

TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (TPC)

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30 PM IN LADY EMILY COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Paul Grey, Robert Hodges, Robin Hodgson (Chair), Ian Howard, John Tallis, Janette Ward.

In attendance: Paul Hayden (Clerk).

Absent: Cllr Jakki Cunningham.

Public: FOUR.

1/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Board and Cllr Hardwick (Ward Councillor).

2/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & WRITTEN DISPENSATION REQUESTS

No interests declared or written dispensations requested.

3/23 PUBLIC SESSION

3.1/23 Members considered Cllr Hardwick's written report which included the following key points:

- Herefordshire Council (HC) are currently looking at the 2023/24 financial budget which is under pressure.
- Central Government rural grant announced just before Christmas is a little better than anticipated and this has allowed a balanced budget to be achieved.
- It is expected that an increase in Council Tax of 2.99% plus 2% for Adult Wellbeing (total 4.99%) will be set at the Council budget meeting in February. This is realistically the best we could expect with inflation figures as high as they are currently.

3.2/23 Members considered the views on parish matters from local residents:

- A Leys Farm resident raised an issue concerning possible unauthorised occupancy and building work in the area. This has been raised with Herefordshire Council Planning Department and the Clerk is awaiting a response.
- Another resident sought clarification on the amended planning application -181943 – which is to be considered under item 5.1/23.
- Another resident raised the issue of the piece of land in Church Lane which is used for parking by church attendees but is in extremely poor condition and presents a hazard to frail and elderly people.

4/23 MINUTES FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2022

RESOLVED: These minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5/23 PLANNING

Members considered comments on applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council: 5.1/23 Planning Consultation – 181943 – land to the north of School Road (U66207), Tarrington, Herefordshire. Outline planning application for up to 6 dwellings. All matters reserved apart from access.

RESOLVED: To support this application, but to request clarification on the future ownership and responsibility for ongoing maintenance of all the boundary hedges, grass verges and public open green spaces.

6/23 ROAD SAFETY

Members considered this item.

It was NOTED that TPC are still awaiting a response from Balfour Beatty on their road calming submission to the Herefordshire Council Village Safety Initiatives Scheme and Balfour Beatty Speed Indicator Device (SID) Assessment Request.

The gully at the junction of Church Lane and School Road is still blocked despite recent Balfour Beatty action. The problem is complicated by a broken drain-pipe and has been escalated to a drainage technician on the 4 January 2023. The foul water issue has yet to be addressed by the property owner.

Two SIDs have been purchased and will be deployed using the existing poles whilst awaiting the response from Balfour Beatty SID assessment request for the new location at Garbrook.

RESOLVED: Cllr Hodges will continue to monitor the foul water and blocked gully and report back on progress at the next meeting.

7/23 WEST MERCIA POLICE COMMUNITY CHARTER AND COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

The West Mercia Police Traffic Management Adviser (TMA) has confirmed that arrangements are in progress for the deployment of a speed enforcement van in Tarrington and that speed data collection in Garbrook has been booked.

An updated West Mercia Police Community Charter for Q1 2023 has been received. Road safety including speeding and dangerous driving through Tarrington on the A438 remains the key priority for TPC and West Mercia Police.

West Mercia Police Hereford Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at LECH on Thursday the 19th January 2023 between 2 and 3pm for residents to raise issues and concerns. Notices have been posted on all parish noticeboards and website.

RESOLVED: Clerk requested to progress speed enforcement and speed data collection.

8/23 SID & S106 FUNDS

Herefordshire Council S106 team have confirmed that in relation to the £15,200 received in February 2021 for the Highways gain type, £3,800 remain as £11,800 was used to implement the traffic reduction order (TRO) in Garbrook. Two SIDs have been purchased for £3,800 plus VAT and the Clerk will request reimbursement from S106 funds.

9/23 DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator located in the disused telephone box in the village is no longer supported. Members considered a proposal that TPC take on responsibility for maintaining the defibrillator.

