

TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors R Hodges (chairman), M Daron, P Grey, J Tallis, J Ward & C Winter

In attendance

Backbury Ward Councillor John Hardwick
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

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The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1/3/15 Apologies for absence - none

2/3/15 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations - none

| Cllr Name | Agenda Item | Interest Declared | Nature of Interest |
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3/3/15 Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council

No matters were raised

4/3/15 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th January 2015 (previously circulated)

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

5/3/15 To receive brief report from Ward Councillor John Hardwick

Cllr Hardwick reported that at a full council meeting held on 6th February Herefordshire Council had set the council tax, an increase of 1.9% was agreed which makes a Tarrington Band D house around £1585.93 per annum. Elections take place on the 7th May and nomination forms and withdrawals need returning by 9th April latest. The count for the general election takes place first which means that the count for parish elections will take place on 8th May. Cllr Hardwick confirmed that he will stand for election again. Turnout for voting is predicted to be around 65-70%. The parish council thanked Cllr Hardwick for his past hard work and high attendance at all parish council meetings.

6/3/15 Correspondence/Discussion/Communication/Consultations

a) Election Day Thursday May 7th and collate completed nomination forms

The nomination forms for the election had been collected and parish councillors wishing to stand again completed their forms. The clerk volunteered to return forms to Town Hall if councillors wished. **RESOLVED**

Action

All Cllrs / Clerk

b) Election of representative onto Parish Hall Committee

Deferred to May meeting

Clerk

c) To compile a parish "wish list" for any Section 106 or Community Infrastructure Levy monies

After discussion the main priorities were:-

- School Lane highway improvements, footpath and passing places
- Bus Service
- A438 road junction improvements
- Footpath TR3 improvements
- A438 road crossing
- A438 extension of buffer speed limits and at Garbrook
- Parish hall upgrades
- Playground improvements

RESOLVED The clerk will forward this list to Yvonne Coleman at Herefordshire Council

Clerk

d) Internal Auditor of Accounts

Martin Townsend is to be asked by the chairman if he is willing to continue to carry out the internal audit of the parish councils accounts **RESOLVED**

Cllr Hodges

7/3/15 Planning

a) Planning Applications to be considered: none

b) Considered Applications - none

c) To note planning record (circulated) and decisions of Herefordshire Council on planning applications: as per the planning record and Herefordshire Council website - noted

8/3/15 Update on Tarrington Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Tallis reported that since the parish council meeting in January further steering group meetings and open sessions had been held regarding possible sites. The results of an on day questionnaire showed that sites of less than 10 houses of smaller affordable family houses were most favourable. Affordable family homes were more important than size of a development. Two possible sites had come forward. It was noted by councillors that it was possible that no S106/CIL monies would be due on sites of less than 10 dwellings.

Cllr Tallis advised that at present Herefordshire Council's Core Strategy's inspector has asked for a revision of the rural area proposals. Because of this an environmental assessment can be carried out but no further consultations until after the election.

A further grant may be available, Cllr Tallis will investigate further.

9/3/15 Highways and Footpaths:

a) To receive any new highway issues and updates

There are potholes by The Court on U66207 and also on Durlow Lane U66206 that need filling. Cllr Tallis will advise the clerk of any others to be reported.

RESOLVED

New rechargeable batteries for the SID's have been purchased and received. The results from the February deployment show that speeds lowered slightly, speeds during the night are higher than during the day with 64000 vehicles travelling through the SID's whilst deployed.

b) Procurement and installation of some new street name signs

It had been suggested that signs are required for some of the roads/streets in Tarrington. The clerk showed an example sheet of various sign type and costs. It was agreed that the clerk contact Herefordshire Council and the Post Office about details of the correct street names and the procedure of putting up new road signs. **RESOLVED**

c) Litter bins / Dog Fouling

The clerk had enquired with Herefordshire Council and it was confirmed that all litter bins are now being emptied on a regular basis. **RESOLVED**

d) New Lengthsman Scheme

The clerk had attended Balfour Beatty's Information evening on the new scheme and had emailed the details and costs of the scheme to all councillors. The parish council had received notification that the parish was eligible for £120 per km under the lengthsman scheme which was a total of £936, the parish council had agreed to contribute £200 which Hereford Council would match fund making a grand total of £1136 available spend for 2015/16. P3 funding will be £50 per km – a total available spend of £380. Councillors are to put together an annual plan of what they feel the money should be spent on ready for the next meeting. The clerk will contact the lengthsman to ask if he is interested in undertaking the training for filling potholes and whether he was undertaking pothole repair for other parish councils. If he is not interested the clerk will contact the locality steward to see if someone local is willing to carry out the pothole repairs. **RESOLVED**

e) Works for the Lengthsman

Cllrs Tallis & Grey will tour the parish and report any required work to the clerk. The verge outside some of the houses on Aldersend road needs rolling flat, cars are parking on it and causing ruts.

f) Update from Footpaths Officer

The footpaths officer had nothing new to report. The clerk had received the annual P3 report request from Balfour Beatty which was completed and signed ready for returning.

10/3/15 Finance:

a) To note finance report and bank balances (previously circulated) – noted

b) Payments approved: RESOLVED

The clerk had not received a new cheque book so only has two blank cheques. The clerk had rung Herefordshire Council and advised that payment may be delayed. Cllrs agreed to pay the clerk and Mr Barrell with the cheques available and Herefordshire Council and Mrs Hodges once the new cheque book arrived.

- 644: J Chester - clerk Salary & Expenses Jan & Feb 2015 - as agreed
- 645: RJ Barrell – Jubilee Green hedge cutting - £50.00
- 646: Herefordshire Council – paper copies of planning apps - £8.00
- 647: Mrs V Hodges – NDP expenses - £21.30

Lloyds Bank have lost the amended bank mandate somewhere between the Ledbury branch and the business centre. The clerk is to send a letter of complaint asking for compensation. Cllrs considered whether to fill in a new mandate or change banks. It was resolved to give Lloyds Bank one more

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chance. **RESOLVED**

11/3/15 Training / Meetings:

a) To note dates of upcoming meetings and make note of any required places –

Balfour Beatty Annual Plan Parish Briefing Thurs 19th March – Cllr Hodges may attend
NDP Funding Workshops – Cllr Tallis will attend one of them

Cllr Hodges

Cllr Tallis

b) To receive report from meetings attended –

Hereford Diocese Combatting Loneliness – 31st Jan, Shire Hall Hereford – Cllrs Daron & Ward attended this worthwhile meeting and will put a full report in the next edition of the Tarrington Tatler.

Cllrs Ward/ Daron

HALC Eastern Area – Tuesday 10th February 7.30pm at Ashperton, The clerk, Cllrs Hodges, Tallis and Daron attended. Representatives from eight parish councils attended and were given a presentation and update on Neighbourhood Planning by Ted Bannister from the Neighbourhood Development Team of Herefordshire Council. Two parishes in Herefordshire are currently at regulation 16.

12/3/15 To Note Information & Outstanding Actions Sheet (previously circulated) – reviewed and action sheet amended accordingly

13/3/15 To raise items for next scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)

- Broadband update
- Representative onto Parish Hall Committee
- Parish Wish List update

14/3/15 To confirm the date of the next meeting

Monday 11th May 2015 – Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.27pm

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