

**SOUTH TARRANT VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
AT THE ANNE BIDDLECOMBE HALL, TARRANT KEYNESTON**

**Present:** Councillors Cossins, Eaton, Harding, Lee and Sweetland.

In attendance: Councillor D Skipwith, Clerk Mrs K Huck.  
1 member of the public was present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Garland, Munford and Thompson, together with apologies from County Councillor Croney.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in relation to this meeting.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2015 were approved and signed as an accurate record.

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillors confirmed receipt of an emailed report from Councillor Croney which covered the subjects of the Dorset Local Access Forum, Public Health Dorset and a Financial Update in respect of the County Council.

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Skipwith stated that there was nothing to report in addition to that referred to in the County Councillor's report.

**6. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Councillors received the information that, following notices being placed on the noticeboards in the Parish, three residents had put themselves forward for Co-Option on to the Council. One resident had previously been a member of the Council (Mr David Panter \ Tarrant Rushton). Mr Stuart Thomson (Tarrant Keyneston) and Mr Nick Parker (Tarrant Crawford) both gave brief details of their reasons for looking to be co-opted. After a unanimous vote by a show of hands, it was:

**RESOLVED that Mr David Panter, Mr Nick Parker and Mr Stuart Thomson be co-opted as full members on to the South Tarrant Valley Parish Council and that they sign a Declaration of Office as such.**

**7. OPEN DISCUSSION OF UP TO 30 MINUTES for members of the public to raise issues.**

The publican of the 'True Lovers Knot' in Tarrant Keyneston attended the meeting to confirm the management of the camping facilities being offered by the public house. He confirmed that the site had been licensed by North Dorset District Council; that there were 10 pitches in total available; that the numbers were being restricted to offer the best service; that the diversity was important to the overall business and that one caravan was permanently on site, which he owned. Councillors asked a number of questions and the Chairman then thanked the resident for attending the meeting and providing the information.

## FINANCES

8. Financial statements showing full details of the Council's income and expenditure for the months of July and August 2015 set against the budget together with a bank reconciliation were presented and approved.

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

536	Clerk's expenses	£41.69
537	ICL Web Design	£72.00
538	HMRC	£110.60
539	Clerk's salary	At agreed rate

## PLANNING

10. Current applications:

(a) Application: 2/2015/0841/HOUSE Proposal: Erect replacement garage (demolish existing). Location: Cedar Cottage, Valley Road, Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset. PENDING. Councillors had made a site visit on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015. A recommendation of No Objection had been registered with the District Council.

(b) Application: 2/2015/0968/FUL Proposal: Convert existing agricultural building to 1 No. dwelling and form 2 No. parking spaces. Location: Redundant Bull Pen, Preston Farm, Access to Preston Farm, Tarrant Rushton, Dorset. . PENDING. Councillors had made a site visit on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015. A recommendation of No Objection had been registered with the District Council.

11. Decisions for reporting:

The Council noted the following:

(a) Application: 2/2015/0812/LBC Proposal: Reconstruct courtyard room, internal alterations (demolish garage) Location: The Old Rectory, Valley Road, Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset. PERMITTED.

(b) Application: 2/2014/1196 FUL Green Acres. Min 10 of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 meeting referred – the Clerk advised that the Area Planning Team Leader (South) from the District Council had confirmed that, once the development had commenced, he would visit the site to ensure implementation in accordance with the approved plans and whether demolition of the existing building had taken place. He further advised that he would investigate any future concerns in this regard.

12. Appeals for reporting: there were no appeals to report.

## 13. WAR MEMORIAL

It was acknowledged that the work with the War Memorials Trust to release funding to assist with the project to clean and restore the Memorial was ongoing. Councillor Thompson was in contact with the Trust and as he had given his apologies for the meeting, it was AGREED that this be deferred to the November meeting when further information may be available.

## 14. SUPERFAST BROADBAND PROJECT

Council noted that there was no further local progress to report.

## 15. TELEPHONE BOXES AND SERVICE IN TARRANTS KEYNESTON AND RUSHTON

Council noted the condition of telephones and their boxes in Tarrants Keyneston and Rushton, with the former's telephone in service with the box in poor condition and the latter's telephone not working and the box in a very poor condition. It was:

**RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact the owner of the telephones and boxes (BT) to report the situation and that this be a standing item for future agendas until the matter has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion.**

## 16. FOOTPATHS

It was reported that the stile in 'Barry's field' remains in a poor condition and that the report will need to be followed up.

## 17. HIGHWAYS

Council discussed whether a speed recorder sign should be sited before the bend as the B3082 road entered Tarrant Keyneston and it was:

**RESOLVED that DCC's Highways Department would be contacted in respect of speed recording signage in Tarrant Keyneston and that the matter be reported at the November meeting.**

Council also discussed the siting and repair of the brown tourist sign (Historic Church) in Tarrant Crawford and it was:

**RESOLVED that the matter would be reported to the DCC's Highways Department.**

## 18. DAPTC

As one of the Council's representatives for DAPTC, Councillor Lee reported that he had attended a Northern Area meeting at which the subject of the Community Infrastructure Levy was discussed. It was confirmed that those parishes without a Neighbourhood Plan in place would receive a financial contribution (15%) from developers of larger projects, though this would be lower than those parishes with an approved Plan (25%).

## 19. DT11 Forum

As the Council's representative, Councillor Eaton confirmed there had been no meeting of the Forum since the last Council meeting. The next Forum would meet on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

## 20. RIVER TARRANT

Councillor Panter reported that the water table had increased and that the Environment Agency were continuing to monitor the flow. The subject of fallen trees in the river was discussed and it was confirmed that the removal of these was the responsibility of the riparian owner. Specific sites were discussed and Councillors agreed that they would contact the owners in question.

## 21. TREE WARDENS

It was confirmed that Councillors Harding and Thompson were the Council's Tree Wardens.

## 22. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

War Memorial cleaning and restoration  
Telephone services and boxes  
Highways signage (Min 17 of these minutes refers).  
Superfast Broadband  
Bus Shelter  
Dates for 2016 meetings  
Draft budget for 2016\17

## 23. NEXT MEETING – CONFIRMATION OF DATE

The next meeting of the Council was noted as being Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

Chairman .....(Date)