RESOLVED: TPC will assume immediate responsibility for maintaining and supporting the defibrillator. Cllr Hodgson will notify The Community Heartbeat Trust of this change.

10/23 FINANCE

10.1/23 Members approved the financial reports from the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO).

10.2/23 Members considered all the invoices listed by the RFO.

10.2.1/23 Richard Mills invoice no. 3611 hedge cutting £193.50 plus VAT.

10.2.2/23 Glasdon UK inv. S1851582 litter bin & fixings £217.37 plus VAT.

10.2.3/23 Elan City inv. SAJ-UK/2022/00930 SIDs £3,800 plus VAT.

10.2.4/23 Clerks November & December 2022 salaries £857.62.

10.2.5/23 PAYE £26.

10.2.6/23 Autela payroll Services inv. 10556 £57 plus VAT.

10.2.7/23 The Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd inv. 15207 for replacement pads £96 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: All invoices approved for payment.

11/23 BARRS ORCHARD PARKING

The Clerk clarified the protected green spaces with Platform Housing and received a reply stating that following a resident survey most respondents are happy with their parking arrangements and Platform Housing will not be taking any action to provide more parking at this time.

RESOLVED: Item completed.

12/23 FOOTPATHS

Members considered the Parish Footpath Officer's report. Key points included:

- The broken stile at Orchard Hill on TR6 reported 13 July 2022.
- The broken hand rail on bridge TR15 to Durlow reported 29 October 2022.
- Footpaths new noticeboard scheduled to be installed by the parish Lengthsman.
- New maps required for footpaths noticeboard.
- Decorative signpost to be obtained.

RESOLVED: Cllr Cunningham to speak to landowner and obtain consent to repair broken stile on footpath TR6.

RESOLVED: Clerk requested to write to the parish Lengthsman to repair broken stile on TR6 once consent obtained.

RESOLVED: Cllr Ward to give the old maps to Cllr Hodges who will check to see if he has the source files.

RESOLVED: Cllr Ward to provide photo of signpost to Clerk to obtain quotations to purchase.

13/23 SIGN FOR JUBILEE GREEN GATE

Members considered Jubilee Green. In the conveyance documents relating to this plot of land there is a clear covenant on TPC not to use the land otherwise than as a village green and play area for the benefit of the residents of the area. It was NOTED that this covenant was a significant factor in obtaining planning permission to build the homes in Church View.

RESOLVED: TPC will continue to use jubilee Green as a village green for the benefit of the residents of the area.

RESOLVED: TPC will continue to maintain the grass and hedges at Jubilee Green.

RESOLVED: The wording for the gate sign will be 'Village Green. Open to all'.

14/23 TARRINGTON VILLAGE WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

Deferred to the next meeting in Cllr Cunningham's absence.

15/23 BUILDERS SIGN AT STOCKS FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Only one complaint has been received following the Tatler article asking for comments from residents who have experienced difficulty pulling onto the main road at this location.

RESOLVED: No action to be taken and item completed.

16/23 ASHPERTON ESTATE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Members considered the document from Highfield Forestry.

RESOLVED: TPC support the proposals.

17/23 2023 MEETING DATES

Members considered meeting dates for ordinary meetings of the parish council, the date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

RESOLVED: TPC meetings will take place on the following dates:

All meetings will be held on Monday commencing 7.30pm in Lady Emily Community Hall

9th January 2023

13th March 2023

15th May 2023 Annual meeting of Tarrington Parish Council

10th July 2023

11th September 2023

13th November 2023

The Tarrington Annual Parish Meeting 2023 will be held on Monday the 13th March 2023 commencing at 6.30pm in Lady Emily Community Hall.

18/23 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY 13th MARCH 2023

Road Safety.

West Mercia Police Community Charter and speed enforcement.

SID & S106.

Footpaths report and outstanding actions.

Tarrington village website administrator.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17 pm.

SIGNED.....

DATE.....