the Council were in favour of the suggestions, with comments being:

- Is the camera sign too close to the junction and could there be two signs rather than one
- The SLOW marking with bars – good from Blandford side. Felt it may be too close on the Wimborne side
- Asked if the existing markings of 30, 40, Slow etc would be refreshed.

It was also noted the Senior Technical Officer, Highways would consider alternative safety road markings such as red hatching once the road was resurfaced in approximately two years' time.

(b) The Clerk confirmed the vehicle activated sign at Ashley Wood was now working following repair by Highways.

(c) The buying and siting of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) was further considered. Given the anticipated work by Highways referred to in (a) above, it was:

RESOLVED to reconsider the possible purchase of an SID further once the effects of the road marking work were experienced.

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(d) Cllr Harding reported on the concerns of a resident of Hogstock Cottages with regard to safety on the unclassified road. It was AGREED the Clerk contact the Community Highways Officer on this.

(e) Road sign cleaning – post the 20th June site meeting referred to in (a) above, it was confirmed this appeared to be a parish responsibility as it was not carried out by the County Council Highways. Cllr Topliss suggested the Probation Service Unpaid Work Operations be contacted to see if joint working might be possible and it was AGREED the Clerk would do so.

(f) Cllr Harding alerted all to cars parked at the Hogstock Memorial being broken into. Cllr Thomson would place an article in the September Tarrant Times.

11. Fingerpost directional signs – refurbishment of the signs at The Cliff and Hogstock and future refurbishments

The fingerposts at The Cliff and Hogstock had been refurbished, due to the generosity of local residents in both funding and time. Cllr Nick Harding was thanked as the council's lead on these signs now being fully functional and future proofed. Councillors confirmed the use of recycled plastic arms gave a good visual result, with Cllr Munford querying whether original signs had rounded 'fingers' as opposed to pointed ends to the arms. It was felt like had been replaced with like.

The signs at the Keyneston Mill junction was being obscured by vegetation and Cllr Eaton volunteered to deal with this, for which the Council was grateful.

Two signs were also considered in need of refurbishment, with Cllr Harding advising Tarrant Monkton had kindly donated numerals which could be used. It was:

RESOLVED the fingerpost signs at Tarrant Rushton village junction and Ashley Wood Golf Course corner be refurbished.

12. Great Dorset Steam Fair – distribution of complementary tickets

The Clerk reported GDSF management had required the tickets be collected this year from their offices, as opposed to being sent through the post. Councillors felt this to be inappropriate, given this would incur an expense of time and cost and that the tickets were issued by GDSF in recognition of the inconvenience caused to local residents by the event. It would be considered further by the Chairman and the tickets obtained, if possible to do so without cost to the parishes.

In that event, councillors wanted the distribution to remain as simple as possible as in previous years and for village councillors to distribute the tickets. The following agreed to do this: Cllr Eaton (Tarrant Keyneston); Cllr Parker (Tarrant Crawford); Cllr Sweetland (Tarrant Rawston); Cllr Deketeleare (Tarrant Rushton).

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

Cllr Harding gave some detail on the proposed initiative (still in its early stages) which would encourage the holding of cycle events at the airfield. Concerns over increased traffic and parking were raised.

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14. Footpaths and Bridleways

The condition of footpaths \ bridleways and responsibility around them was raised, together with the costs for current and future refurbishment and replacement. It was felt prudent information be gathered by the Clerk and reported back to the September meeting.

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

The Clerk referred to correspondence received on preparations for the Commemoration. It was felt likely the parishes would be active in this and as a beginning, it was **AGREED the Anne Biddlecome Hall and field be booked for this on the 8th May 2020.**

16. DAPTC

It was confirmed new councillor training would be available. The Clerk referred to the November AGM and the opportunity to submit Motions for consideration should the council wish to do so. The deadline for this was 6th August.

17. River Tarrant

It was noted the river was now dry at Tarrant Keyneston and the Environment Agency had previously rescued fish. **The Chairman AGREED to report this.**

18. Superfast Broadband, Tarrants Rushton and Rawston

There was no further report on this, with the item being held on the agenda to enable information sharing when available.

19. Correspondence

North Dorset Area Strategic Landscape and Heritage Sensitivity Assessment Study

The Clerk advised there would be a 2 week turnaround on comments and so it was AGREED Councillors Beale, Eaton and Thomson would assist should the Study be received mid-meetings. The councillors were thanked for volunteering on this.

20. Items for next agenda

Fingerpost refurbishment – Tarrant Rushton and Ashley Wood
GDSF
Cycling initiative
Superfast Broadband
Climate Change Emergency

21. Date of next meeting

Confirmed as 10th September 2019 at 7pm

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Date