



## **Minutes of the Meeting of Tatworth and Forton Parish Council held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00pm in the Tatworth Memorial Hall.**

Public Session

### **Mrs Terrie Wright**

She provided the meeting with the current position with respect Blacklands Drove Bridge and her conversations Rachel Pearce Rights of Way Officer at SCC. It would appear after reconsideration the County Council had decided to take some necessary remedial action. Despite meeting some on site problems with the capacity of the existing pipes it was hoped that the work would be completed by the end of this financial year.

**County Councillor Gemma Verdon** again referred to her written report for February which had been circulated to members earlier that day and had been placed on the parish council web site. She mentioned that Ofsted had recently visited SCC to undertake a Focused Visit (Inspection) of the front door Children's Social Care services including aspects of early help.

Other subject matters were raised such as "Time to Talk" "SEND provision" and "Adult Care.

**District Councillor Andrew Turpin** spoke about the fact that the community of Cullompton had recently discussed the subject of a railway station.

He also indicated that on more and more occasions developers were now talking to communities before they commenced submitted planning applications.

### **Planning Application 19/00138**

The chairman invited the members of the public present to provide their views on the submitted planning application. The applicant who was also in attendance answered a number of questions as to the proposed height of the roof and parking of three cars.

As there were no further questions or comments the Chairman reminded the members of the public that he was formally opening the council meeting and as such would not expect any interruptions.

**Present** Chairman G Beattie with Councillors S Adams S Beattie J Davison R Digweed R Down A Goody K Marks M Mercer J Payne and E Peadon together with the Parish Clerk B Poole

There was 19 members of the public present together with District Councillor Andrew Turpin and County Councillor Gemma Verdon.

**12/19 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.**

Councillor J MacOmish

**13/19 Declarations of interests**

None

**14/19 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**Resolved** that the **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019** as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the chairman.

**15/19 Matters for report purposes only**

207/18.2 Grit Bins

Noted that they had now been refilled by SCC.

207/18.8 Appointment of a Contractor – Jubilee Field

Noted that a start date given by the appointed contractor as at the beginning of February.

**16/19 Chairman's Announcements**

None

**17/19 Planning**

**New Planning Applications**

*Application No. 19/00133 Proposal:* The erection of a detached dwelling with a detached garage. The Old Orchard Tatworth Street Chard.

**Resolved** to approve

*Application No. 19/00138 Proposal:* The erection of a detached house. Land adjacent to 14, Glynsmead Tatworth TA20 2TQ.

**Resolved** to note the overall views of the residents who attended the meeting. They were concerned at the potential loss of sunlight and the increased car parking problems due to the fact that the applicant was seeking the drop the pavement to park up to three cars. The unavailability of Service Vehicles being able to access the area.

**Resolved** to leave the decision to the planning department yet request that they take into account the views of the local residents.

**Planning Application Decisions**

*Application No. 19/00133 Proposal:* The erection of a detached dwelling with a detached garage. The Old Orchard Tatworth Street Chard. **APPROVED**

- (1) To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee held on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and to note the decisions thereto and to agree the following Policy recommendations:

Received and Resolved to agree by a majority that the following recommendations be accepted "En Bloc"

It was noted that one councillor however indicated that he was not willing to comment on a document (d) that he had not previously seen. He was reminded that it had been previously circulated and in deed he had commented on the original draft.

- (a) To approve the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Personnel Committee.
- (b) To approve the Parish Council Investment Policy.
- (c) To approve the Parish Council Reserves Policy.
- (d) To approve the Parish Clerk's Contract of Employment.
- (e) To approve the following policies.
  - (i) Expenses Policy
  - (ii) Absence Policy
  - (iii) Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures
  - (iv) Health & Safety

- (2) To resolve to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee as to the proposed Budget for 2019-20.

Resolved to accept with three abstentions the recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Budget for 2019-2020 be fixed at £48,330. (full copy of the document attached to these minutes).

Resolved that the following resolve be conducted by way of a recorded vote. Agreed

- (3) To resolve to agree a Precept for 2019-20.

Discussion then ensued whereby the following proposal was made

To agree a budget at the level of £48,000 which would result in a 10.84% increase over 2018-19 with a financial impact on a Band D Property of £4.77 for the year.

This was followed by an amendment:

To agree a Precept at the level of £45,000 which would result in a 3.91% increase over 2018-19 with a financial impact on a Band D Property of £1.72 for the year.

Resolved to agree a Precept of £45,000 for 2019-2020.

Those voting in favour of the amendment Councillors R Down A Goody K Marks J Payne and E Peadon - those voting against Councillors S Adams S Beattie J Davison R Digweed and M Mercer.

The amendment was carried on the casting vote of the Chairman.

**1. To note the following items of expenditure.**

Parish Council

(51)	Eclipse (DD)	Broadband Hosting - Jan	14.60	2.93
(52)	Mr B Poole	Clerk's Salary	1337.00	
		Travel	15.30	
(53)	SLCC	Practitioners' Conference	444.00	40.00
(54)	Viking	Paper	31.89	6.38
(55)	ICO (DD)	Annual Registration Fee	35.00	
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			1877.79	49.31

Noted

**20/19 Matters for information purposes only**

- (1) To note the attendance by the Parish Clerk at the SLCC Practitioners' Conference to be held at Cheshford Grange Kenilworth on Thursday and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Noted

- (2) Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

Agreed that limited refreshments should be provided and a speaker be sought.

**21/19 Correspondence**

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| (1) SSCS                  | Report for the month of December 2018  |
| (2) Yeovil Shop Mobility  | Seeking a Grant                        |
| (3) Gemma Verdon          | County Councillor Report – February 19 |
| (4) SSDC                  | Register of Electors 01/12/18          |
| (5) Local Councils Update | Issue 225 – January/February 2019      |

**22/19 Date and Time of next meeting – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm**