

## TORMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **The minutes of the Meeting of Tormarton Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 17:00 via a virtual meeting link.**

**Councillors:** Cllr Simon Stevens (Chairman), Cllr Katy Pool, Cllr Janet Wells

**In Attendance:** Cllr Stephen Reade and J Turner (Parish Clerk and RFO)

**Members of the Public:** None

**Absent:** Cllr Nick Davis

#### **11/05/2020 – No 1. To receive any apologies for absence and agree any actions.**

No apologies for absence were received by the Clerk. Cllr Nick Davis was marked as absent from the meeting.

#### **11/05/2020 – No 2. Declaration of Interest**

The Chairman stated that any member having a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed should declare it during the meeting as specified in the Code of Conduct required by the Localism Act 2011 Section 27 and should leave the room while the matter was discussed.

#### **The following declarations of interest were received:**

**Cllr Janet Wells** – Pond Committee

The Clerk stated that as councillors were appointed representatives from the council to the committees that they would not need to declare their interest unless there was any personal interest.

#### **11/05/2020 – No 3. To consider the quotations for tree work at the Village Pond and agree any actions.**

This item was led by Cllr Janet Wells. The pond committee needed to remove tree's that are suffering from Ash Dieback around the Village Pond. It was agreed for the council to lead the tender and for the pond committee to make a donation to the council if they wanted to as a token of appreciation for undertaking the work. Cllr Stephen Reade confirmed that he and Cllr Ben Stokes had awarded £1300 to the Tormarton Village Pond Committee. Cllr Janet Wells confirmed that the pond committee haven't received any decision from the Landfill Trust for their grant as yet. The Clerk was asked by the Chairman, to explain the VAT implications for the Parish Council undertaking the work and it was mentioned that the Parish Council, under no circumstances, could reclaim VAT for another body following advice received to the Clerk. In light of this, the Parish Council wanted to show their commitment to the Village Pond Committee by the way of a grant.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed that if the Village Ponds Committee's grant from the Landfill Trust is unsuccessful, ( to the Landfill Trust,) the council would grant the committee £1000 from earmarked reserves towards the work. It was noted that an update on this situation would be provided in June's council meeting from Cllr Janet Wells.

**The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 17:53**