



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Held on 3rd April 2025 at 7pm Main Hall Tatworth Memorial Hall

Present: Chairman Councillor: R Down, Councillors: S Adams, P Chapple, L Matthey, K Patay, E Peadon, B Quinn and R Wardell

Parish Clerk N Tinley

There were 3 Members of the Public present and no Press.

The Members of the Public were invited to address the Council about any matters not already on the agenda but declined.

Somerset Council Reports

Neither Councillor could make this meeting; however, their reports have been forwarded to Councillors and put on the website.

AGENDA

64/25 Apologies for Absence

Somerset Councillor J Baker – Training
Somerset Councillor C Payne – Work commitments
Councillor P Rosser – Illness
Councillor C Doel – Shift work
Councillors C Brown and R Jacobs – Holiday

65/25 Declarations of interest

Councillors L Matthey and B Quinn 74/25 Payments. They will leave the room.

66/25 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2025

Proposed by Councillor L Matthey, Seconded by Councillor B Quinn. All in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th March 2025 be signed as a correct record.

67/25 Dr Bel Deering of Somerset Rivers Authority to address the Council to explain their Telemetry trial towards providing a flood warning system

Dr Deering presented an enlightening introduction to the Somerset Rivers Authority Telemetry that can provide river levels data leading to a warning system for flood situations. Comments were made that such a system will need to be fitted as near to Chard as possible to provide sufficient early warning. Forton Bridge will be too late.

68/25 Chairman's Announcements

None.

69/25 To accept Councillor Christoher Doel onto the Planning Committee

Proposed by Councillor L Matthey, Seconded by Councillor P Chapple. All in favour.

RESOLVED: Councillor C Doel has been accepted on to the Planning Committee.

70/25 Update on the response to the resident's survey.

We have had 70 replies which is about 5% of the Parish residents. The Clerk is to arrange more posters and email the school to publish in their Newsletter.

71/25 Report on the Parish litter pick 23rd March and authorise the Clerk to arrange litter picks late June and September

The litter pick was successful with 20 residents attending. The Clerk would like to arrange further picks.

Proposed by Councillor L Matthey, Seconded by Councillor R Down. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will arrange litter picks for the end of June and September.

72/25 Update on Youth work working party and arrange date for the 1st Meeting

The working party consists of Councillors C Brown, K Patay, R Down and the Clerk. Tatworth School will be represented by Lucy Gosden, a teacher and resident. St John's Nursery will be represented; however, there has been no reply yet from the Playing Fields. Tatworth Pre-School have declined. The first meeting will be on 28th April at 7:00pm in the Brewers Room.

73/25 Clerks Report

The Amenities Committee have approved the work at Coombses Pond entrance, fencing and footpath, a litter bin at Dyke Hill bus shelter and replacing 3 rusty dog bins.

The Committee is looking for a donation for a memorial bench in the dog exercise field above the allotments.

We have had 6 allotment plots taken up in recent months and now have to measure out new plots.

On the financial front, we have started the 2025-26 financial year. Councillors C Brown and L Matthey have been appointed by the Finance Committee as signatories for Unity Trust Bank and Councillors C Brown and P Rosser for Charity Bank.

Next month will be the Annual Parish Council meeting where next year's Chairman, Vice Chairman and Committees are appointed.

Councillors L Matthey and B Quinn left the room

74/25 Invoices for Payment:

VisionICT (New Email)	£14.00 Inc VAT
MACS Design and Print (Newsletter)	£307.00 No VAT
Brian Quinn (Newsletter Delivery)	£150.00 No VAT
SALC (Training)	£40.00 No VAT
B E Powell (4 th Q Maintenance)	£1941.00 Inc VAT
Councillor Matthey (Timpson, Key cutting)	£18.00 Inc VAT

Burial Account

B E Powell (Maintenance)	£3465.00 Inc VAT
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Net Staff Salaries £1416.43. HMRC PAYE £667.95

Proposed by Councillor K Patay, Seconded by Councillor E Peadon. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The payments as listed have been approved for payment.

These payments have been set up on Internet banking and signed by Councillor S Adams. Councillor E Peadon will log on and authorise payment. Payment date will be 8th April 2025.

Councillors L Matthey and B Quinn returned to the room

75/25 Matters which the Councillors wish to report. No Decisions can be made

Councillor K Patay	Had a walk around with Adam Dance MP and showed him the Forton Road Persimmon site and photographs of the water running off the field during January's storm. He will speak to the person in charge of planning in Government as he has come across similar cases elsewhere.
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Councillor L Matthey	Even though Dr Deering's Telemetry is useful it does not prevent flooding and this is an area that needs looking into. Councillor K Patay responded that the authorities are awaiting LIDAR data.
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DATE NEXT MEETING: 1st May 2025

Meeting closed 8.45pm