

# TORMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Tormarton Parish Council  
held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 in the Parish Hall, Tormarton

**PC Attendees:** Simon Stevens (Chairman) Janet Wells Katy Pool Nick Davis

**Other Attendees:** Ben Stokes

## 1. Apologies

## 2. Declaration of Interest

Simon Stevens, Playing Field  
Janet Wells, Village Pond

## 3. Public Participation

## 4. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were circulated to the councillors and were approved as a record of the meeting. Simon Stevens, Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes.

## 5. To Receive the Parish Clerk's report

Received

## 6. To Receive the Chairman's report

There was no Chairman's Report available.

## 7. To Receive the Unitary Councillors report

- South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) budget is set to be agreed. The underlying agenda is for a green budget.
  - SGC have declared a climate emergency. They aim to have zero carbon emissions by 2030. Funding has been reserved for environment focussed initiatives.
  - The council are expanding their litter teams to combat fly tipping. Officers will be able to issue on the spot fines for people seen littering.
  - Funding has been set aside for the regeneration of local High Streets
  - Funding has been set aside for vulnerable adults.
  - Money has been reallocated towards a resilience team to help people who are discharged from hospital, supporting people to stay well at home and for additional care homes.
  - There is funding available for VE Day anniversary celebrations and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
  - There will be a 3.99% rise in Council Tax with 2% for Social Care
  - There is funding available for great crested newts. This may be useful for areas that are suitable great crested newt habitats which the newts can be encouraged to populate.
  - There is also a hub to support ex-services and a supporting charity.
- Full details can be found on the SGC website

## 8. To Receive Financial Statements to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Tormarton Parish Council Current Account as in the Cash Book at 31/01/2020	£ 2,547.96
Tormarton Parish Council Reserve Account as in the Cash Book at 31/01/2020	£11,351.41

### 8.1. Cheques

Cheque number 633 for £31.00 was issued to HMRC for the PAYE proportion of the Clerk's January salary.  
Cheque number 634 for £40.00 was issued to the Clerk for the additional meeting in January  
Cheque number 635 for £100.00 was issued to Tormarton Village Hall for the meeting room hire.  
Cheque number 636 for £249.00 was issued to LATVP for the Pond maintenance.  
Nick Davis and Katy Pool were asked to sign the cheques.

## 9. To Review Planning Matters

### 9.1. To Review Progress on the Complaint COM/19/0637/BOC

South Gloucestershire Council have responded to the issues raised by the Parish Council. After some discussion, the Councillors accept the explanations and the item is now closed. For completeness, the issues and responses from South Gloucestershire Council are detailed in Annex 1 to the minutes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Correspondence – Items for Discussion and to determine responses

### 10.1. Old Hundred Lane Maintenance

Old Hundred Lane has finally been cleared after the issue was raised with South Gloucestershire Council.

## 11. Events in Tormarton & West Littleton for 2020

### 11.1. VE Day Celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

There has been no interest from Tormarton residents in arranging any VE Day celebrations.

West Littleton will be holding an event after 5.30pm once the Badminton Horse Trials have finished for the day. It may be possible for Tormarton residents to attend should they wish to do so.

## 12. Community Concerns

### 12.1. Defibrillator Training

This has been arranged for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 10am in Tormarton Village Hall. GP to email the guardians to ensure that they are aware of the date. **ACTION: GP**

## 13. To Receive an update on Traffic, Speeds and Parking within and Around Tormarton Village

### 13.1. Community Speed Watch

Simon is progressing this and it should be starting at the beginning of March

**ACTION: SS**

### 13.2. Tormarton & West Littleton “Blackspots”

- The line painting and the junction by the Major’s Retreat needs to be reviewed.
- Parking opposite The Compass has improved, although littering is still a problem.
- Spye Park Lane also needs to be monitored for both parking and littering

Simon to progress with South Gloucestershire Council and the flytipping team.

**ACTION: SS**

Marshfield Parish Council have written to South Gloucestershire Council to ask that the road between Tormarton and Marshfield be reinstated onto their gritting list after ice caused 2 accidents on 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> January. This is a very busy commuter route as an alternative to the A46 to the motorway. GP to email the South Gloucestershire Council with the request. **ACTION: GP**

### 13.3. Application for Traffic Calming Funding

Local councils (including Didmarton & Acton Turville) have been approached for their feedback on which traffic calming measures they have adopted have worked the best. The response is that mainly a combination of gateways, flashing signs and speed checks seems to work. It was agreed to await the results of the Community Speedwatch before looking for funding.

## 14. To Receive Updates on Tormarton Village Pond

### 14.1. To agree a Revised Annual Grant Amount

The Parish Council had previously agreed to fund the maintenance of the pond at a rate of £200 per annum. It was requested that due to increased costs, this be increased to £250 per annum. This was agreed.

## 15. To Receive Updates on the Playing Field

None

## 16. To Receive Updates on the Village Hall

None

## 17. To Agree Marquee Bookings / Costs

### 17.1. 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – West Littleton Village

Free of Charge as a Village Event

### 17.2. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – Private Hire

Price agreed

It was reiterated that proceeds from the marquee hire would be split between the Village Hall (30%), Playing Field (30%), Church (30%) and the Village Pond (10%)

## 18. Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 6.45pm**

**Gill Penberth**

**Clerk to Tormarton Parish Council**