

TARRINGTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MAY 2022 AT 6.30PM IN LADY EMILY COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Gill Board, Jakki Cunningham, Robert Hodges, Ian Howard, John Tallis and Janette Ward (Chair).

In attendance: Mr Paul Hayden (Clerk).

Members of the Public: ONE

1/22 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Cllr Ward welcomed everyone to this annual parish meeting.

2/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Avery and Hodgson.

3/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2018 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed.

4/22 ANNUAL REPORT OF TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Ward presented her report (attached as Annex A to these minutes).

5/22 TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Responsible Finance Officer/Clerk presented the following financial summary:

Total Income 2021/22	£16,509.95	Precept	£ 16,500
		Bank interest	£ 9.95
Total Expenditure 2021/22	£ 13,143 of which:	Clerk	37%
		Lengthsman	15%
		Fixed Assets	15%
		Grants	14%
		Admin costs	14%
		NDP	5%

There were no matters raised by the public and the meeting was closed at 18.46 pm.

Signed:

Date:

These minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting at the annual parish meeting held on Monday the 13th March 2023 and signed by the Cllr Ward as PC Chair.

Annex A to Annual Parish Meeting 9th May 2022 Minutes

Chairman's Report

Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 9th May 2022

During the past year Parish Council (PC) meetings have been held in person, according to a directive from central government. PC have held meetings in the main hall at Lady Emily Hall to ensure social distancing and adequate ventilation. Covid rates remain high but are no falling. PC meetings were held on 27th May, 1st June, 12th July, 13th September, 8th November, 16th December (extraordinary), 2021 and on 14th March 2022.

Councillors are Phil Avery, Gillian Board, Jakki Cunningham, Robert Hodges, Robin Hodgson (Vice Chair), Ian Howard, John Tallis, Janette Ward (Chairman). Ward John Hardwick and Clerk, Paul Hayden.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan has now been made/adopted and forms part of the statutory development plan for Herefordshire. The adoption/made notice is on the Herefordshire Council website, the parish website and noticeboards.

Highways: Road safety is a priority. The speed limit of 40 mph has been implemented through Garbrook; PC has applied for funding to install a number of traffic calming measures including a new Speed Indicator Device.

Durlow Common Road is in urgent need of resurfacing but is not on Balfour Beatty's annual plan for this financial year. PC continue to apply to Balfour Beatty to give this priority.

Footpaths and open spaces: Footpaths are maintained by landowners, and where maintenance is not carried out, Parish Council has maintained them to ensure that they are open and passable. PC maintains the village green grass cutting, hedges and shrubs. Two new picnic benches and gate have been installed at the village green.

Central government has abandoned the policy to record all public footpaths and "lost" paths by 2026. There is no cut-off date and any paths which need to be opened and maintained can be applied for into the future. The Ramblers and footpaths' officers are working to improve connectivity of paths in Herefordshire.

Transport: DRM 476 Ledbury to Hereford bus service has been reduced from an hourly service to a two hourly service. There are no evening buses. Central government did not award funding to Herefordshire Council to run bus services. This will have an effect on residents and prospective residents at the new housing estate at Garbrook. There is likely to be an increase in traffic so Parish Council's focus on road safety is very important.

I would like to thank all councillors, our Ward Councillor and Clerk for their work and support over the past year. I hope that in 2022/23 we will have opportunities to make further progress to improve facilities in the village and we welcome ideas and support from parishioners.

Janette Ward

Chairman, Tarrington Parish Council

9th May 2022