

Tibberton Parish Council

Minutes

Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at Parish Room

1. **Welcome from the Chairman, DN, CA, CB, CW, GB – present**
Apologies: Tania Bowman, Hylary Kingham
2. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th January 20120 have been previously distributed and were signed as a true record. Published to the website.**
3. **Declarations of Interest: None**
4. **Parish Business**
 - Correspondence from Funding opportunities GRRC, FoDDC newsletters, VE Day Celebrations, volunteer & funding event circulated by email.
 - TPC Councillors invited to FoDDC Council meeting – Wednesday 11 March 2020 at 6pm in the FoDDC Council Chamber – re Planning enforcement
 - Interest from Highnam PC in collaborating with the VAS project
 - Taynton PC interested in collaborating on the issue of large vehicles through the villages
 - Finance - Statement of Accounts for 2019/2020 confirmed current spending. All expected income for the year received. Under spend on Grants/donations expected.
5. **Planning (revised order – 11/1/2020)**
 - a. Oak Tree Cottage - Planning Inspector has allowed the proposed barn.
The shipping container is certainly no longer temporary having been in-situ since 4th May 2017 and is 'more development' not allowed under the decision. Principal Planning Officer, FODDC, have said that a letter will be sent giving 21 days' notice for the removal of the container. The Parish Council will urge FODDC to progress enforcement action.
 - b. Griffins Farm – Consultations with the applicant will be sought to resolve the concerns of nearby residents, the landowner has said that he intends to plant larger trees when weather conditions improve but may be not until the Autumn.
 - c. Bovone Farm – Waste recycling industrial site application – GCC Planning contacted the owner to discuss his future intentions, in the light of the Application withdrawal and set out the Council's requirements, being that the unauthorised operations cease, and skips and waste materials are removed off site. He has agreed to do this, although it is reasonable it will take some weeks. GCC Planning expect no more materials to be coming onto site, save those which I am told are in connection with farm works. This is now on a formal footing with the landowner, company operator and his agent. Should the Council's requirements not be met then they will consider the enforcement options available? The site will be periodically monitored to check on progress and will also liaise with the planning case officer, to see whether or not a resubmission is made.
 - d. Ash Cottage, Buttermilk Lane Extension - no objection.
 - e. Muzzle Patch – Double Garage – no objection.
6. **Items Discussed**
 - a. Emergency plan working group circulated to councillors. CB to amend comments about vulnerable properties and will publish April 2020.
 - b. VAS working group still in progress. GCC Highways approval is being compiled and sought by CW and CA. Three system quotes obtained and appropriate setup identified.
 - c. Grass and Hedge cutting contract for 2020 – contractors tender documents were presented and evaluated, the council deciding to offer the contract for 2020 to one tenderer.
 - d. Highways - The gully opposite Chapel has been repaired. Potholes on the Huntley Road have been repaired however the road condition is poor and continues to break up. Parish Council to seek a more permanent solution from GCC Highways.

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- e. Letter to farmers/contractors expressing the council's concern before next harvest time – Councillors and the public raised concerns about the risks and dangers posed by large tractor and trailers and their inconsiderate use of the village lanes including reported near "misses". Advice to be taken from Police and letters to be sent to farmers/contractors expressing the council's concern before next harvest time. Draft letter discussed and further discussions regarding joint letter of Appeal with Taynton, Bulley, Huntley and Rudford PC to be actioned.
- f. Setup a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) The clerk has received expressions of interest from people within the village proposed plan to setup a feasibility Steering Group and establish how and if TPC should produce a NDP for Tibberton – 2021-2041.
- g. Village Litter Pick - Saturday 21st March 2020 – Risk assessment to be completed and participants to be advised of risks. Participants to be encouraged to wear bright clothing, boots, wear garden gloves. Litter picks and bags supplied by FoDDC will be provided.
- h. Village walk of footpaths – Map based on Gloucestershire PROW shared. CB proposed organised village walk routes for Saturday 23rd May 2020.
- i. Path from School to Telephone exchange. Tibberton Lane safety barrier – Contact GCC Highways to request walk through barrier. BT OpenReach to be consulted over redevelopment of fence and parking area behind BT telephone box.

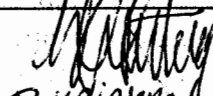
7. **Report from County Council** – Apologies from Cllr Brian Robinson he reported in absence: Bovine Farm planning application (to GCC) has been withdrawn. The applicant will be required to removed waste skips from the site.
The Lengthmans scheme will start again in April. This is a small work gang that can carry out smaller jobs in the Parish. Please forward a list of any tasks the parish would like added to their work list. This can include cleaning of street signs, cutting back weeds, minor repairs etc.

8. **Report from District Council** - Cllr Brian Jones & Cllr Brian Robinson reported in his absence. The District Council budget was passed by a majority of members without any questions or debate. The Chairman used his casting vote to achieve this after Councillors were split evenly on the need for a full debate before decision, I have complained to Council that this is potentially illegal. During a further report on the Council Tax discount scheme, Councillors were advised the cost to the local council tax payer of the scheme was just £46,000 whereas further investigations reveal the true cost to be more than £800,000. I have asked for this decision to be debated again so the decision can be taken when Councillors have the correct facts. The District Council has a shortfall of £1.3m of income verses expenditure and will use up most of its reserves meeting the shortfall in the coming year. I believe the council needs to take urgent steps to reduce subsidies that are still paid for some fee paying services to bring is revenue budget back into balance.

9. **A.O.B**
- a. The Buttermilk Lane to the Forge footpath needs attention, GCC notified and responding.
 - b. Fly Tipping Poster to be circulated - We ALL have a DUTY OF CARE, to ensure our household or business waste is disposed of legally and not fly tipped. Avoid an UNLIMITED FINE by following the S.C.R.A.P. code.
 - c. CA investigating noticeboards, dog poo, bins and disposal for Tibberton.

10. **Date of next meeting**
7.30pm Monday 11th May 2020
Annual Parish meeting to be : 7pm Monday 11th May 2020

Questions Forum not minuted.

Approved by:	
Position:	CHAIRMAN
Dated:	14/07/2020