

Teffont Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Teffont Village Hall

4th April 2023 at 18:00

MEETING CONVENED: 18:00

Those present:

Parish Councillors: E. Worth (Chair). I. Johnson (Vice Chair). J. Aspden. T. Deane.
S. O'Donnell

Also in attendance: M. Honeybourne (Parish Clerk).

Questions and Statements.

The Chair invited questions and statements from the public.

No members of the public were present, therefore, no questions or statements were tabled.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor.

Councillor Wayman was not in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES

23.04.01

Resolution to receive apologies for absence.

Councillor Graham. (Work commitments). Councillor Blamey (Other commitment)

Proposed: EW Seconded: IJ Carried: Unanimously

RESOLVED. Council resolved to accept apologies

23.04.02

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

None

23.04.03	<p>Resolution of Minutes.</p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th March 2023 were presented as an accurate and true reflection of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed. SO Seconded. TD Carried. Unanimously</p> <p>Resolved. Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting held 07.03.23</p>
23.04.04	<p>Planning Matters.</p> <p>PL/2023/00619 Lantern House.</p> <p>As there were no representatives to support the application, the Chair asked Councillors for comments. Councillors unanimously agreed they had no objections to the erection of a car port at Lantern House, Teffont.</p> <p>Proposed: IJ Seconded: SO Carried: Unanimously</p> <p>RESOLVED: Teffont Parish Council resolved to submit a declaration of 'no objection' to Wiltshire Planning department for the erection of a car port at Lantern House, Teffont</p>
23.04.05	<p>Finance Reports.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Parish Council of their current financial position. The Clerk informed the PC of the outstanding balance for financial year 22/23 and the finances are reconciled with all bank accounts.</p> <p>There were no cheque payments made.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Parish Council that she was preparing documents for the Annual Governance Audit. The Chair agreed to ask Mr Don Ridley to complete the financial audit for the year 22/23.</p> <p>The Clerk asked the Council to agree the financial records as true and accurate for the financial year 22/23</p> <p>Proposed: SO Seconded: TD Carried: Unanimously</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council resolved to accept the financial statement as a true and accurate report of their financial position for year ending 22/23.</p>
23.04.05a	<p>The Clerk presented the AGAR documents to the Council for audit by Mr Don Ridley. Council agreed to apply for a Certificate of Exemption from the auditors</p> <p>Proposed: EW Seconded: IJ Carried: Unanimously</p> <p>Resolved: Council resolved to submit their financial documents for audit by Mr Don Ridley and to apply for a Certificate of Exemption from the external auditors.</p>
23.04.06	<p>Capital Investment Plan Review 22/23</p> <p>Councillor Johnson reviewed the works carried out in the village during the last year and reviewed outstanding works and costs required for the thatched bus shelters, covered by a donation from Teffont Trust, village noticeboards (£600) and servicing for the defibrillators (£200). The location of the defibrillators has been registered with the emergency services. David Scott is completing some renovation works to the playground and village benches (£185). No major works are anticipated for the next financial year. Planned expenditure for the next year is approximately £1000 from the CIP account.</p>
23.04.07	<p>Annual Community Gathering.</p> <p>The Chair reviewed the success of the format of last years Annual Community Gathering and expressed a desire to continue it for this year. Last years meeting had an attendance of 40 residents from the village. The Chair explained the purpose of the gathering is to discuss local topics with the Community and to use the meeting to formulate the Parish Council strategy for the next year. Council agreed subjects of interest may be the environment to include flooding, the river, dark skies. Planning, crime prevention to include fly tipping, climate emergency. Social events, Highways,</p>

