

TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors Janette Ward, Robert Hodges, Maggie Daron, Richard Fowler, Ian Howard, Trevor Kerr, Linzy Outtrim and Mike Tector

In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 8

1. Apologies for Absence

Ward Cllr Hardwick (other meeting)

2. Declarations of Interest and any Requests for Dispensations

Cllrs Ward & Hodges declared an interest in agenda item 9b – Payment to Lady Emily Community Hall as they are LECH committee members.

Cllr Outtrim declared a general interest as she is an employee of Balfour Beatty

3. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION: The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 14th May and 11th June 2018 having previously been circulated were AGREED and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Brief Report from Backbury Ward Councillor John Hardwick

Cllr Hardwick had given his apologies but had sent through the following report.

“I’m sorry that I will be unable to attend this evening. Meetings clashing again!

My report as follows:

The report on selected route for the Western Relief Road will be published tomorrow evening at 7.00pm. A Pre-decision General Scrutiny Meeting will be held on 18th July and a decision will be taken by Cabinet on 27th July. Both meetings are to be held in public at the Shire Hall, Hereford.

A Budget Consultation went live on Herefordshire Council website on 5th July until 21st September 2018. It would be very good to see a better response rate than last year’s 0.27% of Herefordshire residents. Budget pressures are still very much to the fore!

Happy to answer any questions via email or in person.”

5. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council

A local resident asked for clarification on who is responsible for footpaths and was advised it is the landowner. Another resident questioned when the numerous potholes would be repaired and was advised that they have been reported to Balfour Beatty so should be in their programme of works. The Parish Council were asked of the NDP timeline is on schedule, it is at present but await the report from David Nicholson due this month.

6. Planning:

- a) To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment:

181875 Green Acres, Tarrington, HR8 4HR

Proposed two storey and single storey extension to existing house

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

182235 Durlow Barn Farm, Tarrington, HR1 4JQ

Proposed erection of general purpose farm building for fodder livestock and machinery storage

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objection in principle but would like to have seen more detail.

- b) To Note Decisions Received from Herefordshire Council – noted below.

7. Update on Tarrington Neighbourhood Development Plan

- a) Update on the NDP

RESOLUTION / ACTION: The Parish Council are awaiting a response from David Nicholson. The decision on the recent planning application for site 6 is also awaited.

- b) To Consider forwarding NDP Consultation Responses to Herefordshire Council Planning Dept

RESOLUTION / ACTION: It was decided not to send anything at present.

8. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:

- a) To Note advice received regarding Financial Assistance to the Church

The clerk read out the legal notice that had been received from NALC.

RESOLUTION / ACTION: The advice received is that parish councils cannot in future give money to the church for churchyard maintenance. The Clerk will try and get further advice as the Parish Council would still like to support the mowing of the churchyard and report back at the September meeting.

- b) To Consider Request from Lady Emily Community Hall for contribution towards buildings insurance

RESOLUTION / ACTION: It was AGREED to give the hall a donation of £938.47 but to ask that they provide evidence of obtaining alternative quotes when the insurance is up for renewal next year.

- c) To Receive Comments on Pixley & District Neighbourhood Development Plan Reg 14 Consultation

RESOLUTION / ACTION: No comments made.

- d) To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

RESOLUTION / ACTION: Reviewed and updated. The “Best Behaviour” training course that the clerk hoped to attend has been postponed. A new notice board is being made.

- e) To Receive Reports from any meetings attended

RESOLUTION / ACTION: Cllrs Ward and Daron attended Herefordshire Councils Budget Consultation meeting and have circulated the power point presentation slides. Cllr Ward attended a footpath officers meeting arranged by Balfour Beatty which was well attended.

f) To Note any Meetings and/or Training Dates

RESOLUTION / ACTION: A new HALC Training Diary is expected for the Autumn. The HALC Eastern Area hold their AGM on Wednesday 18th July at Ashperton Village Hall.

9. Finance:

a) To Note that Cheque 000802 sent to Information Commissioner has been returned and destroyed.

