

TARRINGTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024 AT 6.30PM IN LADY EMILY COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Jakki Cunningham, Paul Grey, Robert Hodges, Ian Howard, John Tallis (Chairman), and Janette Ward.

In attendance: Cllr Graham Biggs (Ward Councillor).
Cllr Jonathan Lester, Leader of Herefordshire Council.
Mr Paul Hayden (Clerk).

Members of the Public: ONE

1/24 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Cllr Tallis welcomed everyone to this annual parish meeting.

2/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Linzy Outtrim.

3/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 13th March 2023 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed.

4/24 ANNUAL REPORT OF TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Tallis presented his report (attached as Annex A to these minutes).

5/24 TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

Total Income 2023/24	£17,945	Precept	£ 16,500
		VAT reclaim	£ 1,418
		Bank interest	£ 27
			£ 17,945
Total Expenditure 2022/23	£ 19,295 of which:	Clerk	40%
		Lengthsman	26%
		Admin costs	11%
		Grants	11%
		Village website costs	4%
		HALC subscription	4%
		Fixed Assets	3%
		LECH hire	1%
			100%

Grants were made to the Tarrington Village Website, Tarrington Tatler and to LECH.

6/24 CLLR JONATHAN LESTER LEADER OF HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Cllr Lester gave a presentation on his role and vision as Leader of Herefordshire Council, the work of the Council, the key challenges, achievements so far, the four key themes of Economic growth, People, Place and Transformation and answered questions from those present.

7/24 PUBLIC MATTERS

No matters raised.

The meeting was closed at 7.58 pm.

Signed:

Date:

These minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting at the annual parish meeting held on Monday the 12th May 2025 and signed by the chair of the meeting.

Chairman's Report

Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 13th March 2023

Six ordinary and 2 extraordinary meetings were held during the year 1st April 2023 to the 31st March 2024.

The Council considered thirteen planning applications within the parish and a number regarding adjoining parishes, during the year, representing local resident views.

We welcomed Linzy Outtrim as a new parish councillor filling the vacancy created when Robin Hodgson stepped down in May 2023. Cllr Gillian Board resigned in May 2024. The current parish councillors are Jakki Cunningham, Paul Grey, Robert Hodges, Ian Howard, Linzy Outtrim, John Tallis (Chairman), Janette Ward (Vice-Chair). Cllr Graham Biggs is the Ward Councillor, since May 2023, and Paul Hayden is the Clerk.

Highway safety remains the Council's key priority and the parish council is working with West Mercia Police to implement speed enforcement in the village. Two new speed indicator devices were purchased, last year. To date, we have only managed to commission one of them, on the approach to the village from Ledbury. The second planned location in Garbrook has been problematic, with a long delay for Herefordshire Council to give permission for the installation and subsequently Balfour Beatty have been non-responsive with respect to installing the pole. The Council's application for a grant from the Safer Villages Scheme to install road calming measures was unsuccessful, so we will prepare a submission to Herefordshire Council to commission the work from parish council reserves.

Durlow Common Road remains in urgent need of resurfacing, but we have no indication that Herefordshire Council have attached any priority to solving this issue. The Council have and will continue to raise the problem with Herefordshire Council.

The Parish Footpath Officer continues to work with local landowners to maintain the public footpaths and stiles, and where maintenance is not carried out, the parish council has provided remedial support to ensure that they are kept open and passable. The parish council maintains the village green cutting the grass, hedges and shrubs and encourages all residents to make use of this facility. The parish council also financially supports the Lady Emily Hall to maintain the playing field and playground at the Hall.

Finally, I would like to thank all councillors, our current Ward Councillor and Clerk for their work over the past year. Our belated thanks are also due to John Hardwick, the previous Ward Councillor, whose invaluable support and advice served us well for many years. I hope that in 2024/25 we will have opportunities to make further progress to improve facilities in the village and we welcome ideas and support from residents.

Cllr John Tallis
Chairman, Tarrington Parish Council
13th May 2024