



# TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 7pm Tatworth Memorial Hall

**Present: Chairman Richard Down. Councillors: S. Adams, T. Eggins,  
A Goody, C Heal, L Matthey, J. MacOmish, E. Peadon, K. Robbins  
& R. Wardell**

Also present: Clerk N Tinley, County Councillor G Verdon, District Councillor J Kenton and M Wale. There were 5 Members of the Public and no members of the press present.

The Public was invited to address the Council and a member of public expressed concern over the lack of communication to the residents by the Parish council over the actions being taken over local flooding. This was taken on board.

### **Report from County Councillor Gemma Verdon**

Referred to the Written Report from Councillor Verdon.

Mentioned that the County and District Councils together authorities are working to assist Tatworth and Forton With the flooding issues.

### **Reports from District Councillors.**

District Councillor Kenton:

Community Project Grants are still available

Bonfires are not to be encouraged causing air pollution, burning of plastic and commercial waste is prohibited. Refer SSDC Guidelines.

District Councillor Wale

The Rivers Authority does not cover streams, coverts and leates.

Report to confirm ownership of water courses is still in preparation.

Fore St Building application has been turned down by Area West and now sits with Chief Executive to make final decision.

Council Tax and Business rates being decided on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**21/22 To Receive Apologies.**

Councillor M. Marsh (Work)

**22/22 Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Down Invoices 37/22 and Flooding in Tatworth 26/22

**23/22 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Proposed by Councillor Wardell, seconded by Councillor Eggins. All in Favour, 2 abstention.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be signed as a correct record.

**24/22 Parish Councillors-** Without a requirement to hold a bye election upon the resignation of Sheila Baldwin the council need to vote upon

- 1) Advertise for Co-option
- 2) Remain at 11 Councillors until May Election.

Proposed by Councillor MacOmish Seconded Councillor Eggins All in Favour

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish advertise to Co-opt a new Councillor.

**25/22 Chairman's Announcements:**

Police Report Received, Clerk to forward to Councillors.

**26/22 Flooding Update in Tatworth –** To receive a Report from the Tatworth working party and the Chard meeting.

Councillor Heal read her report.

Lower Coombes will at some point soon be closed to allow flooding repair work to be done. Clerk to approach Perry St Club to request that car park be opened to allow residents to park. Will action when dates are provided.

Councillor MacOmish mentioned an offer from Rotary Club for secure food bags, clerk to investigate.

**27/22 Flooding in Forton** – To receive an update on current position

The residents are still meeting to clear the drains. The main issue is the quantity of water coming from upstream.

Chard flood resilience group being led by Town Councillor Jason Baker is bringing together Councillors/Volunteers/Authorities.

**28/22 Resilience and Emergency Store (Clerk).** An update on the siting of the store in Tatworth and approve a similar store in Forton.

Memorial Hall discussed this at their meeting and have not come up with a decision.

Met with Perry Street Club yesterday and they were very keen to assist. Looked at possible sites they preferred the car park over the road from the club. The best site was to the far right of the car park against boundary edge on a grass patch that is not parked on and does not flood. On the other side of the wooden slatted fence is the lane into Holleys close so items can be put easily into a car without the car park being unlocked.

In Forton. Have tried to contact Andy Allen at Lift the Hatch to discuss the availability of siting the store or sand bags on his property but have not had a return on my several messages.

Proposed by Councillor Matthey, seconded Councillor MacOmish All in favour with 2 abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That the Tatworth Resilience Store be placed at Perry Street Club Car Park.

Proposed by Councillor Heal, seconded Councillor MacOmish All in Favour

**RESOLVED:** That an emergence store be purchased for Forton

Proposed by Councillor Adams, seconded Councillor Matthey, 6 in favour, 4 abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That we request that this is sited at Forton Community Hall.

Proposed by councillor Eggins, seconded Councillor Matthey All in Favour.

Sand Bags can be stored at Andy Allen's if the offer is still in place.

**29/22 Planning: NONE**

**30/22 Queens Platinum Jubilee** – Discuss the way forward

Much discussion took place.

Meeting adjourned 8.30 for residents to comment, recommenced 8.35

2 Public left at this point.

Proposed by Councillor Down Seconded Councillor Eggins 6 in Favour, 4 abstentions

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact Perry Street Club, Forton Community Hall, Tatworth Playing Fields to request that they join with the Parish Council to hold an event on the Thursday/Friday evenings. To be finalised at Extra-ordinary meeting 17 February.

**31/22 Coombes Pond** –To receive an update from Clerk

Spoke to David Mears on Tuesday and he is getting a letter ready.

If not done by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Amenities Committee have told me to get the paperwork from him and the Chairman and I will get a letter together.

**32/22 Climate Change Grant** –To receive an update from Clerk.

- 1) Tatworth Playing Fields-All Finished
- 2) Forton Community Hall. Matter with electricity company sorted & ready to go. Will send off the deposit.
- 3) Memorial Hall- Management committee have voted to accept the offer of fitting solar panels, however the Trustees have still got doubts over the overall cost effectiveness, as the halls consumption of electricity is heating during the Autumn and Winter, uses very little during the summer when the system generates the most. Therefore, very little cost savings to the Hall. Suppliers explained that electricity not immediately used, feeds a battery and then when full back to the grid. A small income is then made. The Secretary wanted the Trustees comments had to the County council.

