

The minutes of the meeting of Tormarton Parish Council held on Monday 4th April 2022 at 19:30 at Tormarton Parish Hall.

Councillors: Cllr K Pool (Vice Chair), Cllr S Giles, Cllr Nick Davis and Cllr J Wells.

In Attendance: None.

Absent: Cllr S Stevens.

Members of the Public: one person attended.

07/03/2022 – No 1. To receive any questions from the members of public present.

No questions were received.

07/03/2022 – No 2. To consider the apologies for absence.

Cllrs S Stevens sent apologies. Cllr B Stokes present. Cllr S Reade sent apologies.

07/03/2022 – No 3. Declaration of Interest.

The Vice 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.

07/03/2022 – No 4. To approve the minutes of the Meeting of Tormarton Parish Council held on 7th February 2022 and to note any issues.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes via email following minor (retrospective) changes as a true and accurate record.

07/03/2022 – No 5. To receive any reports from South Gloucestershire Council Councillors.

Updates as follows:

- Community engagement forums starting-Cllr S Stevens attending.
- Consultations- Care home issues and COVID-regulations have been stood down
- SGC Public Health department can procure lateral flow tests for vulnerable people.
- Pot hole filling programme has been published.
- Levelling up agenda-most relevant giving an **automatic** rebate of £150 to all properties in bands A-D or, Bands E-G if Occupants are in receipt of certain benefits-this would need to be applied for via SGC.
- Cllr B Stokes and Cllr S Reade congratulated Parish Cllrs on the success of the table top talks regarding the Local Plan consultation.
- LNAP (Local Nature Action Plan)- The LNAP and Neighbourhood plan can feed into each other. It was noted that it has been difficult to get Parishioners to engage and suggested that an invitation to ask Matt Lipton or Sally Pattison to come and give a talk.

- Item 12e on Agenda-Cllr Stokes has asked Andy Whitehead to provide updates as they are available.

07/03/2022 – No 6. To receive updates and discuss the Local plan.

NOTED: Meeting held on 12th March- Good attendance of 50 people.

- Most were interested in the Local Plan
- Attendees were encouraged to make their own comments via the consultation portal.
- Tormarton PC made extensive comments regarding renewable energy.
- Cllr Wells looked at Rural villages-comments were made regarding 1-2 development sites. It was noted that the settlement growth ranges were between 25-200 where as Tormarton has only 100 houses therefore growth of 10 houses would seem more appropriate. It was considered that the proposed housing ranges do not make sense for smaller settlements.
- Local plan is seeking 1500 houses across the entire settlement area and that it is likely in smaller settlements that there will be more likely to have organic growth such as back garden development and infill development rather than set development sites.
- LNAP proposes reductions in parking numbers in Towns such as Yate however there is a problem for Villages as the bus service/sustainable transport is very limited and therefore they will need to use their own transport. Consideration for this should be given.
- Neighbourhood Plan is important to state what the Parish would like to consider in terms of housing numbers and can be taken into consideration within the Planning system.

07/03/2022 – No 7. To minute the outcome of the Major's retreat forum.

RESOLVED: The Meeting was held on the 12th March.

There were – 26 yes votes and
28 No Votes.
140 no shows.

Therefore, the majority decision was that the Community did not support the purchase of the Majors Retreat. Cllr S Stevens informed SGC that the Parish were stepping down on their interest to purchase the property as a community asset.

Cllr Wells had researched the History of the pub and as a point of interest it was noted that it was sold off in the big Badminton Estate sale of 1918.

07/03/2022 – No 8. To receive an update on the Parish newsletter

RESOLVED: Cllr J Wells Has prepared the April edition of the newsletter and it was pending for printing which Cllr S Stevens would do upon his return.

Cllr K Pool to prepare the May newsletter.

07/02/2022 – No 9. To consider any planning applications received and consultations received:

RESOLVED: There were no applications to consider.

07/03/2022 – No 10. Tormarton Parish finance

a) To note the position of the two bank accounts:

The positions were noted as per the bank statements, which had been circulated. It was also noted there is no change to the Accounts as no payments have been made.

b) To receive the Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statements for February. The council did not receive the bank reconciliation for February/March. No records were available for February/March due to change over of Clerk.

c) To note the income, expenditure and monthly accounts reports for December and January. Noted. Not all available due to change over of the Clerk.

d) To consider the expenditure report and authorise payments. No Payments payable due to banking permissions unauthorised for new Clerk.

07/03/2022 – No 11. To carry out the yearly progress review of Tormarton Parish Council's Three-Year Plan, focusing on 2021/2022:

a) Finance, Democracy, Governance and Development.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to carry this item over.

07/03/2022 – No 12. To receive updates from members on ongoing Parish issues:

a) Update on Traffic Order Schedule from South Gloucestershire Council.

Cllr S Stevens to report back regarding post siting discussion with Chris Harris.

b) Tormarton & West Littleton "Blackspots".

Cllr Pool contacted Miles Harris and asked for report back regarding recommendations for the lanes/Flooded passing places and Junction of Dunsdown Lane and A46 currently 2 cars are not able to pass.

c) Tormarton Village Events Parking.

No Comments

d) Local Nature Action Plan.

LNAP presentation at future meeting

e) A46 Car Park.

Cllr B Stokes updated the meeting as to the latest developments. Cllr K Pool asked for further clarification as early as possible.

a) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Event.

Cllr Wells reported that at Landcare Nursery Oak trees were £55 per tree. Janet to further research regarding other nurseries and Lime trees.

Cllr K Pool reported that all arrangements are set for the West Littleton jubilee event. 1 more meeting to finalise before the actual event.

g) Any items considered urgent as directed by the Chairman or the Clerk.

Cllr J Wells contacted Matt Lipton regarding the spraying and mowing of verges at the Dyson estate and has been advised to wait and see if it occurs again this year.

It was noted that the progression of a Neighbourhood Plan needs Community engagement and community support/volunteers. SGC has dedicated Officer for Neighbourhood Plan-**Clerk to find out Officer details.**

RESOLVED: All to review/research Neighbourhood Plan to discuss whether we feel it is worthwhile and viable for TPC at next meeting.

07/03/2022 – No 13. To receive update from the following committees:

a) Village Hall Committee.

Electric certificate in place

Cutlery/crockery missing-VC asked Major's Retreat supplying for a small donation.

Pumpkins Nursery up for sale, New Owner-Laura to take over September, Tormarton only following OFSTED licence.

Lease ends 2024- New Lease will be in Laura's name currents rates apply for 3yrs then will be reviewed in year 4.

Flooring postponed until later in the year. 50% costs prepaid.

External storage cabin was given consent for 2 years. Staff would like to extend this and apply for larger possibly log cabin style facility with storage and welfare. This is to be discussed.

In view of rise in utilities costs, the Village Hall are considering raising their current rates.

Playground and equipment has been power washed

Village Hall to check-Food Premises and drinks licences.

Cllr S Giles not available for the next meeting on the 16th May 2022.

a) Village Pond Committee. –

Mark Smith (of Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group , FWAG, who are currently working with SGC), agreed that silty water coming down from Church Road appears to be entering pond. Pond is 1ft deep but was 5ft deep. It was advised by Mark Smith that the cost to clear silt is prohibitive until the contamination is stopped and the damage caused to the pond itself. It was last cleared in 1976 by local farmers.

Cllr Wells to go back to Mark Smith to ask that something be done.

b) Playing Field Committee. -.

No Updates other than to note that the Stoneman arrangement is working well and it is noted that there are significantly less cars parking in the road.

07/03/2022 – No 14. It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting is on the **9th May 2022.**

Cllr J Wells sends her apologies.