	Public transport.
23.04.08	<p>Teffont Trust Update.</p> <p>Councillor Johnson confirmed Teffont Trust support for the renovation of the bus shelters. Outstanding renovations to the border stones is required but no approach for funding has been made. The current secretary has resigned her position and Mrs Z. Faulkner has agreed to take over. The Chair raised the matter of the oil tank at the village hall which is nearing the end of its life and is beginning to show signs of corrosion, which makes it susceptible to a leak. The Chair stated an oil leak from the tank in to the river would be a disaster. Councillor Johnson agreed to raise the matter with the Teffont Trust as a matter of urgency. The Chair stated It would be beneficial to the look of the village to move the location of the tank to a less obtrusive position or to consider a more environmentally sustainable form of heating the village hall.</p>
23.04.09	<p>Highways Subcommittee Update.</p> <p>Councillor Deane was asked to update the Council on the results of the traffic survey. Councillor Deane had not received the results from Councillor Blamey and was, therefore, unable to do so.. The Clerk had not received the results either. The Chair asked Councillor Deane to assume the lead for Highways matters and inform Highways, Paul Shaddock and David Button that Councillor Blamey was stepping down and to arrange for communications to go via Councillor Deane in future. Further discussion was deferred until the results of the survey are known.</p>
23.04.10	<p>Dark skies evening presentation 24th April.</p> <p>The Clerk distributed leaflets to the Councillors who agreed to post them throughout households in the village.</p>
23.04.11	<p>Coronation Party Update</p> <p>Councillor Johnson informed the Council the party is confirmed for 7th May party-Hog roast, brass band road closure notice given, 8th May rounders and picnic. Total cost £3000 approximately. Donations given but there is a negative £745 which will be met by ticket charge, kids free. The Chair thanked Councillor Johnson for his hard work.</p>
23.04.11a	<p>Speed Watch Co Ordinator</p> <p>The Chair announced Mr Mick Audus has agreed to takeover the role speed watch Co Ordinator following the resignation of Mr Nick Nicholson.</p> <p>Councillor Deane expressed his personal opinion on Speed watch and questioned the effectiveness of this means of monitoring traffic speed.</p> <p>The Clerk had received an email from a village resident expressing his personal dissatisfaction with the monitoring of traffic speeds using this method.</p> <p>The Chair formally thanked Mr Nick Nicholson for his work as the Speed watch Co Ordinator.</p> <p>Councillor Johnson stated Speed Watch is a useful deterrent.</p> <p>The Clerk suggested Speedwatch could be discussed by the Community at the Annual Gathering. The Chair agreed.</p> <p>The Chair proposed the appointment of Mr Mick Audus to Speedwatch Co Ordinator. The Chair proposed the matter of Speedwatch be added to the Annual Community Gathering for the Community to decide whether it wishes to monitor traffic in this way</p> <p>Proposed. IJ Seconded: SO Carried: Unanimously</p> <p>RESOLVED. Council resolved to appoint Mick Audus as speedwatch Co Ordinator. Council resolved to discuss Speedwatch with the local community.</p>

23.04.12	<p>Parish Steward.</p> <p>Councillor Johnson has agreed to be the point of contact for the Parish Steward should there be any additional works to be discussed.</p> <p>Councillor Johnson requested a list of works to be carried out by the Parish Steward.</p> <p>Proposed: JA Seconded: SO Carried: Unanimously</p> <p>Resolved: Council resolved to appoint Councillor Johnson as the point of contact for the Parish Steward</p>
23.04.13	<p>Chairs Report.</p> <p>The Chair requested a costing for writing a planning strategy for the village and updating the VDS. The Planning consultant charges £95 and wrote the Chute NPPF. Councillors would like to know what her charge would be. The Chair will go back and request a quote.</p> <p>Councillor Worth and O'Donnell attended a Climate Action workshop and will review their notes and opinions.</p> <p>Councillor Worth wished to thank Councillor Blamey for the Village Clean Up and to also thank the volunteers. It was a great success.</p> <p>The Chair wished to expressed her horror at the fly tipping on the OX Drove. Furniture, asbestos and other hazardous items were found. Councillor Wayman was notified and the enforcement officers were quickly in attendance. Specialists were needed to remove the asbestos.</p> <p>Councillor Deane and O'Donnell commented on the new costs and permit system now levied by Wiltshire Council which are acting as a deterrent to the public disposing of waste at recycling centres and abetting fly tipping.</p> <p>Councillor Deane suggested a village skip twice a year. Concern was expressed that you encourage people to dump waste who are not part of the village. Council agreed to continue the discussion</p> <p>The Chair wished to sadly announce the resignation of Councillor Aspden. Councillor Aspden has been on the Council for 7 years and has been absolutely invaluable to the Council. The Chair stated Councillor Aspdens clear thinking and legal knowledge had contributed much to Council decision making and strategy. With regret Councillor Worth accepted Councillor Aspdens resignation.</p>
23.04.14	<p>Clerks Report. The Clerk informed the Council of an upcoming conference on Planning in West Lavington. The Clerk agreed to find out more information.</p>
22.02.19	<p>Correspondence Received.</p> <p>The Clerk received an email from Mr. M. Groom at the beginning of the meeting</p>
22.02.20	<p>Items for the next agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Steward update • Highways update • Coronation Celebrations update
	<p>Meeting Closed: 19:46</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: Annual Community Gathering 18th April 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>

