

TORMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of Tormarton Parish Council held on Monday 2th September 2024 at 18:30 at Tormarton Parish Hall.

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

In Attendance: Richard Cole (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: None.

2/09/2024 – No 1. To receive any questions from members of the public present.

None were received.

2/09/2024 – No 2. To receive apologies for absence.

SGC Cllr Ben Stokes

2/09/2024- 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.

2/09/2024 – No 4. To approve the minutes of the Meeting of Tormarton Parish Council held on Monday 10th June 2024 and to note any issues.

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

2/09/2024 – No 5. To receive any reports from South Gloucestershire Council Councillors.

A report was received from Marilyn Palmer, which will be added as an addendum to the PC website. Action re. A46 closure: It was suggested that Councillor Chris Willmore is the person to approach regarding the PC's concerns regarding the effect of motorway closures on the Parish.

2/09/2024 – No 6. To receive a report from Avon and Somerset community policing officers.

Two officers attended. They gave an update on crime in the Boyd Valley, including burglaries and fraud. It was emphasised that all crimes should be reported to the police at every opportunity.

The officers informed the Parish Council that, regarding the anti-social behaviour at the A46 car park, the Police have provided an Environmental Visual Audit report to SGC on the picnic area with their recommendations. Cllr Palmer was asked to investigate who has the report and what action has been taken, and possibly try to obtain a copy for the Parish Council.

Regarding the traffic problems and dangerous parking at the Tormarton laybys by the A46, the Police confirmed that any problems should be reported on 101 or 999 dependent on the severity of the situation. One PCSO suggested that double yellow lines painted along road by a lay-by also applied to that lay-by. Parish Council to follow up with South Gloucestershire Council's Highways team.

2/09/2024-No 7 To consider any planning applications received before and after the agenda had been issued.

Many residents have complained to Cllr Derry-Evans and Cllr Pool regarding the height of the newly built indoor arena at Manor Farm, West Littleton and with the view that it does not match the

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specifications within the planning application. It was agreed that the Parish Could write to Enforcement at SGC Planning to check whether or not it meets the planning application conditions.

Residents have noted that an Airbnb is being run from premises within the village. Cllrs Pool and Derry-Evans to approach the owners to discuss.

2/09/2024 – No 8 To consider comments for pending planning applications.

The Parish Council confirmed no objection to the rebuilding of stables at Dunsdown Farm, West Littleton.

It was noted that windows have been removed at Smithy Cottage, Tormarton, changing the appearance of a listed building. Cllr Palmer will write to the planning officer.

2/09/2024 – No 9 To consider the outline proposal put forward by Badminton Estate for the redevelopment of Manor Farm in Tormarton.

There was no update.

2/09/2024 No 10 To Review Tormarton Parish Council Finance. To receive the bank reconciliation, bank statements, income, expenditure and monthly accounts reports for August 2024.

a) The SGC quotation was approved.

The accounts reports were received. All were approved.

b) The update to the financial regulations will be prepared by Cllr Stevens, Cllr Pool and the clerk.

c) The payment schedule was approved.

2/09/2024 No 11 To discuss Cllr Stevens proposal to create an alliance with other small parish councils in Boyd Valley.

After discussion, it was agreed that this should be the role of the Community Engagement Forum and that the Forum format should be re-worked to meet requirements. were no objections to this. It was agreed that current arrangements were not working well.

2/09/2024 No 12 To receive updates from members on ongoing Parish issues.

a) Traffic and road issues within the parish inc A46 car park.

The A46 car park has been covered by No. 6 above.

The owners of Spye Cottage, Tormarton, are increasingly concerned re. speeding/danger at the crossroads. PC to consider adding a further VAS site to cover this crossroads so it can be included in regular data submitted to SGC.

b) It has become important to collect data concerning Spye Cottage crossroads to present to SGC.

c) **Planning Issues.** Already covered.

d) **Neighbourhood plan.** On hold.

e) **Local Nature Action Plan.** Nothing to report.

f) **Parish Events for VE80 in 2025.**

Cllr Stevens willing organise an event in Tormarton, but as a private individual not a councillor.

There is funding available to hire and erect the ex-PC marquee and the PC voted to approve this funding. Cllr Wells suggested the Church may wish to be involved.

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

None were raised.

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2/09/2024 No 13 To receive an update from the following committees.

a) **Village Hall Committee**

A spy hole is being inserted in the entrance door to the Village Hall.

The dog show was very popular despite rain.

New benches are being installed in the playground.

Parking bays for disabled will be set up in the Village Hall car park.

b) **Village Pond Committee** – No update

c) **Playing Field Committee** – no update

2/09/2024 No 14 To set the date of meetings of Tormarton Parish Council

Next Meeting Monday 7nd October 2024 at 6.30pm

Monday 4th November 2024 t 6.30pm

Monday 9nd December 2024 at 6.30pm

Monday 3rd February 2025 at 6.30pm

Monday 3rd March 2025 at 6.30pm

Monday 7th April 2025at 6.30pm