



# TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council

Held on 15 July 2021 at 7pm

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

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman invited any questions from members of the public.

It was noted that although the agenda and minutes were on the website, they were not being placed on the Forton Notice Board.

### **Reports from County and District Councillors.**

District Councillor Kenton submitted a report together with a written report from Councillor M Wale which was read at the meeting.

Questions were asked regarding collection difficulties with South West Partnership and missed collections.

Reference was made to housing development 'Holbear' suggesting that the infrastructure had been abandoned and that there was too much pressure on the land.

### **267/21 To Receive Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Councillor, E Peadon,

### **268/21 Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Down declared on interest in planning application 20/03674/FUL

### **269/21 Chairman's Announcements.**

NONE

**270/21 Approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 July 2021**

Noted that these were not available but would be available at next meeting 5 August.

**271/21 Zembard Car Park Chard.**

Resolved that this item be considered under confidential matters.

**272/21 Maintenance of footway along A358 to CHARD.**

The Chairman confirmed that the hedgerow had now been cut. The footpath was in a poor state and needs weed clearance. Somerset County Council Highways to be advised.

**273/21 Flooding in the Parish.**

Resolved that the Standing Orders be suspended and the Chairman invited those members of the public present to speak.

Attention was drawn to the trees/logs causing water to back up, some had been removed but drains had not been cleared with highways considered not to be doing their job.

A history of works/blockages and a mixture of broader problems all around the county. In an emergency the hall could have been opened. Sand bags were not available.

Noted that is the responsibility of land owners to keep the frontage clear. A former group who helped out no longer exists.

The chairman then reconvened the meeting.

It was the resolved that a working party be formed to consider the ongoing situation, with one member each from Tatworth and Forton, also involving District Councillor Kenton and County Councillor Verdon. Reporting back on the 5 August.

**274/21 Website-update on work undertaken.**

Noted that the assistant had agreed with the additional 5 hours, being paid as a one off payment.

**275/21 Climate Change Grant ..Review agreement document received from Somerset County Council to enable receipt of grant monies.**

The document had been circulated to all members. Reference was made to workloads, quotes being out of date. Resolved that the item be taken to the next Finance committee meeting on the 22 July.

**276/21 Muga Monies..**

A letter from Tatworth Playing Fields Association was read to the meeting.

The Association suggested Two options:

- A) The parish Council release the total sink fund to allow the playing field committee to arrange its repair. The Parish Council can then agree that all future responsibilities for maintenance for the Muga would stay with Playing Fields Committee.
- B) The second option was that the Playing Fields Committee hand back the responsibilities to the Parish Council for the maintenance.

This is against the initial agreement made when the Playing Field Association agreed to construct the Muga on the playing fields after being approached by the Parish Council.

Considerable debate ensued which included reference to a possible grant with Muga monies being retained to ensure that the work is carried out.

Finally it was resolved that as public monies were involved the fund should be protected to ensure that work is carried out and companies should be requested to provide quotes as requested in the councils earlier letter.

**277/21 Planning:**

**21/01752/ DOC** 22 Kents Orchard

Discharge of condition 5 (Materials). Parish opinion unchanged

**20/3674/Full** 37 Watermead

Demolish existing timber garage and erect one bedroom bungalow in side garden.

Objections on the grounds that the appearance of an isolated bungalow out of keeping with surrounding area.

**21/01495/FUL** Wenter Cottage, Holway

Change of use of land to residential, creation of parking and turning area.

No objection, ensure gravel did not spill on to the highway. With no commercial use.

**21/01524/HOU 1**, Bridge Cottage Station Road

Existing rear ground floor extension to have a flat roof single extension.

No objection providing all to the rear.

**278/21 Jubilee Field**

Councillor Robbins circulated a possible plan for a community woodland prepared by an adjoining resident. Understood that for a sum of approx. £20 a plan could be developed with the forestry commission. Reference was made to possible movement of the allotment site over a period of time. The possible plan was noted.

**279/21 Grant Applications for local organisations 2021**

Agreed that the application period be extended to 20 August 2021.

Noted that two grants for 2020 had not been paid out.

- 1) Church children's play area, held until work commences.
- 2) Tatworth School to be paid when invoice received.

**280/21 Invoices for Payment**

Elan City (Speed Indication Device) £2460.82 VAT £410.14

**281/21 Council Policy Documents**

To be reviewed at the next meeting following members consideration in the intrim.

**282/21 Community Notice Board Dyke Hill**

The Clerk reported that the board was in poor condition with the hinges breaking. Agreed that tenders be sought.

### **283/21 Bus Shelters**

Investigate possible quotes for cleaning and maintenance.

Agreed to be considered at next Amenities Committee meeting

### **284/21 Play Days**

Noted to have been cancelled

### **285/21 Matters which Councillors wish to report.**

- 1) An appointment had been made for Councillor Down to attend 'Chapter 8 training' to obtain certificate for roadside working.
- 2) Zembard Lane Car park, Councillor Robbins had attended a meeting with Chard Town council and position was progressing.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:  
5th August 7pm**