

TIBBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th March 2018

Present: D Nutting, C Bevan, C Ackerman, S Waller, H Kingham, B Robinson,

1. Apologies

L Davis, B Tarrant.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 8th January 2018

Minutes had been previously distributed and were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Pruning of tree on Orchard Rise - DN had a photo of the tree showing the lower branches sweeping the ground and preventing the grass from growing. SW suggested a local tree surgeon to trim the lower branches.

4. Planning

(i) P1615/W/173184196 – Appeal Burway Farm, Rudford. Appeal dismissed. Noted by parish council.

(ii) PO117/18/LD1 – The Coach House Meredith Lane. To establish whether the use of the former Coach House as an independent dwelling is lawful. Plans observed and discussed.

(iii) PO/166/18/PQ3PA – Lower Farm Tibberton Lane. Prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building to a dwelling house. Plans observed, already passed. No bats or newts had been found on the property.

(iv) Contravention – Erection of shipping container on land rear of Greenfields, Tibberton. Enforcement action taken – to be removed in 21 days. Short discussion, date unknown.

5. Finance/Grants

Clerk distributed copies of the accounts.

It was agreed that the clerk should investigate moving to online banking.

Contracts for grass and hedge cutting were discussed and agreed.

Request for funding for a new table and bench costing £399.99 from T & TT Group was discussed and agreed.

6. Highways

New highways manager for FOD, Andrew Middlecote, in post. Clerk has contacted to raise the issue of the white markers along Tibberton Lane. This is to be investigated by Amey.

7. Website

HK reported that two new people have been trained to update areas of the website, i.e. Village News, WI, Tennis Club and Lunch at the Hall.

8. Kiosk Repainting

CB reported that this would take place next month (April).

9. Report from County Council (BR): -

Council Tax will rise by 4.4%

£150 million of extra funding for road surfacing and building over the next 3 years.

£16 million extra for children's services. New Director started on 6/3/18 and changes in management aiming for a good quality service.

Highways Local Fund - £20,000 available.

Community Support Fund - £30,000 available over 3 years.

Highnam traffic lights not working when merging onto dual carriageway, making this potentially dangerous. BR to check whether bus lane can be used and report back.

Fastershire – superfast broadband will be rolled out to each household. This will involve digging up of roads and therefore road closures.

District Council: - (On behalf of JH)

Five Acres site in Coleford will close in September when the new college site opens in Cinderford. There is concern about the loss of the leisure and theatre facilities at Five Acres. There is to be a review of leisure facilities throughout the forest.

Plastic bottles waste – currently brings in an income but the market is dropping.

Managing of plastic under review, the Government is considering a tax on plastic bottles to be refunded upon return.

10. Date of next meeting 14 May 2018

11. AOB

Alms-houses Trust Grant request was discussed. It was agreed to request a full financial statement, income and expenditure. Clerk to action.

HK requested information about the number of complaints relating to pot holes in Highnam. Clerk to action under FOI.

CA reported that Kate Baugh of GRCC had sent a document about cars speeding in Tibberton. CA intends to meet with KB over the next week to discuss ongoing application to Police Commissioner's Fund.

DN reported the results of the traffic survey in Tibberton; the mean speed from Tibberton to Taynton was 38 miles per hour, and from Taynton to Tibberton was 36 miles per hour. The 85 percentile was 45 and 44 respectively.

Public Forum

No discussion

THESE MEETING MINUTES ARE A DRAFT AND WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.