



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Tatworth & Forton Parish Council Held on 2nd July 2026 at 7pm At Tatworth Memorial Hall, Main Hall

**Present: Chairman Councillor R Down, Councillors: S Adams, C Brown,
R Jacobs, K Patay, E Peadon, R Wardell.**

Clerk N Tinley

There were 5 Members of the Public present and no Press.

Public Participation

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

Reports from Somerset Councillors

Apologies were received from both Somerset Councillors.

Police Report

Nothing received.

109/26 Apologies for Absence

Councillor L Matthey – Recovering from an operation

Councillor C Doel – Working Night Shift

Councillor B Quinn – Working

Councillor M Rees – Unwell

Somerset Councillor J Baker – Training Session

Somerset Councillor C Payne – Event elsewhere

110/26 Declarations of interest

Councillors Brown and Down – Payments 127/26. They will leave the room.

111/26 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th June 2026.

Proposed by Councillor C Brown, Seconded by Councillor E Peadon. All in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th June 2026 be signed as a correct record.

112/26 To consider and respond to Planning application [26/01206/FUL](#) the Construction of a hardstanding for use as a vehicle turning head at “Land South of Southmead” Perry St

This is to allow maintenance vehicles to turn at the sewage plant.

Proposed by Councillor C Brown, Seconded by Councillor K Patay. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council supports this application.

113/26 Chairman’s Announcements

Richard and Kaye Down attended Tatworth School photo exhibition and found it to be excellent.

114/26 Update from the Clerk regarding Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk explained that as the Newsletters were delivered later in June he had decided to extend the closing date of the vacancy until 30th July.

Notices have been placed and 2 videos have gone on to Facebook thanks to Councillors Quinn and Jacobs. Hopefully some applications will be received.

115/26 Appoint a Councillor to represent the Parish as a Tatworth Memorial Hall Trustee

After the last meeting Councillor R Jacobs contacted the Memorial Hall with the Council’s ideas. The response was that it will be put forward to the next meeting which is to be held within the next few weeks. This item was therefore deferred to the next meeting.

116/26 Report from Councillor Doel from the joint surgery with the Police. The next is booked for 24th July, will need Councillor representation

Due to an incident PCSO Gareth Allington could not leave Chard Police Station. Councillor Chris Doel did not have any visitors. The next surgery is 24th July and Councillor R Jacobs will represent the Council.

117/26 To review Christmas Lunch provision for the Parish - Councillor Brown

Councillor Brown has reflected on last year’s meals which were not supported as well as expected and could have fitted into a single venue. It was suggested that the Council returns to what has worked well in the past, ie, one sit down meal at the Church Rooms for single people. The Youth Working Party suggested a children’s party.

Proposed by Councillor C Brown, Seconded by Councillor R Jacobs. 6 in favour, 1 against.

RESOLVED: The Council will put on a single cooked meal for the single people of the Parish and a children’s party.

118/26 To consider actions needed in respect to road safety concerns at

a) A358 turning by St John's Church

The area is a 40mph limit; however, the signs are dirty and trees are overgrown in the whole area affecting visibility.

Proposed by Councillor E Peadon, Seconded by Councillor C Brown. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will contact Highways on the basis of the number of serious accidents at this junction requesting that they investigate the safety of this junction.

b) Crossroad at Whitegate Forton

The exit at the crossroads at Whitegate coming from Forton has serious visibility issues when turning right or straight on. The hedge and grass have become overgrown. There was a suggestion that a visibility mirror would help.

Proposed by Councillor R Jacobs, Seconded by Councillor R Down. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will contact Highways requesting that they investigate road safety at this junction.

119/26 New flood resilience funding - how can this help Tatworth and Forton Parish area, i.e. funding being provided to FWAG to help them complete projects to alleviate the flooding in our area. Councillor Patay

Councillor Patay was pleased with the news of additional flood prevention funding and hoped it would help with the ongoing negotiations with landowners to hold water back and slow the flow upstream from Forton. This would also help Lower Coombses. However, unfortunately the whole process is moving very slowly.

120/26 To discuss and consider actions regarding the path running between Post Office Lane and Kents Close causing people to slip

A resident slipped on this path and Councillor R Jacobs investigated and found it to be treacherous with running water. It was visited this week and the area is now dry but there is dried mud on the footpath which could become slippery when rain arrives. The Clerk is trying to arrange for the handyman to clear it up. The path will need to be monitored if the drains overflow again.

