

Teffont Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Community Meeting held in Teffont
Village Hall
And via Zoom

22nd June 2021 at 18:00

MEETING CONVENED: 18:03

Those present:

Parish Councillors: E. Worth (Chair). Ian Johnson (Vice Chair). R. Blamey. J. Graham

Also in attendance: M. Honeybourne (Parish Clerk). 3 members of the Public

Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

Councillor Wayman was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. Apologies were received by the Clerk. Councillor Wayman sent her report to be read by the Chair.

MEETING MINUTES

Resolution to receive apologies for absence.

Councillor Deane (work commitments). Councillor Fisher (ill health).

No apologies were received from Councillor Aspden.

Proposed: JG

Seconded: IJ

Carried: Unanimously

Welcome.

Councillor Worth welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

REPORTS – no resolutions required.

The following reports were made available on www.teffont.com prior to the meeting.

Councillor Waymans report was read to those present at the meeting.

- Teffont Parish Council Chair's Annual Report
- Wiltshire Councillors Annual Report
- Teffont Trust Annual Report
- Teffont Neighbourhood Watch Annual Report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teffont Speedwatch Annual Report • Teffont Garden Club Annual Report • Teffont Parish Council Annual Financial report
	<p>Capital Investment Plan and Village Green Restoration – Councillor Johnson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Johnson explained to the members of public present. The Capital Investment Plan has been created to manage the risk of the Village assets. • An asset register has been made to evaluate the assets by risk, value and longevity. • The register contains some 45 items (plus sub-categories) including the thatched bus shelters, village green, border stones, benches and finger posts. • The Asset register and Capital Investment Plan are living documents and are regularly reviewed. • The Parish Council will begin to accrue funds to enable the assets to be replaced when they deteriorate beyond repair. • Funds will also be accrued to enable continual maintenance of Village assets. • Current active projects include the bus shelters, re-ridging of the thatch and maintenance of the larch panels, at a cost of £2,400. The Village green oak posts are being replace at a cost of £600 and 2 new benches are being ordered and will be dedicated to key members of the Village, • Teffont Trust recognise the importance of these items in the Village and have generously offered to donate funds to support these projects. • Grateful thanks go to the Teffont Trust for their continued support. • CIL funds are also available. The Clerk will check the expiry date of the CIL funds.
	<p>Public Participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reverend Tina Fox attended the meeting in person to represent The Parochial Church Committee. Reverend Fox read the PCC report to the meeting. The report is available on the Village website www.teffont.com. • Reverend Fox expressed deep concern for the deficit in the Diocese funds of £12 million. She explained that the Diocese is currently unable to meet its financial obligations. Reverend Fox was unsure the local Community fully understands the Diocese costs which include Reverend Elaine Brightwells salary and her travel costs. • Reverend Fox explained there was a risk of losing one of the Churches. The current Church electoral roll stands at 39 people and their donations are insufficient to meet the running costs of the Churches. New members of the Church are needed but this has proved difficult during the Pandemic. Fundraising is urgently needed to support the Churches • The Church currently has no Warden. • The Parish Council were very concerned and suggested different ways to support fundraising. Reverend Fox welcomed the ideas but reminded the Parish Council of the day to day running costs that need a sustainable solution to the shortfall in funds. • The Parish Council value the Church as part of our Community and offered their support to the PCC. • Councillor Worth thanked Reverend Fox to coming to talk to the Community meeting.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Corrie was invited to speak to the meeting by Councillor Worth. • Ms Corrie wished to raise a “rallying cry” to ask the Village to come together to support business and households to get subsidies for better WiFi and mobile

	<p>phone coverage in the Village and wanted to make the Parish Council aware of Government subsidies available for this purpose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Councillors were in agreement, the coverage and broadband speeds were variable throughout the Village and whilst there may be better coverage inside homes, this was not the case in the street. • The point was also made, that a good signal would be needed in an emergency. • The Parish Council agreed to support the issue and investigate the matter further. <p>Propose: EW Seconded: IJ Carried: Unanimously</p>
	<p>Councillor Worth thanked Richard McNamara for his participation in meetings on Zoom.</p> <p>Councillor Worth thanked all participants and closed the meeting</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed: 18:56</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: 13.07.2021 at Teffont Village Hall at 18:00</p> <p>Note: The Village Hall is open for 30 minutes prior to the start of any public meeting for questions from any resident.</p>