RESOLUTION / ACTION: Noted - The clerk destroyed the cheque in front of councillors at the meeting. It was also AGREED to set up a direct debit for future payments to the ICO to keep the cost lower than if paid by cheque.

b) To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts:-

000808: LECH – buildings insurance - £938.47
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 Direct Debit: Information Commissioner – Annual Data Protection Fee - £35.00
 000810: J Chester – clerk salary and expenses March/April – as advised
 000811: HMRC – PAYE May/June - £84.20
 000812: Autela Group – Payroll Service Q1 – £46.80
 000813: M Townsend – Annual Internal Audit - £180.00
 000814: EZ Hosts – Parish website annual hosting fee - £69.99

RESOLUTION / ACTION: All payments above were AGREED.

10. Highways/Footpaths:

a) To Note Weekly reports from Balfour Beatty Locality Steward

Noted.

b) To Discuss any new Highways / P3 footpath issues

All potholes have been reported to Balfour Beatty. The P3 footpath grant funding will cease in April 2019.

Cllr Ward the Parish Footpaths Officer gave the following report:-

Footpath TR6: from A438 opposite Little Tarrington Road up Orchard Hill through the orchard and into Church Lane. The landowner will arrange for repairs to the stile on the A438.

TR7 from Leys Farm to Stoke Edith: a new, metal fingerpost has been installed.

TR8 from Aldersend Road opposite Croft Cottage to Tarrington Common Road. Path from the stile at Croft Cottage to the kissing gate is overgrown. I have cut through undergrowth to the kissing gate. It is the responsibility of the landowner to keep paths clear, which will be carried out when the hedge is cut after harvest. In the meantime, walkers can assist by carrying secateurs and cutting through the path.

TR9 from the metal gate on the A438 behind Barrs Orchard and Pound Close. When Barrs Orchard and Pound Close were built all the land was sold to the landowners: currently Fortis Living and the individual owners of the properties in Pound Close. Therefore the hedge on the Barrs Orchard side is the responsibility of Fortis to keep the footpath clear and the hedge on the Pound Close side is the responsibility of individual home owners in Pound Close, who can cut the hedge and reduce the width and height, take their fence down if they wish. This information accompanies the Land Registry map provided by Herefordshire Council.

TR10 from School Road opposite The Vine to Swillow Wood. The landowner will cut the path through the crops from the top stile down to the woods.

TR15 from above Aldersend Farm to Durlow. The lengthsman will install the new footbridge and gate at Durlow Common. The landowner has cut through all the paths giving good access through to Durlow. I have cut the gaps in hedges, stile and around the broken stile at Durlow.

TR16 from above Aldersend Farm to Garbrook. This path is accessible from the farm and from Garbrook, however, it is extremely overgrown for part of the way. A volunteer has assisted me by cutting through the path from Garbrook via the first two stiles which is clear. It is a big job to cut through along by the hedge to the stile to the field. I will add this to the jobs for the lengthsman. This is because, over many years, we have been unable to establish the landowner for this field, and if we were able to whoever owns the field has never used or maintained it. To keep this path open we

need to keep the path clear alongside the hedge, which is partly blocking it at present. This is a good path from Garbrook because where it arrives above Aldersend farm, the first field now has a wide margin which is like walking through a wildflower meadow and the next two fields have grass tracks and then on down the main track to the farm. TR17 from above Aldersend Farm to Eastwood. The first field is inaccessible along the hedge but accessible via the tractor furrow to the first stile, which I have cut through. I have undertaken to cut through from the farm end and Richard will cut around the first gate and stile from Eastwood end, during the summer months.

Footpaths Officers Meeting with Balfour Beatty on Wednesday 27th June at Thorn Offices Rotherwas

The meeting was very well attended by Footpaths Officers from all Parishes in Herefordshire who are keen and dedicated to maintaining the footpaths network throughout this beautiful county. Like myself, many Footpaths Officers are members of Ramblers and understand the problems we face, especially at a time when funding is being reduced every year. Ramblers also have a team of volunteers who I can call on for help and advice. Ramblers head office have highly qualified staff who, in common with staff at Balfour Beatty PROW section, are available to advise with legal issues.

