



Minutes of the Meeting of Tatworth and Forton Parish Council held on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 7.00pm in the Tatworth Memorial Hall.

Public Session

County Councillor Gemma Verdon referred to her written report for March which had been circulated to members earlier that day and had been placed on the parish council web site. She was pleased to point out that whereas SCC was previously facing an overspend through prudent actions undertaken by the County Council it was likely at the yearend it would show an underspend of £1.5 million.

The Council had recently announced a 2.99% increase in respect to Council Tax which would result in a .91 pence per week for a Band D Property.

She also indicated that the anticipated cut back in snow clearing services hadn't materialised and the service had been maintained to previous years' levels. This statement however was questioned by a number of councillors present.

District Councillor Andrew Turpin indicated that he was not responsible for the recent newspaper article that appeared in the local press regarding Chard Junction. Whilst he deplored the decision taken not to progress with the re-opening of the Railway Station he did commend the work being undertaken by local school children who were supporting a petition for the future reopening.

The Chairman asked when would the Parish Council be permitted to be involved with discussions relating to the proposed Persimmon Development. The answer that he received was that no such discussions were being promoted at this present time.

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

There was 4 members of the public present together with District Councillor Andrew Turpin and County Councillor Gemma Verdon.

23/19 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.

Councillor R Down

24/19 Declarations of interests

Councillor E Peadon – Agenda Item Number 28/19 Planning Application [19/00002](#).

25/19 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2019.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on the 7th February 2019 that had been previously circulated should be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

26/19 Matters for report purposes only

207.18.8 Contractor – Jubilee Field

18.19.3 Precept

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had that very day spoken to the proposed contractor who was proposed to undertake the work intended to commence on site on the 16th March 2019. He also confirmed that South Somerset District Council had been formally advised as to the level of Precept that had been agreed by the Parish Council.

27/19 Chairman's Announcements

None

28/19 Planning

New Planning Applications

The applicant addressed the meeting at this stage and answered a number of questions relating to the application mainly the movement of traffic.

Application No. 18/00493 Proposal: The erection of 6 new dwellings conversion of existing barns to form 3 dwelling and a holiday let and the carrying out of internal and external alterations and the erection of a two storey side extension to existing farmhouse. Manor Farm Two Ash Lane Tatworth and Forton TA20 2LZ **Amended Application**

Resolved to approve.

Application No. 18/03854 Proposal: Change of use of caravan to use as a holiday let. Stephen Cottage Tatworth Road Chard TA20 2NN. **Amended Application**

Application No. 18/03793 Proposal: Erection of ground floor rear extension. Station Road Chard Junction TA20 4QJ

Application No. 19/00002 Proposal: Formation of vehicular access and parking area. 16 Crossways South Chard TA20 2PP

Application No. 19/00241 Proposal: The erection of a single storey rear extension. 27 Axeford Meadows Axeford TA20 4QQ.

Application No. 19/00329 Proposal: The erection of a single storey and two storey extensions to dwelling. Laramie Lower Axeford Chard Junction TA20 4QL

Planning Application Decisions

Resolved to approve all of the above applications.

Application No. 18/03572/FUL Proposal: The erection of an agricultural extension to existing agricultural building. Witney farm Tatworth Road TA20 2NJ. **Approved 15/02/19**

29/19 Resolutions

1. To note the receipt by the Parish Council Chairman of a letter of resignation from Councillor Keith Marks effective from the 11th February 2019.

Noted

2. To agree or otherwise on a proposed meeting date in regards to the recently postponed Amenities Committee Meeting due to poor weather conditions that was due to take place on Thursday 31st January 2019.

Resolved that as there was a scheduled meeting due to take place on the 28th March it was agreed that it was not necessary to re-schedule the cancelled meeting.

3. To agree on a proposed meeting date for Induction Training for Councillors who are elected to the Parish Council following the May 2019 Local Elections

Resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Parish Clerk to organise a suitable Saturday in June.

4. To note the agreed arrangements that have been put into place with South Somerset District Council in respect to their Village Ranger Scheme which will commence as from the 1st April 2019

Noted

The clerk gave an explanation as to why the resolution was worded in the manner that it had been on the Agenda.

30/19 Financial

1. To note the following items of expenditure.

Parish Council

(56)	Eclipse (DD)	Broadband Hosting - Jan	14.60	2.93
(57)	Mr B Poole	Clerk's Salary - February	1155.00	
(58)	Mr B Poole	Travel – SLCC Conference	94.50	18.90
(59)	BT	Business Bill	155.59	31.12
(60)	Vista Print	Business Cards	32.96	6.60
(61)	Post Office	Postage Stamps	22.20	
(62)	Mr B Poole	Travel	22.95	
(63)	Memorial Hall	Rooms Hire Oct/Mar	796.00	
(64)	Viking Direct	Stationary	<u>224.30</u>	<u>44.88</u>
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Resolved to note

31/19 Matters for information purposes only

- (1) Damaged & Removed Post Box

The meeting was advised that the Parish Clerk had recently received confirmation for Marcus Fysh's office that he was looking into the matter with the Post Office.

- (2) Comments from Mrs Liz Rosser

Agreed that Councillor Peadon should carry out immediately the required remedial repair to the Jubilee Field gate that exits on to the A358 to prevent dogs escaping by going under the gate.

Agreed that the other matters raised should form part of the Agenda at the Next Amenities Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday 28th April

- (3) Local Government Ethical Standards – A Review by the Committee on Standards in Public Life

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had a copy of the Report should anyone wish to avail themselves by borrowing it in order to read its contents.

32/19 Correspondence

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| (1) | Somerset Farmers | Notice – forthcoming Auction to receive a grant |
| (2) | SSCS | CSW Results - January 2019 |
| (3) | SCC | 40 mph Speed Limit Order |

The Chairman expressed his frustration at the fact the speed limit was now at “Status Quo” which wasn’t necessary to go through a process only to end up where the situation was as it was before.

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| (4) | Ministry of Justice | Licence Application – removal of buried remains |
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The Clerk gave a brief explanation when asked as to the background to this matter.

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| (5) | NALC | Flood Defences – Consultation |
| (6) | St John’s Toddler Group | Thank you Card |
| (7) | St John’s Tatworth Youth Group | Thank you Card |
| (8) | Local Councils Update | Issue 226 - March 2019 |
| (9) | S W Employers | Newsletter – Winter – February 2019 |
| (10) | E-Mail – Mrs Liz Rosser | Various Matters |
| (11) | SALC | Clerks’ Briefing 12 th April 2019 |
| (12) | SLCC Practitioners’ Conference | Programme |
| (13) | Clerks & Councils Direct | March 2019 Issue 122 |
| (14) | NALC | Training Course – Preparing for External Audit 02/04/19 |
| (15) | SSDC | Burial Plot Capacity and Muslim Funerals |
| (16) | Cllr. Gemma Verdon | Briefing Sheet – March 2019 |
| (17) | Calor Rural Community Fund | Details of scheme |
| (18) | SSDC | Gully Location Maps |
| (19) | Mr K Robbins | Letter – Finance Questions |

The Clerk confirmed that he had that very day answered Mr Keith Robbins various questions of a financial nature.

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| (20) | Nat West Bank Ltd | February Statements |
| (21) | SSDC – Elections Seminar | Meeting Presentation and Notes |

33/19 Date and Time of next meeting :-

Amenities Committee Meeting – Thursday 28th March - Brewer Room commencing at 7.00 pm
Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 4th April – Memorial Hall commencing at 7.00 pm.