The County Council replied:

*Many thanks for your email and further comments in regards the concerns of the Trustees of the Memorial Hall.*

*Having checked with the Fund Panel, they are in agreement that the project installations should take place, and as such could act as a pilot so we can learn how these various combinations of Panels/Battery/Grid work and can be used to give advice to future installations about which setups seem to work best in these sorts of settings.*

**33/22 Clerks Report**

**Bank Account**

Nearly all the chq's issued last month have been returned by the Bank as unpaid due, including my wages.

*Not signed in accordance with mandate – signature differs*

Councillor Goody have tried to call them, Emails have been written. No reply. Only assumption I can make is that one of the signatures has changed or as the signatures where on top of each other rather than side by side. The chq's have been reissued and are now paid

## **Amenities Committee**

### **Bus Shelter Cleaning Contract.**

Nearly 12 months trying to get this arranged, Robin wrote to cleaning contractors then advertised in the drift, I advertised on website, notice boards and facebook.

One quote rec'd Therefore the Amenities committee have appointed Eric Peadon to the role at £60 every 2 months. Any faults to be reported to the office

Councillor Heal indicated that a role to remove leaves would alleviate flooding. Clerk to meet up to look at areas requiring work.

Jubilee and allotment fields hedge cutting, within the Clerks limit we are getting the A358 hedge cut front and top. 3 Quotes requested. Amenities Chairman and myself to approve quote. Must be done by end Feb.

Litter pick dates have been approved by committee the first being 20<sup>th</sup> March in Tatworth, June Forton and Tatworth. Will be advertised in drift, website and notice board.

### **34/22 War Memorial Cleaning-** To receive an update from Clerk

The Amenities committee have approved A W Brooker & Son of Axminster to clean the War Memorial and repaint the lettering at a cost of £2000. This will be done during the summer. I met with them and no mention of repair needed, however if anything is discovered it can be looked at. They cleaned Axminster Jubilee Fountain and Charmouth War Memorial both Ham Stone.

Councillor Goody Indicated that a grant paid for cleaning last time, will forward the Clerk details.

### **35/22 Amenities Committee-** Authority to Co-opt none councillors onto committee

Unsure that we can, clerk will check. Deferred to next meeting

### **36/22 Forton Community Hall-**Approve use for Full Council and Committee Meetings

Proposed Councillor MacOmish Seconded Councillor Heal In Favour with 2 abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** Forton Community Hall approved for use for Full Council and Committee meetings.

**Proposed By Councillor Eggins Seconded Councillor Matthey,** 6 in favour 3 against and 1 abstention.

**RESOLVED:** That standing orders are suspended for the meeting to continue.

Councillors Robbins and Goody Left the Meeting

**37/22 Invoices for Payment:**

Councillor Down left the meeting and Councillor Wardell took over.

Vision ict (Website Hosting 2022)	£138.00 inc VAT £23.00
Councillor Down (Speed Camera safety equip & Travel)	£77.27 no VAT
B P Powell & Sons (miscalculation last month)	£195.05 Inc VAT
Clerk Nigel Tinley Prism Stationery (Paper & Envelopes)	£35.27 Inc VAT
Amazon (Computer Monitors)	£364.00 Inc VAT
Amazon (Ink, Cable & Memory stick)	£28.88 Inc VAT
Wickes (Wellington Boots)	£12.00 Inc VAT

Staff Salaries £1202.79 Gross including New Year Bank Holiday

To be paid from Burial Account

B E Powell (Cemetery Extension Grass Cutting & Removal) £1200 inc VAT £200

Proposed Councillor MacOmish Seconded Councillor Matthey, all in favour

**RESOLVED:** That these invoices are paid.

Councillor Down returned to the meeting.

**38/22 Parish Policies-** A Zoom meeting has been arranged for 8 February with David Mears

**39/22 Earmarked Funds.**

- 1) Approve recommendations from Finance Committee
- 2) Make adjustments and approve.

Please note that these can be amended by the council throughout the year.

Proposed by Councillor Down Seconded Councillor MacOmish, all in Favour

**RESOLVED:** That this is deferred for a future meeting

**40/22 Administration Assistant-** To determine if this is required at this time.

Proposed Councillor MacOmish Seconded Councillor Eggins, in favour with 1 abstention and 1 against.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish will look for an Administration Assistant with terms and hours to be determined.

**41/22 Dyke Hill Car Park.** To discuss way forward.

Councillor MacOmish Seconded Councillor Eggins, in favour

**RESOLVED:** That this is deferred for a future meeting

**42/22 Matters which the Councillors wish to report.**

- 1) The fence at 1 Crossways placed on land that was not his and too high
- 2) Councillor MacOmish asked how the progress of the planting of trees for the flood relief scheme at Jubilee Field, the Chairman replied that no progress has been made whilst Councillor Robbins application for the community woodland scheme was in process.

**DATE AND TIME NEXT MEETING**

**7PM 3rd March 2022**

**Meeting Closed 9.30pm**

