



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Ordinary Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Amenities Committee Held on 28 January 2021 at 7pm

Present: Chairman J MacOmish: Councillors: R Down, S Adams, L Matthey,
E Peadon, R Wardell, and Locum Clerk R Munday.

31/21 To Receive Apologies.

None

32/21 Declarations of Interest.

None

33/21 Approve and sign as a correct record Minutes Meeting held on 26th November 2020.

Councillor Wardell requested copy of the 2016 Ecological report. The Chairman advised that he would locate a copy.

Proposed by Councillor Adams, Seconded by Councillor Wardell that these be approved. Councillor Down abstained.

34/21 Bus Shelters.

An arrangement with Chard Town Council came into being in approximately 2012.

An amount of £450 was originally placed in the 2018 budget but has not appeared since and no regular reports have been received from Chard Town Council through this period.

Chard Town council is suggesting a service level agreement, and had submitted a concern relating to the shelter in Dyke Hill. The clerk read the item relating to Dyke Hill.

It was agreed that Councillor Down in conjunction with Shires should inspect, with repairs to be affected ASAP as required.

The clerk has circulated a report prepared for the Parish Council by a member, highlighting other decoration and minor repairs that were required. A copy of the original specification was available and it was suggested that this be updated and Council put to tender for the future.

This option was deferred until the Dyke Hill shelter had been inspected, with a report to the next full Council meeting.

35-21 Refuse Bins:

The clerk advised that there was a need to establish the type of bin, whether open top, fixed to posts or free standing. Also, in finding locations we need to establish land ownership, i.e., SCC highways. Costs were given over a wide range, simple open top on posts £130 to £150. With large free standing at £300 plus.

Various sites were suggested, the bank outside Jubilee field entrance, Perry Street club and bus shelter in Dyke Hill.

Finally, it was proposed by Councillor Wardell, seconded by Councillor Matthey, and agreed that 3-4 sites should be identified together with details of who would empty. Councillor Down abstained.

36/21 SID:

The clerk advised that he had communication with Councillor Verdon (SCC) requesting an update from Highways relative to approved sites.

A reply had been received indicating that the County Council had 700 officers and staff redeployed to assist with the Covid Pandemic and council were request to respect ongoing vital changes.

Noted that an earlier communication from County Council agreeing sites and other details was in existence but that similar documents had been disregarded but other councils who had gone ahead with installation.

Finally, it was agreed that the installation should be recommended to go ahead and referred to full council.

Proposed by Councillor Down, Seconded by Councillor Matthey and agreed.

The Clerk advised that to proceed could have Insurance implications should any accidents occur as a result.

37/21 Jubilee Field.

1) Boardwalk,

The clerk advised that he had investigated plastic tread which could be obtained in rolls and this was less costly than constructing a boardwalk. It was substantial and could carry the weight of wheelbarrows. In making reference to the outstanding Scheme including the leaky dams it was confirmed that the ground was too wet at present and would need to be left for at least 2 weeks. Finally, it was agreed that the work relating to the original plan should be completed before any walkway was considered.

2) Disabled Access. The Clerk confirmed that the second access to the A358 had been examined, right hand side of the existing trees. Undergrowth had been cleared and this was the best option.

It was agreed that Somerset Highways should be consulted but at present the officers were not available and the item be deferred until such time a site meeting could be arranged.

38/21 Coombes Pond.

The Clerk confirmed that Swiss Tulle were not willing to sell but would consider a new lease. A copy of the original lease had been forwarded to them and further information was awaited.

39/21 Date of Next Meeting: 25 March 2021 at 7pm.