

## TORMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **The minutes of the Meeting of Tormarton Parish Council held on Monday 7 October 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:** SGC Cllr Ben Stokes, SGC Cllr Marilyn Palmer.

**Members of the Public:** Two.

#### **07/10/2024 - No 1. To receive any questions from members of public present.**

None were received.

#### **07/10/2024 - No 2. To receive apologies for absence.**

None were received.

#### **07/10/2024 - 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.

Cllr Wells declared herself to be a neighbour of The Smithy, Tormarton, to be discussed under 8a below (but in a further discussion after the meeting, this was not recognised as a disclosable interest in this instance).

#### **07/10/2024 - No 4. To approve the minutes of the Meeting of Tormarton Parish Council held on Monday, 2 September 2024 and to note any issues.**

It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record, but replacing under No. 7 the words 'planning permission' in place of 'planning application' and confirming Cllr Palmer as present at the meeting.

#### **07/10/2024 – No 5. Update on matters arising from the previous minutes not included below.**

None.

#### **07/10/2024 - No 6. To receive any reports from South Gloucestershire Council Councillors.**

Cllr Palmer raised the closing of the M4 section from Jct 18 – Jct 19 and the diversion routes using the A46 and A420. It was agreed that Cllr Pool would approach Cllr Willmore to see if there had been further discussions regarding the lanes to the east of the A46 including West Littleton and Tormarton.

Cllr Palmer confirmed that new parking charges for SGC car parks in Yate and Thornbury will be effective from next Spring.

Cllr Stokes confirmed that Member Awarded Funding will end in March 2025 and encouraged submissions for funding between £250 - £500.

Cllr Stokes confirmed the Cabinet is reviewing its estates strategy to ensure regular upkeep of council-owned land.

Cllr Stokes reported an improvement in potholes generally and improvements within the environmental team, eg. fly tipping.

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### **07/10/2024 - No 7. To receive a report from Avon & Somerset Community Police Officers.**

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, including a poster for contact details which should be displayed in noticeboards.

Cllr Palmer to establish who within SGC received the Audit report from Avon & Somerset Police relating to anti-social behaviour and the ways to prevent it and establish its current status.

Cllr Stokes confirmed Operation Bluestone is a national programme to address anti-social behaviour and confirmed that TPC should continue to report incidents to our local PCSOs.

### **07/10/2024 – No 8. To consider any planning applications received.**

#### **a) P24/02155/TRE The Smithy, Tormarton**

It was agreed TPC would support the application for a TPO tree to be reduced in size as so close to the property.

#### **b) P24/0228/TCA The Smithy, Tormarton**

Cllr Wells believes the hedge in question to be an arch, but it was agreed to not comment on this application.

### **07/10/2024-No 9. To consider comments on previous planning applications.**

- a) Update on P24/01940/F Dunsdown Farm, West Littleton. No update
- b) Update on P24/01293/Rushmead Lane. On circulated schedule.

### **07/10/2024 - No 10. To receive the bank reconciliation, bank statements, income, expenditure and month accounts reports for September 2024.**

All agreed and approved.

### **07/10/2024 - No 11. To receive update from Cllr Stevens on proposed events for VE80 on 4 May 2025.**

Progressing and will update at next meeting.

### **07/10/2024 - No 12. To receive updates from members on ongoing Parish issues.**

- a) **Traffic and road issues within the parish including the A46 car park.** TPC to raise the suggestion of laying double yellow lines at the A46/Acton Turville crossroads to deter parking. Cllr Derry-Evans has reported 2 road issues on West Littleton Road.
- b) **Planning Issues.** None
- c) **Neighbourhood plan.** On hold.
- d) **Local Nature Action Plan.** Nothing to report
- e) **Any items considered urgent as directed by the Chairman or Clerk.**

Cllr Stevens reported he had received a letter from solicitors representing Manor Farm on 4 October suggesting Cllr Derry-Evans was caught trespassing on Manor Farm on 5 September and her visit was on behalf of/sanctioned by the Parish Council.

Cllr Pool reported that as discussed and minuted at the PC meeting on 2 September, TPC requested SGC Enforcement consider whether the size and height of the indoor arena met approved planning permissions. This was because a significant number of West Littleton residents were very concerned about its size and prominence. Enforcement confirmed it

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visited the site on 16 September and confirmed in writing to TPC on 1 October that it will report back after further investigations.

Cllr Derry-Evans confirmed that she did not make the visit on behalf of the Parish Council, but as a resident of the village. She spoke with two builders and two representatives of the arena construction team who were happy to help her with queries and at no time suggested she was trespassing or directed her to the owner or agent.

Each Parish Councillor in turn confirmed that Cllr Derry-Evans was not sanctioned by the Parish Council to visit Manor Farm and was not representing the Parish Council.

Cllr Stevens will respond to the solicitors' letter accordingly.

Following this discussion, it was reported that residents had noted that 6 floodlights have now been erected on the outdoor menage. There appears to be no reference to any such lighting in the planning /permissions and TPC will request that Enforcement investigate as TPC has raised the issue of light pollution previously.

### **07/10/2024 - No 13. To receive an update from the following committees.**

- a) **Village Hall Committee.** Meeting next week.
- b) **Village Pond Committee.** Meeting on Thursday. Major clear-ups required.
- c) **Playing Field Committee.** Meeting last week and minutes to be distributed.

**07/10/2024 - No 14. To note that the date of the next meeting of Tormarton Parish Council will be held on Monday, 4 November 2024 at 6.30pm.**