



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Ordinary Meeting of Tatworth & Forton

Parish Council

Held on 4 March 2021 at 7pm

Present: Chairman: R Down, Councillors: S Adams, T Eggins, A Goody, C Heal, L Matthey, J MacOmish, E Peadon, R Wardell, K Robbins, M Marsh and S Baldwin.

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Councillors Gemma Verdon and Martin Wale gave an insight to the possible pending unity changes, understood to be Government led with forthcoming elections delayed, A link for consultation purposes would be available. Councillor Kenton provided an insight to other District activities.

195/21 To Receive Apologies.

None were Received.

196/21 Declarations of Interest.

None were Received.

197/21 Approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th February 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Robbins, Seconded by Councillor Goody, Councillor MacOmish abstained.

Matters arising from the approved minutes. None

198/21 Chairman's Announcements.

None

199-21 Planning:

No applications noted

200/21 Councillor Training

Members agreed that a programme of training should continue, it was well received and felt helpful to new Councillors.

201/21 SID, update on installation and availability of temporary facility.

Unit now fixed to post near bus shelter at the bottom of Dyke Hill, this will determine speed of approaching vehicles. Order of SID progressing.

202/21 Future of Jubilee Field-Deferred from January meeting.

Noted that the outstanding item from January requested Councillors to have ideas recorded before the April meeting. If no suggestions were made it was considered that the Council should continue with the original proposal.

Debate ensued when members felt the overall capital cost was unacceptable and that the proposal did not go far enough. Considerations, turning it into a community woodland, allotments to be moved with the present scheme not having an impact on the wet patch, cover 30% of the site with woodland and wild flowers, should be put to residents.

Finally it was proposed by Councillor Eggins, seconded by Councillor Goody and agreed that the item be referred back to the Amenities Committee for further consideration.

203/21 Jubilee Field, commemorative sign for the Royal Oak Tree marking the Queens Jubilee.

Councillor Eggins indicated the position of the tree and suggested that the tree should be identified by a plaque. It was noted that a tree was also planted in Forton with a plaque.

Councillors Goody and Adams to identify where the tree is in Forton. Three quotation for plaques to be obtained.

Proposed by Councillor Goody and seconded by Councillor Eggins and agreed that the Amenities Committee progress.

204/21 Correspondence/Emails.

The schedule of items was noted.

205/21 Clerks Report.

The Clerk presented a report on current and recent events. The report was noted with reference to the need for the trees to be inspected on a 3-year basis for insurance purposes. Agreed that this be considered further by the Amenities committee.

206/21 Somerset unitarising of Local Government.

Councillor Wardell introduced the item indicating that the Parish Council could say nothing, or convey a view to the Ministry. Other Parishes already subject to unity areas had been consulted.

Agreed that Members, who wished, could read and investigate the background papers so to form an opinion. Councillor Wardell suggested that Members should consider a recommendation at the next meeting.

207/21 Community Projects.

Councillor Heal presented details of the findings following the recent survey which was inconclusive. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes of this meeting. Agreed that Councillor Heal should report back to a future meeting once additional detail had been received.

208/21 Invoices for Payment.

	Gross	VAT
Dru Doble Set up new lap top.	£134.49	NIL
Somerset Ass. Local Council Member Training	£25.00	NIL
Tatworth Memorial Hall Hire of Parish office	£522.00	NIL
Rialtas Finance Annual support	£148.80	£24.80
Staff Salaries January and February	£2107.87	

The clerk referred to an earlier payment of £35 to the commissioner's office which if not paid by DD should be £40.00. The earlier cheque to be destroyed and a replacement drawn.

209/21 To approve payment for staff time spent on training.

Proposed by Councillor Goody, seconded by Councillor Wardell and agreed that the assistant should be paid accordingly.

210/21 To approve a request to tender for Pat testing for all Councils electrical equipment.

Proposed by Councillor Goody, seconded by Councillor Robbins that this should be undertaken subject to three tenders being obtained. Also the cost of an inhouse appliance/kit to be established.

211/21 Matters which Councillors wish to report.

1) Notices to be placed on the Notice Board saying what the council were doing. Noted that items were to be placed on the website and in the Drift publication when back in print. Opportunity for public to attend meetings when face to face was possible.

2) Clearance of footpaths- place on next agenda and establish liability either County or District Councils.

3) Planning Decision-Manor Farm Forton, Erection of Garage, refused by planners, to be investigated.

4) Jubilee Field trees, tender has been sought and would be reported to next Amenities Committee.

212/21 Confidential Matters

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of this business to be transacted the Press and Public now be excluded.

213/21 Date of Next Meeting: 8th April 2021 at 7pm.