It is the landowners responsibility, with the backing of Balfour Beatty Public Rights of Way Officers and the Parish Council, to maintain our public footpaths. This partnership is particularly important now that there are ever increasing cuts in public expenditure. PROW and staff at Balfour Beatty are supportive but, because their budgets are being reduced, they rely on us to find ways and means to keep our paths open. In order to do this I regularly check paths, clear where I can, contact the landowner to clear when necessary, commission our Lengthsman, via our Clerk to carry out repairs with the consent of the landowner, and clearance, in particular the path mentioned above, TR16, which we have no alternative but to clear and maintain ourselves in the field near Garbrook.

I welcome the support of everyone in the Parish. At this time of year, please take secateurs when you walk the paths to help keep them clear. Please report obstructions to me or on Herefordshire Council's website. If you live near a footpath please cut back vegetation at the stile or gate and along the path as you go.

11. To Raise Items for Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)

- Churchyard Maintenance
- Traffic Regulation Order Quote
- Speed Enforcement
- Flooding at The Willows
- Appoint Councillor to do report for Tatler

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

2018 - Monday 10th September, Monday 12th November,

2019 - Monday 14th January, Monday 11th March, Monday 13th May all at 7.30pm

At this point Cllr Daron handed in her resignation due to family commitments and not being able to attend future meetings. The Chairman, on behalf of all councillors, expressed the Parish Council's thanks to Cllr Daron for her tireless work for the Parish Council over the last five years particularly on the NDP.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.55pm

Signed..... Dated.....
Chairman

INFORMATION SHEET

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

- Road defects reported to Locality Steward
- Website updated
- HALC "Best Behaviour" training meeting attendance postponed
- New Notice Board and footpath sign arranged
- NDP support work undertaken and grant application submitted

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Balfour Beatty – Weekly Locality briefings *

- Herefordshire Rural Hub June & July Newsletter *
- Herefordshire Council - Armed Forces Day *
- Herefordshire Council – Invitation to Budget Presentation 4th July *
- SID results May/July *
- Neighbourhood Watch – Smart Water *
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* Circulated to Cllrs.

Outstanding Actions – These are the consolidated actions outstanding after the last meeting:

Meeting	Minute	Action	Status	Comments
July 2015		NDP Team	Ongoing	Details of NDP progress to be put onto website
Jan 2017	10.3	RH	Ongoing	Investigate options for motion sensor light for Church View carpark
July 2017	10b	JW/RH	Completed	Tour parish to identify defects to report
Jan 2018	8.4	MD/RH/LO	Ongoing	Progress TRO
May 2018	10	Clerk	Complete	Progress NDP, arrange grants and produce timeline
May 2018	12	All Cllrs	Ongoing	Read pages 1-25 of GDPR Toolkit
May 2018	16	Clerk		Defer litter pick until spring 2019

PLANNING RECORD (last six months – for older applications please visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

App No: 173340 & 173342 - Oak House, Tarrington, HR1 4JF

Proposed garage block, front porch and conservation roof light.

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION:

App No: 174534 - Pear Trees, Tarrington, HR1 4HZ

Proposed 2 storey side extension

PC Comment: No objection in principle but prefer materials used are in keeping with existing

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION – GRANTED 29.1.18

App No: 180270 - Church Hill, Church Lane, Tarrington, HR1 4EU

Proposed lean-to pitched roof veranda

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: GRANTED 15.3.18

App No: 180794 - The Coppice, Church View, Tarrington, HR1 4FE

Fell T1 – Quercus Robur/English Oak

PC Comment: The Parish Council are happy for the tree report from Herefordshire Council to influence the decision.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION: CONSENT GRANTED 20.3.18

App No: P181409/FH - The Croft Alders End Tarrington HR1 4ET, Proposed first floor extension to existing building.

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION – GRANTED 24.5.18

App No: 181133 – The Hop Yard, Eastwood Farm, Tarrington, HR1 4JF – Proposed new access and track, with re-positioning of gate.

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION -

App No: 181816 – Oast House, Merrivale Farm, Eastwood Conversion of oast house to residential dwelling (part retrospective).

PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION –

App No: 181943 – Land to the North of School Road (U66207) Outline planning application for up to 15 dwellings. All matters reserved apart from access..

PC Comment: The Parish Council support but require clarification on flooding and hedges.

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION –

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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION –

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