



# TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Held on 5 August 2021 at 7pm Tatworth Memorial Hall

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

District Councillors Kenton and Wale.

14 Members of the Public

### Reports from County and District Councillors.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman invited District Councillor Wale to present any comments. Councillor Wale referred to three main areas.

- 1) The new Unitary Authority. Will be having preliminary elections for the new authority next year.
- 2) Flooding. Head of the local authority based in County Hall will be visiting Tatworth with SSDC having the main role. A supply of sandbags could be delivered on request.
- 3) Planning. Holbear Housing. No date has been set for the regulation committee. An independent Traffic and Schools availability reports were awaited.

Planners had recommended approval for the Fore St/Loveridge housing application. Councillor Wale indicated that he was mindful to request consideration by SSDC Area West.

Council require land for a five-year housing supply but at this time this is not available. The original five year plan projection was rejected by the Ministers. Developer's therefore have the upper hand.

In response to questions Councillor Wale confirmed that prior to permission being given, sustainable drainage must be proven.

Noted that the Regulation Committee was due to meet in September and attendance by Parish Council Members would assist.

### **285/21 To Receive Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Councillor T Eggins.

### **286/21 Declarations of Interest.**

None

### **287/21 Chairman's Announcements.**

None

### **288/21 Approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th, 15th and 20th July 2021**

7<sup>th</sup> July-Proposed by Councillor Goody, seconded by Councillor Peadon that these are approved subject to the addition of "Chairman left the room" prior to item 265/21

15<sup>th</sup> July-Proposed by Councillor Goody, seconded by Councillor Matthey that these be approved subject to the "Chairman closed the meeting "before 267/21 being deleted. At the end of 273/21 flooding item" closed the meeting" be amended to "reconvened the meeting"

20 July- Proposed by Councillor Wardell, seconded by Councillor Matthey that these be approved subject to 290/21 "The Chairman reconvened the meeting"

### **289/21 Flooding in the Parish**

Councillor Heal introduced thoughts/suggestions from a working party meeting together with observations from residents in attendance.

Reference to Mrs Smith based at County Hall who is responsible for flood water management would be helpful.

Councillor Heal has established that the drains and gullies were now only cleared on a 4 year cycle.

It was also noted that sole households were responsible for the clearance of a water course on their frontage.

District Councillor Wale to investigate the availability of Sand Bags, but these must be stored in a dry secure location.

Finally it was proposed by Councillor MacOrnish, Seconded by Councillor Matthey that items 1-9 on the report be adopted with a copy of the report attached to the minutes.

### **290/21 Councillors to review Council Policy Documents.**

Proposed by Councillor MacOrnish, seconded by Councillor Down that this item be deferred until a future meeting.

### **291/21 Holbear Development, planning application 16/02874/Ful**

Councillor Robbins stated that the Planners had been generous in their consideration of the scheme avoiding additional consultation with the Parish Council.

Concern was expressed regarding the loss of the promised distribution road, the lack of a traffic survey, availability of schooling and other facilities which were previously included. The ongoing impact on Forton was highlighted.

District Wale referred to the extensive number of planning applications which were under investigation.

A draft resolution had been sent to all members for consideration.

Councillor Robbins proposed that the draft resolution be adopted, seconded by Councillor Goody and adopted with a copy being attached to the minutes of the meeting.

### **292/21 Chard Junction Quarry Extension. Planning application WD/D/19000451 Councillor Wardell to report.**

Draft resolution previously circulated to be considered with an updated copy being available on the night.

The Chairman invited those members of the public who attended for this application to highlight their views.

Councillor Wardell proceeded to introduce each section of the draft resolution which were amended as the meeting considered each point.

Overall, the Council expressed the strongest possible objections to the application.

It was proposed by Councillor Baldwin and seconded by Councillor Wardell that the amended resolution be submitted to Dorset Council planners.

A copy of the final amended resolution is attached to these minutes.

**Councillor Wardell Seconded by Councillor Peadon that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow the meeting to continue.**



### **295/21 Zembard Lane Car Park**

Councillor Robbins reported that he had together with the Clerk a further meeting with Chard Town Council representatives.

Rental should have been received on a 20 year lease but this had never been signed and no rent paid.

The area is now required by contractors working to refurbish Holyrood Academy and compensation in the sum of £15000 had been requested but they have offered £9000 for a one-year contract, of which we get 20%.

On this basis the Parish Council should look to open negotiations for an annual rental following completion of the contract.

### **296/21 Climate change grant-Somerset County Council.**

Councillor Goody presented the report confirming that the Finance Committee has examined the agreement received from Somerset County Council.

Reference was made to the extra work in the office covering a period of 7 years. The administration assistant had agreed to undertake and would submit a claim for the additional recorded hours.

Two independent surveys had been received with the 3<sup>rd</sup> awaited. Also need to establish the requirement for any planning permission. Agreed a communication to be sent to all three organisations obtaining approval for Council to oversee the work requesting reply within 14 days. Updated quotes also needed from Evergreen the prospective contractor.

Finally, it was proposed by Councillor Goody, seconded by Councillor Heal that the Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement, obtaining the funds available, so that the projects can go ahead.

### **297/21 Staffing Matters.**

The clerk outlined the present system of Minute production involving himself and the Admin Assistant.

Brief debate issued. The Chairman requested that members proposing and seconding motions should appear in the Minutes. This was acknowledged not to be legally required but the Clerk agreed that this could be undertaken in the future.

No alternatives for the production of Minutes were forthcoming and it was proposed by Councillor Goody and Seconded by Councillor Matthey that the matter be deferred.