



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Ordinary Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Amenities Committee Held on 25 March 2021 at 7pm

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

40/21 To Receive Apologies.

None

41/21 Declarations of Interest.

None

42/21 Approve and sign as a correct record Minutes Meeting held on 28th January 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Wardell, Seconded by Councillor Peadon and approved.

43/21 Bus Shelters.

The Clerk confirmed that following the last full Council he had advised the successful contractor (H Mutter & Son) that their tender had been accepted and they had provided a copy of insurance as requested. The work to be undertaken Mid-April with a date to be confirmed.

A detailed schedule of other shelters had been prepared. Noted that all required a clean with other minor works being necessary.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Baldwin, Seconded by Councillor Down that two tenders be sought over a three-year period for regular cleaning and reporting repairs needed to the parish office.

44-21 Litter Bins, placement and emptying:

The Clerk advised that placement and emptying of public bins fall within SSDC localities team, this relates both to public litter bins and bins for dog owners.

Signs relating to dog fouling were being made available but no placement of any bins had been discussed. With SSDC staff to examine placement sites.

Following brief discussion, it was agreed to defer the matter to next meeting.

45/21 SID:

Noted that following checks to establish speeds on Dyke Hill two police devices had been located, one at the bottom of Dyke Hill and one at the village entrance near to the School Lane junction.

Councillor Goody indicated that the device to be purchased by Council would be shared with Donyatt Parish Council.

Councillor Down asked why it had not been ordered by the Council, following which it was agreed that details be passed to the Clerk with papers. Relative to fixings and that the device be ordered as required by Council. It was understood that delivery would take 8/10 weeks and that the clerk should in addition communicate with Donyatt to confirm their involvement.

46/21 Jubilee Field-Ground Works- Councillor Down declared an interest.

The surface had improved, with works to commence shortly. Concern was expressed relative to the fencing which was considered too close to the hedgerow and bank.

Agreed that the Chairman and Clerk to meet onsite to confirm measurements and fence location.

Possible Community Woodland to be investigated, with Councillor Robbins to establish feasibility, and whether a grant could be available, and any liability issues.

47/21 Trafalgar Tree Forton

Noted that the tree was within the boundary of a private property which had recently changed ownership. Suggested that the Parish Council should seek a tree preservation order to prevent possible removal in the future.

Full debate ensued during which possible movement of the tree to a community area was suggested. Finally, it was proposed by Councillor MacOmish, Seconded by Councillor Adams that the Clerk to write asking the new owners if they are willing to leave the tree in its present location. Following a vote this was approved, with Councillor Down recording his vote against.

48/21 Coombes Pond.

The Clerk advised that Swiss Tulle had indicated that they did not wish to sell the site but were willing to grant a five year revolving lease. It was noted that the existing lease provided the Council with the opportunity to renew the lease on the same terms for a further 25 years.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor MacOmish, Seconded by Councillor Matthey and agreed that the Council should seek to renew the lease for a further 25 years.