

SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 14th November 2017
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON AT 7pm**

Present: Councillors Garland, Deketelaere, Eaton, Harding, Parker, Sweetland, Thomson and Thompson.

In attendance: District Councillor D Skipwith; Clerk Mrs K Huck, 1 resident

1. Apologies for absence

The Council received apologies from Councillors Cossins (Chairman), Lee and Munford for this meeting. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Garland (Vice Chairman).

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

There were no declarations of interest. Dispensations were granted to the councillors present to enable to discussion of the draft budget in support of the precept setting.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2017 were approved and, in the Chairman's absence, signed by the Vice 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; A350/C13 road improvements; Durweston bridge works and the divisional meeting set for 6th October.

5. Report from the District Councillor

Councillor Skipwith reported on the following: the options around the improvement of communications between Dorset Waste Partnership, the Local Pan review consultation, local government reorganisation and the recharging to Parish and Town Councils of election costs by the District Council.

6. To consider verbal reports of possible noise nuisance in relation to the True Lovers Knot Public House, Tarrant Keyneston

Councillor Eaton stated 3 residents had requested this be discussed due to noise nuisance experienced during the holding of events in the marquee. It was:

RESOLVED a letter be sent to the True Lovers Knot public house management to highlight the reports received.

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

There were no issues raised under this item.

8. Presentation of financial statement for September-October 2017

The Clerk presented the financial statement showing full details of income and expenditure for September and October 2017 set against budget.

9. To approve cheques for payment as per schedule

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

Clerk's salary	At agreed rate
Information Commissioner	£35.00
Clerk's expenses	£41.40
Blandford Town Council	£100.00 (Min 14 Pg 0209 refers)

(Chairman.....)

10. To consider a draft budget for the 2018\19 financial year, including payment for grass cutting

It was proposed that a line be inserted into the budget for the restoration and maintenance of fingerposts, given this was now likely to be an ongoing expenditure.

11. To report on current application Keyneston Mill - 2/2017/0968/VARIA and any appeals

This application has been approved. There were no appeals to report.

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

The Clerk reported BT had confirmed the cancellation of the removal of the telephone boxes in Tarrants Keyneston and Rushton.

13. Asset review – to arrange the second of the twice-yearly asset reviews

Councillor Thomson kindly agreed to carry out the second of the year's reviews on the condition of Council assets and would report back to the next meeting, when the annual Risk Management meeting date would also be set.

14. Fingerpost directional signs – to consider the project for the refurbishment of the sign at Tarrant Keyneston Mill

It was requested this be an agenda item for the January meeting, when Councillor Harding would have detailed project figures and Councillor Thompson may have received historic information and photographs from a volunteer with the Dorset Area of Natural Beauty. The Clerk suggested consideration be given to whether the project would go forward on a heritage basis.

15. Defibrillator – to consider the purchase of a second machine and if so, the possible siting at All Saints Church

Initial enquires with All Saints Church wardens had resulted in some concerns being raised, including that the building was listed which would mean permission needing to be sought to site a defibrillator on it. Councillor Eaton confirmed that approximately £800 had been raised by local fundraising towards a second machine and volunteered to follow up enquiries with the Church wardens, whilst Councillor Harding would investigate possible other sites. As such it was:

RESOLVED this would be an agenda item for the January meeting when Councillors Eaton and Harding would report back on siting enquires made.

16. To consider any representation on the formation of the Local Government Re-organisation

Councillors confirmed they were aware of the representation period which lasts until 8 January and did not feel that a special meeting on the subject was required.

17. Footpaths - to report and decide on any matters

Councillor Thompson commented that the dying down of vegetation had helped with negotiation of local footpaths. It was confirmed there had been no sighting of old iron posts protruding along the water's edge on the path to Tarrant Crawford.

18. Highways – as above

One pothole was highlighted on the B3082 near to the golf course and the Clerk requested to report it to DCC.

(Chairman.....)

19. DAPTC – as above

Councillor Eaton had attended the AGM and noted the minutes had been distributed. She confirmed there were concerns raised over the housing development situation which had arisen in North Dorset and whether it favoured developers.

20. River Tarrant – to receive any update on this

There was no report or update on this.

21. Superfast Broadband – to receive any update

Councillor Thomson had made enquiries of Openreach as to when the cabinet in Tarrant Keynston may become active and had received the following on 7th November:

‘Cabinet 28 of the BLANDFORD exchange where you are connected now is going through the Final Quality Checks. It is in the Activation Stage. Normally, after the project reaches its final stage, it takes a month for the cabinet to get live, which is subject to change as it depends on physical work required. I’d suggest you to keep an eye on our website: <https://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx> for further improvement in your cabinet project.’

22. Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed all correspondence had been forwarded by email to Councillors.

23. To decide items for next agenda

Highways – HGV traffic – Councillors are requested to take note of vehicle movements prior to the January meeting to enable discussion on perceived increases.

Superfast broadband

Defibrillator

Fingerposts

2018\19 budget (including grass cutting) and precept setting

Asset review

Annual Risk Management meeting

24. To confirm dates of next year’s meetings

It was:

RESOLVED meetings would be held on 9th January, 13th March, 8th May (Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed at 7.30pm by Annual Council Meeting), 10th July, 11th September, 13th November 2018.

Signed(Chairman)

Date