

TARRINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.00pm

In the Chair - Councillor R Hodges

Present: 8 parishioners

In attendance - Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Cllr Hodges welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 Apologies for absence - Jeanette Ward, John Hardwick

2 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2015 (previously circulated)

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the chairman.

3 Matters Arising - none

4 Report from Backbury Ward Councillor

John Hardwick had been re-elected Backbury ward councillor on Thursday 7th May but does not officially take up position until Tuesday 12th May 2015.

5 Report from the Police

The clerk had circulated the latest report

6 Annual report from Chairman of Tarrington Parish Council, Robert Hodges

“ I am sure you all know that Parish Councillors are not paid for their services. One person who is paid is our clerk. The clerk is not a councillor but without a good clerk a parish council would really struggle. Twelve months ago Janet attended her first meeting at Tarrington and commenced her duties shortly afterwards. It is my pleasure to report that Janet has proved to be an excellent clerk and I would like to thank her carrying out her duties so well.

In the past twelve months we have held 6 regular meetings plus a couple of meetings to discuss planning applications and to make urgent payments. As normal, all our council meetings are held in public. During the year we have received only 3 planning applications, way down on the average of 12 – 15. This time last year we had 8 councillors but during the year we had 1 resignation and 1 disqualification so at the time of the recent election only 6 remained.

During the year something happened that I never thought would never live to see – the resurfacing of the Common Road and Aldersend Road. A section of another road at Eastwood has also been resurfaced. Thanks must go to Balfour Beatty for carry out this work to what appears to be a very high standard. Unfortunately there are still many, many potholes that are need of repair and the repairs seem to me to be carried out in a somewhat random fashion. Our thanks must go to John Tallis and Paul Grey reporting highway defects on a regular basis to Balfour Beatty. They also need our thanks for deploying the Speed Indicating Device both here in Tarrington and at Fownhope.

Following numerous meetings with Herefordshire Council, Amey, Balfour Beatty we finally have a second bus shelter in the village. Thanks must go to all those councillors who gave their time and also to our local councillor, John Hardwick, for his support in achieving what I think is a very successful outcome.

We have approved a couple of fairly large grants during the year. £500 was given towards repairs to the war memorial. We will shortly make a payment of approximately £6000 towards scaffolding to enable high-level repairs and maintenance to be carried out on this building (Lady Emily Hall).

You will all be aware that a Neighbourhood Development Plan is being produced for our parish. The Parish Council is responsible for the plan although it is actually being prepared by a Steering Group. Fortunately the Group is being ably led by John Tallis and we need to thank him for undertaking an extremely difficult task. John is going to give a progress report shortly so I won't say much more about it at the moment. We need to thank John and all those on the Steering Group and anyone else who is helping to produce the plan.

I need to thank Janette Ward for regularly reporting on the state of the footpaths to Paul Grey for undertaking the more physical aspect of maintaining them. Thank you, Paul, for making a new display board for us and to you, Celia, for smartening-up the notice boards in the village.

We have begun the process of giving names to the roads in and around the village and will arrange for appropriate signs to be erected. I do hope that this will prove to be a fairly straightforward process.

As always, we need thank the editor of the Tatler, Andy Nott, and the manager of the website, Vikki Avery. Both do a really good job and make a valuable contribution to the life of our community.

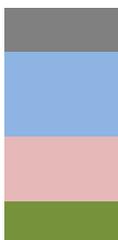
I would like to thank our local councillor John Hardwick for attending almost all our meetings and for making such a valuable contribution to our proceedings.”

7 To note the Attendance Record of Parish Council Members

TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Attendance Record for Parish Councillors & Ward Councillor 2013 - 2015

NAME	MONTH													TOTAL
	MAY	JULY	SEPT	NOV	JAN	MAR	MAY	JULY	SEPT	NOV	DEC	JAN	MAR	
R HODGES (Chairman)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	13 OF 13
M DARON			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	APOL	Y	Y	10 OF 11
C ESSEX				Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	DISQ		3 OF 9
P GREY	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	APOL	Y	Y	11 OF 13
J HODGES (V-Chairman)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	RESG				9 OF 9
J TALLIS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	13 OF 13
J WARD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	13 OF 13
C WINTER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	APOL	APOL	Y	Y	Y	N	APOL	Y	9 OF 13
S FRYER	Y	APOL	APOL	RESG										
T JONES	APOL	APOL	RESG											
J CHESTER (CLERK)							Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7 OF 7
J HARDWICK (WARD COUNCILLOR)	Y	APOL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	APOL	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	10 OF 13

NO MEETING HELD =
NOT ELECTED COUNCILLOR =
CO-OPTION ON TO COUNCIL =
DISQUALIFIED =



8 Annual Financial Report of the Parish Council

The annual accounts have been internally audited. Thanks were expressed to Martin Townsend for carrying this out. The current account opening balance as of 1st April 2014 was £3923.96. Total receipts for the year £18656.01, payments £16091.87 Closing balance 31st March 2015 £6362.90. The reserve account opening balance as of 1st April 2014 £16399.98 Closing balance 31st March 2015 £16416.38.

9 Report from Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Tallis gave a brief report on the Neighbourhood Plan and at what stage it is currently. Over the past twelve months a number of meetings, both open meetings and meetings of the steering group, have taken place. A questionnaire was sent to all dwellings in the parish in September and the responses gathered and analysed. 65% of questionnaires given out were returned with a range of views expressed. The nature and density of housing and style and size with up to 3 bedroom family homes were wanted and/or adapted disabled/elderly accommodation. If a site of less than 10 houses is proposed developers do not have to provide affordable housing. Draft policies have been put together and a few possible development sites have been identified. Herefordshire Council's Core Strategy is under inspection and some modifications to it are currently out to consultation, some of which would impact on Tarrington Neighbourhood Plan. A clear definition of numbers is awaited. The next step is to form firm policies and Herefordshire Council will carry out various environmental assessments A further grant of £8k may become available to cover future expenditure. It is hoped that the plan will reach referendum point by May 2016. The next NDP meeting is on 19th May.

10 Open Forum

The parish council were thanked for looking after the village by a member of the public.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.41 pm

Signed..... Dated.....