

# Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Teffont Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs Blamey, Cordle, Deane, Fisher, Wood and Worth

**In attendance:** Cllr Wayman, Parish Clerk, 1 member of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr Aspden

There were no questions from any members of the public present.

Cllr Wayman reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission had published draft proposals for new boundaries in the area. For the Nadder and East Knoyle area the proposal is to split it in two, Chalke with Lower Nadder and Upper Nadder with the Deverills. Any comments to Wiltshire Council by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Cllrs requested the Clerk send all Cllrs a copy of the map showing the proposed boundaries.

Cllr Wood opened the meeting at 18:03.

**1. To receive and accept apologies.**

Cllr Aspden – work commitments

**2. Exclusion of the press and public.**

None required

**3. Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Blamey declared an interest in the planning application at The Holt.

**4. Chairman's announcements.**

John Webb has expressed concern re the amount of weed in the stream and the flood risk. It was agreed by Cllrs that after the very informative talk from the Environment Agency and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust this problem had been addressed.

**5. Minutes of the Annual Parish meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The previously circulated minutes were approved by Councillors. They were then signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meetings held.

**6. Planning – New Applications**

**19/05197//FUL. The Holt, Teffont.**

Demolition of side extension, replacement with rear garden room and utility room single storey extension, second floor alterations with new dormer windows to existing attic room.

Mr Blamey explained his application. There had been a pre application consultation, the conservation officer agreed with the plans with no objections. He said he had submitted a very detailed design statement which, in conjunction with the Architect explains in detail what is proposed.

It is mainly unseen from the road and is replacing an ugly extension.

Cllr Cordle asked about the dormer windows in the thatch. Mr Blamey produced a drawing showing how they would look.

Cllr Blamey withdrew from the room.

Cllrs comments.

Cllr Fisher considered it a considerable improvement to the look of the property but was uncertain about the dormer windows in the thatched roof which are not recommended in the VDS.

Cllr Worth has worked with the Architect and considered her standard of work and attention to detail to be of very high quality.

Cllr Cordle commented that the footprint was larger but it was a quality build.

Cllr Wood proposed supporting the application with no comments. Cllrs agreed. The Clerk will write to the planning department.

**7. Finance Accounts.**

- a) Councillors noted the bank balance for Teffont Parish Council which was £17,569.65
- b) Cllrs noted that the balance agreed with the account figures prepared by the RFO and are therefore properly reconciled as at 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.
- c) Councillors reviewed the financial forecast for the year ending 2020.
- d) Cllrs noted the payments made from the Council account since the last meeting.
- e) Councillors approved payments due.

**8. Defibrillators**

Cllr Wood summarised the results of his email to all villagers re defibrillators.

- There is no recollection that a defibrillator has ever been required or used in Teffont.
- Many villagers support further first aid and CPR training.
- 2 villagers stated there should be a defibrillator in the village.

Cllr Fisher said that on calling 999 the operator would talk the defibrillator user through the process.

Cllr Deane had consulted with Howards House and they had said they would hold a defibrillator and do weekly checks as required.

Cllr Cordle suggested that at least 3 defibrillators would be required to cover the village adequately.

Cllrs consulted the Clerk in her role as a Practice Nurse. She confirmed that a defibrillator could be used even if the time scale to get it to the patient was prolonged as long as good CPR was being done. She also confirmed that her investigations had not found any of the surrounding villages with defibrillators had used them. She told Cllrs that Tisbury Surgery defibrillator had only been used a few times in the 16 years she had been working there.

Cllrs discussed the issue and concluded that the evidence supports TPC's policy that providing First Aid and CPR training to villagers is beneficial to more people. However, if there are villagers who feel strongly TPC will support any efforts to raise the money to buy one or more. There are costs involved once bought including weekly checks, replacing pads, the battery and the life of a defibrillator is approximately 3 years so that too has to be factored in.

The Chairman proposed he write a letter to all villagers confirming TPC's position on this matter. This was agreed by Cllrs.

**9. Metro counts**

There have been 2 metro counts in the village recently. One at TPC request for 20mph zones in the village and another by Wiltshire Council. TPC should hear the results of the 20mph count soon.

**10. Website.**

Postponed again as Cllr Aspden not present.

**11. R2 funding**

Cllrs discussed options for using this money for the village. Footpaths were an obvious choice but it was pointed out that there is funding available from other sources for footpath maintenance.

Cllr Fisher requested some money was put towards placing the restored bench in Magna churchyard. She did not have a quote for the work. Cllrs wondered why Teffont Trust could not fund this as the bench had been restored courtesy of TPC.

Cllr Fisher suggested maybe a 50:50 split but quotes would be required before a decision could be made.

Cllr Fisher also asked if repair of the railings around the village green could be considered.

Cllr Worth asked why if TT took responsibility for repairing the path to Magna Church without reference to TPC they were now asking for funding to position the bench that TPC has had restored.

Funding the 20mph work if it is given the go ahead was suggested and the list of suggestions compiled by Cllrs at the last meeting still are valid.

**12. Publishing Agenda and Minutes of TPC meetings on Town Crier.**

TPC agreed the Agenda and Minutes of meetings should be published on Town Crier via a link to the Teffont website.

**13. Footpaths.**

Cllr Wood reported there had been a positive response to his letter to footpath owners. He suggested the way forward was to set up a working group to carry out a footpath survey to include all work that is required, costs involved and plan of action.

Cllrs agreed to this plan. Cllr Wood asked for a volunteer from the Parish Council to lead the working group. Cllr Blamey volunteered. It was suggested that Jackie Edwards as footpath warden and Zillah Faulkner as an interested party should be invited to join the group. This was agreed but also to engage the footpath owners where relevant.

Jackie Edwards has suggested an annual village footpath clear up, similar to the village litter pick up. This is an option for the working party to consider.

Cllr Worth had costed kissing gates finding a huge difference in quotes. They need to be professionally fitted. There are a range of gates available some from WC at no cost. There are various funds and help available.

**14. Clerk's report.**

The Clerk had received a planning application that day from Paddock View. The Chairman proposed it is considered through email initially as there were no plans available to help with whether a meeting would be needed.

She reminded Cllrs of the Planning training day she had circulated to them all. If they would like to attend please inform her.

There had been correspondence between Mr Robinson and EHD re lorries turning left at the Lodge onto the B3089 or turning right towards Chicks Grove. He appears to have made some progress. Cllrs considered it would be helpful to have signs on that junction and one on the turning off the A303 into Evias. Cllr Deane suggested the Clerk wrote to Julie Watts requesting these signs be put up.

**15. To note any items to be reported to Highways or the Parish Steward**

Hedge alongside B3089 opposite the Village Hall.

**16. Any Other Business**

Cllr Blamey - Reminder that the Village Show is on 24<sup>th</sup> August this year.

Cllr Worth – tarmac left on the ox drove, not spread into the pot holes. She will speak to Mr Cowan about this.

**17. Items for the next agenda.**

Please note that any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by 9am on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

18. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Teffont Village Hall.

Cllr Wood closed the meeting at 19.22