121/26 Persimmon Homes have requested a pre-application meeting with Councillors as they are intending to put in an application shortly for "Land adjoining Holbear, Forton Rd. Chard was also invited but the Clerk replied that they would prefer a public meeting. Consider our response

The Councillors felt a pre-application conversation with Persimmon Homes would be advantageous in allowing concerns to be raised.

Proposed by Councillor C Brown, Seconded by Councillor K Patay. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Clerk is to arrange a private meeting with Persimmon Homes.

122/26 Clark to update the Councillors on new email system and website

The Clerk explained a few improvements and will confirm by email.

123/26 To adopt the following policies as recommended by the Finance committee.

- a) **Grant assessment and awarding policy**
- b) **Financial Regulations**
- c) **Investment Policy**
- d) **Reserves Policy**

Proposed by Councillor K Patay. Seconded by Councillor S Adams. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The financial policies listed have been adopted by the Full Council.

124/26 To adopt the following Risk Assessments as recommended by Committees

- a) **Financial risk assessment**
- b) **Cemetery risk assessment**
- c) **Amenities risk assessment**

Proposed by Councillor C Brown, Seconded by Councillor E Peadon. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Risk Assessments listed have been adopted by the Full Council.

125/26 Report on finances up to 23rd June 2026. Any questions to the Clerk

The report was presented to the Full Council and there were no questions.

126/26 Clerks report

The Clerk confirmed that he will be on holiday from tomorrow for one week.

Councillors C Brown and R Down left the room

Councillor K Patay too over the Chair

127/26 Invoices for Payment:

Invoices where Councillors have a financial interest.

Claire Brown (Purchase Craft Items-Youth Budget) £123.80 Inc VAT

Proposed by Councillor K Patay, Seconded by Councillor R Jacobs. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The invoice listed in 127/26 has been approved for payment.

Councillors R Down and C Brown returned to the meeting

Councillor R Down took the Chair

128/26 Invoices for Payment: Normal Invoices

Chard Responders (Donation re 101/26)	£300.00 No VAT
PAFOTS (Donation Photography Comp-Youth Budget)	£75.00 No VAT
Rooster Bus (Lyme Regis & Crealy Trips-Youth Budget)	£870.00 No VAT
MACS Design & Print (Printing Newsletter)	£329.00 No VAT

Paid by Clerk Burial Account

B&Q (Online order Waterbutt for Cemetery Shed)	£84.99 Inc VAT
Amazon (Replacement outside tap for Cemetery)	£8.49 Inc VAT

Paid by Clerk Main account

Post Office (Stamps)	£7.28 No VAT
Tesco (Greeting Cards)	£4.00 Inc VAT
Wonder Cinema (deposit 26 Sept Cinema event)	£210.00 No VAT

Net Staff Salaries £1484.72

HMRC £2133.71

Proposed by Councillor K Patay, Seconded by Councillor R Jacobs. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The invoices listed in 128/26 have been approved for payment.

These payments have been set up on Internet banking and signed by Councillor K Patay. Councillor E Peadon will log on and authorise payment. The payment date will be 7th July 2026.

129/26 Matters which the Councillors wish to report. No Decisions can be made

Councillor E Peadon	Some work has commenced on the development site.
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Councillor C Brown	Would like to update the Councillors on the work of the Youth Working Party: Bus trip to Lyme Regis – 31st July Bus trip to Crealy Adventure Park – 21st August (Park entry not included) Outdoor cinema – 26th September Please push to friends and family There are concerns with entry into Forton from Chard. The road signs are covered and the lines have disappeared. The Clerk will investigate and report.
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130/26 To resolve to exclude the Press and Public, and to agree that agenda items from 131/26 be dealt with after the public (including Press) have been excluded.

As publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

Proposed by Councillor R Down, Seconded by Councillor C Brown. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The meeting will become confidential.

The members of the public left the meeting

131/26 To consider parking issues within the Parish and decide what actions can be taken to improve road safety

Several parking issues were discussed and actions decided.

Proposed by Councillor R Jacobs, Seconded by Councillor K Patay. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Clerk is to make contact.

DATE NEXT MEETING: 6th August 2026

Meeting closed 8:00pm