

TORMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of Tormarton Parish Council held on Monday 8th April 2023 at 18:30 at Tormarton Parish Hall.

Councillors: Cllr Simon Stevens (Chairman), Cllr Katy Pool, Cllr Janet Wells, Cllr Rebecca Derry-Evans and Cllr Sue Giles.

In Attendance: Richard Cole (Parish Clerk), SGC Cllr Ben Stokes.

Members of the Public: Two.

8/04/2024– No 1. To receive any questions or statements from the members of public present.

Sharon Kirwan from Avon Ambulance attended to inform the members of the Parish Council that will they will be ending their support for the Parish's defibrillators at the end in 2026. From that point the Parish Council will have the opportunity to take full responsibility for the equipment. This will include purchasing batteries and pads at an appropriate time. Pads last about 2 years, batteries last about 5. Training is needed to cover this and sessions have been offered to Tormarton on 5th June at 7pm and West Littleton on 13th June at 7pm.

8/04/2024 – No 2. To consider the apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from SGC Cllr Marilyn Palmer (illness).

8/04/2024 – No 3. 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.

8/04/2024 – No 4. To approve the minutes of the Meeting of Tormarton Parish Council held on Monday 18th March 2024 and to note any issues.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

8/04/2024 – No 5. To receive any reports from South Gloucestershire Council Councillors.

Cllr Stokes explained changes to West Link including extra locations and better connections with normal services. Leaflets and maps will be sent for distribution. Cllr Wells will be sharing a nature recovery tool kit with Cllr Stokes. SGC are providing extra services for farming communities. Cllr Stokes commented on the positive neighbourhood plan meeting.

8/04/2024 – No 6. To consider any planning applications received:

a) Any planning applications received after the agenda had been issued.

A planning application had been received after the agenda had been issued, and it was unanimously decided that this item should be carried over to be discussed at a separate meeting. Date to be announced.

8/04/2024 – No 7. To receive the bank reconciliation, bank statements, income, expenditure and monthly accounts reports for March 2024.

The Councillors noted the reports for March 2024.

8/04/2024 – No 8. To consider Tormarton Parish Council response to South Gloucestershire Council's consultation on 'The South Gloucestershire Council Plan for 2024-2028.

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Councillor Wells to draft a response to the consultation on 'The South Gloucestershire Council Plan for 2024-2028, and circulate it to the member for approval.

8/04/2024 – No 9. To receive updates from members on ongoing Parish issues:

a) Traffic and road issues within the Parish, including the A46 Car Park.

Cllr Pool to provide Cllr Stokes and Cllr Palmer with a copy of Cllr Willmore's proposal on the A46 park and share.

A discussion was held on the potholes, and it was noted that residents should continue to report dangerous ones. Cllr Pool and Cllr Derry-Evans to collate pothole information as per Tormarton for reporting on behalf of the PC.

b) Planning issues within the Parish.

Covered in agenda item 7.

c) Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish.

Successful meeting held on 30 March with mandate from residents to progress.

It was agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan flyer would be included with the Parish newsletter at the end of April, confirming the discussions that took place on 30th March and asking for more feedback.

d) Local Nature Action Plan.

The nursery has spread seeds on grass area between car park and playground.

e) Parish Event for D-Day in June 2024.

Cllr Giles updated on that the event would be based around a village rounders match taking place on the playing field.

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

None.

The Chairman reminded the member that dates needed to be set for the 'Annual Parish Council Meeting' and the 'Annual Assembly for Parishioners'. It was resolved that both meetings should take place on the same day, with the Annual Assembly for Parishioner' taking place at 7.45 pm on Monday 20th May 2024.

g) Tormarton D-Day 80 Celebrations

Councillor Pool stated that West Littleton will have an event on the village green during 'Open Gardens' weekend. Councillor Giles confirmed to the members that the Village Hall committee were managing the D-Day 80 celebrations for Tormarton on the playing fields on the Sunday after the main D-Day 80 celebration on the 6th June 2024.

h) Purchase of Pea gravel for church path

It was explained that the path was a public footpath through the church grounds, and had received support previously from the Parish Council in 2022. The Chairman asked that a written application for the grant to be received, and that the item is then formally added to the Parish Council next agenda.

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i) Possible Closure of Marshfield doctor surgery

More information to be available before any letter of support is written.

8/04/2024 – No 11. To receive an update from the following committees:

a) Village Hall Committee.

CLlr S Giles provided an update. The clock needs to be repaired. The committee have booked a deep clean of the hall and this will be done soon.

b) Village Pond Committee.

No update was given.

c) Playing Field Committee.

No update was given.

8/04/2024 – No 13. To note that the date of the next meeting of Tormarton Parish Council, which will also be the Annual Parish Council Meeting, will be held on Monday 20th May 2024 at 6.30pm.

Noted.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 20.20