



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Held on 2 September 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, T Eggins and S Baldwin.
Clerk R Munday

County Councillor Verdon

District Councillors Kenton and Wale.

12 Members of the Public

Reports from County and District Councillors.

The District Councillors referred to the reduction of Councillors in the formation of the Unity authority and the enlarged ward areas resulting in increases in work load for the new Councillors.

Reference was made to monies available to assist with small businesses, Chard regeneration board and that the 2nd phase was on hold, Sand bags were available for distribution to assist with defence against flooding. These should be stored dry and are for one use only.

299/21 To Receive Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors M Marsh and J MacOrmish

300/21 Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Wardell declared an interest in planning application 21/00761/OUT, Dairs Orchard.

Councillor Down an interest in 308/21

Councillor Down and Goody in 313/21 grant applications.

301/21 Chairman's Announcements.

None

302/21 Approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th August 2021

Councillor Heal requested that item 289/21 should include thanks to Perry street Club for use of a room for the flooding meeting and Wheaton's for arranging storage of Sand Bags.

The 4th paragraph should indicate that households had a responsibility for the clearance of drains on their frontage.

Proposed by Councillor Goody, seconded by Councillor Robbins and agreed subject to these amendments being adopted.

303/21 Flooding in the Parish- Report from working party- Councillor Heal.

Councillor Heal circulated a copy of a "residents action plan" a copy is attached to these minutes.

It was outlined that a residents warden was required for Tatworth and another for Forton.

Councillors Heal and Goody to progress

304/21 Councillors to review Council Policy Documents.

Proposed by Councillor Goody, seconded by Councillor Heal that this item be deferred until a future meeting.

305/21 Planning

WD/D/1900045 Chard Junction Quarry Extension.

Noted that this application was to be considered by Dorset virtual strategic planning committee on 6th September.

21/00761/OUT: Dairs Barton, School Lane, Tatworth: Outline application for the erection of one dwelling with new vehicular access.

Councillor Wardell had circulated his view of the application for consideration.

Following considerable debate, it was proposed that the application be recommended for approval. Proposed Councillor Eggins, seconded by Councillor Down and agreed. A vote of 4 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

21/02532/HOU: Drift View, Wreath Lane, Tatworth: Erection of a two-storey extension and redevelopment of bungalow.

Proposed by Councillor Eggins, seconded by Councillor Wardell and resolved that the application be recommended for approval. Councillor Peadon abstained.

21/02471/HOU: 27 Axeview Meadows Axeford, Tatworth: Erection of a single storey rear extension (increase footprint from approved).

Proposed by Councillor Eggins, seconded by Councillor Goody and resolved that the application be recommended for approval.

21/01876/FUL: Land at Whitegate, Fosseyway, Winsham: Change of use of land to residential Gypsy Site comprising one barn/day room, one mobile home and one touring van along with associated works.

The chairman suspended the Council meeting to allow the public to speak.

Understood that the application was considered by Winsham Parish Council who recorded a vote against the application with considerable points being recorded.

The Chairman then closed the meeting to the public.

Members expressed concern that the application contained insufficient information to evaluate the impact on the site, use of access would result in highway dangers for vehicles and pedestrians.

Proposed by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Goody and resolved that the application be recommended for refusal. Councillor Robbins abstained.

306/21 Tatworth Playing Field-Muga money

Councillor Heal reported that the council's recent communication had been reported to the playing field's committee at a recent meeting.

The response was to suggest that the council should produce a plan for the area.

Following brief debate, it was agreed that the matter be left in abeyance until the organisation approaches the Council again.

307/21 Queens Platinum Jubilee – Parish Celebration

Suggestions were Mugs for children, Bonfire on Jubilee or playing field.

Following discussion, the matter was left in abeyance.

308/21 Invoices for Payment.

C. & E. Plant Sales Ltd: Jubilee Clips for SID	£54.00 inc (Vat £9)
Cllr. A. Goody: New Road and Street Works Training (SID)	£366.00 inc (Vat £61)
Thomas Westcott (Accountants): Annual Internal Audit	£474.00 inc (Vat £79)
Jan Peadon: Strimming Allotments and Bus Shelter Cleaning	£250.00
Staff Salaries:	£1022.31
R. Munday: Postage (reclaim underpaid) £1.50 Postage out £2.64	
Stationery 6.00 £10.14 Home Use: Calls to members mobile £13.26	
TOTAL	£23.40

The Clerk advised that the payment to Jan Peadon was incorrectly stated and should be Jan Horner.

Proposed by Councillor Matthey, seconded by Councillor Robbins and agreed to be paid. Councillor Down abstained.

309/21 Zembard Lane Car Park

Councillor Robbins advised that the parish council were now looking at a possible 20% of £15000 with negotiations for the future possible revenue ongoing.

It was noted that land registry document disclosed that Chard Town Council had created a lease in hand in year 2000 for 28 years at peppercorn rent to Holyrood play school.

No reference was made to Tatworth and Forton Parish Council enabling an input to those negotiations.

Negotiations with Chard town Council were ongoing.

310/21 Parish Elections 2022

A communication had been received from Somerset Association of Local Councils indicating that if they wished Parish Council Elections could be held in 2022 rather than 2023 to coinciding with the new Unity authority elections.

If the parish had a contested election this would represent a savings on election costs.

Following a debate it was proposed by Councillor Wardell, seconded by Councillor Eggins and resolved that Tatworth and Forton should opt for 2022. Vote was 6 to 3 against. Councillors Robbins and Goody voted against.

311/21 Climate change grant-Somerset County Council.

The Clerk advised that the revised quotations in the name of the Parish had not been received from Evergreens. Therefore, the agreement had not been signed.

The position was noted.

312/21 Council Banking Arrangements

Councillor Goody stated that arrangements were progressing.

The position was noted.

313/21 To consider Grant Applications

The clerk circulated a copy of the grant applications as recommended by the finance committee with a copy attached to the minutes.

Councillor Goody drew attention to each grant application.

The Clerk confirmed that additional information had been received for South Chard Church which confirmed that the Tatworth Tots would receive benefit of any grant but did not have their own bank account so payment would be passed on by the Church.

Proposed by Councillor Goody, seconded by Councillor Down that the grants as indicated be paid.

314/21 Draft Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Robbins and Seconded by Councillor Goody and resolved that Draft Minutes should not be placed on the Website.

315/21 Matters which Councillors wish to report.

- 1) Requested that Highways be represented at the meeting, District Councillor Kenton confirmed that arrangements had been made for Highways representative to visit the parish.
- 2) Poor condition of pavement on corner of Kents Rd and Memorial Hall.
- 3) Kents Rd requires a dead end sign as it just has a kissing gate at the end.

Date of next meeting 7 October 2021 at 7pm