



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Amenities Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting of Tatworth and Forton Parish Council held on Thursday 22nd August 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Brewer Room of the Memorial Hall.

Public Session

Cllr. K Robbins. Questioned in his view the lack of any cogent plans for both the Jubilee Field and the Village Ranger scheme. The Chairman indicated that indeed there was a plan which had been agreed in principle by a previous administration. He was sorry that he was not at the onsite meeting and disagreed that there was not a need for some ponds to be constructed as originally planned.

The clerk confirmed that he would provide a written response as to the background to the Village Ranger scheme as approved by the past administration.

Present: Councillors:

G Beattie

RT Down

K Bisogno

J MacOmish

B Poole Parish Clerk)

E Peadon

In addition there were 2 interested councillors present and one member of the public.

MINUTES

AC18/19 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given. (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

None

AC19/19 Declarations of interests

None

AC20/19 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2019. (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

There followed quite a lengthy discussion with regard to the original agreement that the notes from the site meeting should be attached to the minutes. The counter argument was that the site meeting was not an open scheduled meeting whereby the public could be present. Subsequently it was ;-

Resolved that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2019 as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record of what took place and signed as such by the chairman.

AC21/19 Matters for report purposes only.

(1) Gulley Clearance

Programme has commenced - waiting for a follow up what has been cleared.

(2) Cemetery Extension Report

Unfortunately the report is still awaited.

(3) Vandalism at Coombses Pond

Problem briefly discussed recently by those residents who carry out work from time to time at the location. A photo of the damage to the table was placed on the council's web site.

(4) Outcomes from the Site Meeting held on 11th July 2019

I have set hereunder the notes from that meeting for information.

Agreement was made for the following matters

- Land drains will be installed to divert the current moving surface water into the adjoining ditch

Subsequently this matter was to be discussed and considered further – see AC22/19/4

- Quotations will be sought to have the grass throughout the site mowed and taken away.

The work has since been undertaken

- Grass to be cut in the Orchard

For further discussion – see AC22/19/6

- The unused allotments to be strimmed and effective weed killer be dispensed on the unused plots within three weeks

Currently confirmation is again awaited that this matter has been undertaken.

- The pile of soil in the allotments to be spread

Currently confirmation is again awaited that this matter has been undertaken

- Quotations to be sought to re-configure the top gateway area so that a vehicle may have room to turn in and park.

Quotations currently being sought

AC22/19 Resolutions

(1) To resolve to purchase three benches for the Jubilee Field

Resolved to purchase 3 no Benches.

(2) To resolve to use any soil excavated in Jubilee Field to build a bank along the inside of the hedge forming the boundary with the A358.

Agreed that such action should be undertaken as and when excavated soil becomes available.

- (3) To resolve to seek planning permission for the construction a new entrance gate to improve access to the Jubilee Field from the A358.

Resolved that the appropriate action should be undertaken to secure permission for the construction of an improved access to the Jubilee Field.

- (4) To resolve to determine a timetable for the construction of a series of ponds and leaky dams and any necessary immediate work to alleviate the current flooding in the Jubilee Field.

Resolved that a further site meeting would be held on Thursday 29th August at 6.00 pm in order to discuss and agree on a way forward to alleviate the current flooding in the Jubilee Field.

- (5) To resolve to accept the offer of tree planting and identify potential sites throughout the parish.

Resolved to accept the offer of tree planting from the group supporting Chard carbon neutral by 2028

- (6) To consider the future management of the Jubilee Field orchard.

Resolved that this subject matter would also be part of the site meeting on the 6th August especially as to the proposal to move the healthy trees to an alternative site within the Jubilee Field or thin out the current location in order to make the grass cutting of the area more manageable

- (7) To consider any new works/schemes for the development of Jubilee Field so that the Committee can progress at its next meeting.

None were raised

- (8) To consider SSDC's recent email regarding formulation of environmental policy:

Viz: Waste, Recycling & resource Management

- Natural Environment
- Built Environment
- Energy (efficiency and renewable)
- Travel and Transport

Considering each of the above 5 themes, please could you let us know the following:

- What do you think are the key environmental issues / concerns for your Parish?
- What are you already doing within your Parish or to address the environmental issue?
- What are the top three things SSDC should aim for (in terms of desired outcome)?
- What are the key things SSDC could do to achieve these desired outcomes?

Resolved the full council should consider the formulation of its own Environmental Policy which should be continually taken into account when making future decisions.

AC23/19 Matters for information purposes only

(a) Councillor Bisongo

Suggested that the Parish Council should endeavour to see that residents were made aware of what was possible in order to reduce the community's "carbon print".

(b) Councillor MacOmish

Stated that 'no village should be cut off' should always be the parish councils main concern to protect at all times when dealing with issues such as planning transportation and local amenities.

(c) Councillor Down

Suggested that :-

- (i) a previous idea of securing a car park on Dyke Hill should be revisited by the parish council - and
- (ii) that a letter should be sent to the Devon and Somerset Fire Service in response to their consultation denigrating the prospect of a reduced local fire service.

(d) Councillor Peadon

Suggested that :-

- (i) the existing second gate in the Jubilee Field on the main road should be retained – and
- (ii) the installation of gate to give vehicular access to the additional cemetery land should be implemented forthwith as was previously agreed. (12' wood farmyard gate and two wood posts)

AC24/19 Correspondence

None

AC25/19 Date and Time of next Meeting – Thursday 26th September 2019