

# Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Teffont Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs Aspden, Blamey, Cordle, Deane, Fisher, Wood and Worth

**In attendance:** Cllr Wayman, Parish Clerk, 6 members of the public

**Apologies:** None

There were no questions from any members of the public present.

Cllr Wayman reported that an extra £7.3 million pounds had been received from central government to help with filling pot holes in the county. She has set aside some of the money for white lines and road signs that need replacing. There will also be an additional gully tanker available to clear blockages. Any issues please inform highways asap.

Jasper Bacon was invited by Cllr Worth to update the Council on matters concerning the Keatinge Estate. Jasper requested that walkers/riders please shut all gates behind them to prevent cattle getting loose, please stick to designated footpaths and keep dogs under control. He was asked about shooting at night. As far as he is aware there is no restriction on night shooting though there are poachers around and it could be them. Farm staff do shoot foxes etc as necessary.

Cllr Wood opened the meeting at 18:30.

1. **To receive and accept apologies.**  
None.
2. **Exclusion of the press and public.**  
None required
3. **Declarations of Interest.**  
None
4. **Chairman's announcements.**  
None
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
The previously circulated minutes of were approved by Councillors. They were then signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting held.
6. **Planning – Determined Applications.**  
The Clerk reported that Holt House planning for a pod in the garden had been approved.
7. **Planning – New Applications**  
[18/10917/FUL Moon Cottage, Teffont..](#) Construction of detached garage and demolition of small block shed.

The Chairman invited comments for and against the application from members of the public. There were no objections. The applicant explained they had resubmitted the application after studying the suggested amendments from the first application and discussing the application with Mr Dawson (neighbour). Mr Dawson withdrew his objection stating the new application incorporated all the amendments suggested.

Cllrs questioned the back of the building being rendered. The applicant said Wiltshire Council were happy with this and the wall was backing onto a high hedge so would be mainly unseen.

Cllr Deane thanked the applicants for addressing the various concerns that had been raised before and adapting the plans accordingly. Cllrs voted to support the application with no conditions. The Clerk will submit comments to WC.

## **8. Finance Accounts.**

- a) Councillors noted the bank balance for Teffont Parish Council which was £12,761.07  
Cllrs noted that the balance agreed with the account figures prepared by the RFO and are therefore properly reconciled as at 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The Chairman and the RFO signed the accounts as a reconciliation certificate to this effect.
- b) Councillors reviewed the financial forecast for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. There are no further payments due apart from to the Clerk.
- c) Cllrs noted the payments made from the Council account since the last meeting.
- d) Councillors approved payments due.
- e) The budget for 2019/2020 was discussed. The Chairman presented a proposed budget and precept request for consideration by Cllrs. He reminded councillors that the Precept was not increased last year. Cllrs asked why the grass cutting contract had run slightly over budget, the Clerk thinks there was an extra cut at the beginning of the year but she will check this. Cllr Cordle also reminded councillors that the contract was a 3-year contract, which Cllr Blamey confirmed. Cllr Cordle queried the bench payment in this year's budget. Clerk reported it was on last year but was moved to this year as it was not completed.  
Cllr Aspden asked if the PC's current account could be moved to one accruing interest. The Clerk will look into this.  
Cllr Worth asked about a Link scheme payment. This has not been given for some years. The Clerk will write to the Link scheme to set up a donation from TPC.  
There was a question of raising funds for traffic calming such as moving the 30mph signs further out of the village. Cllr Wood confirmed TPC could start collecting money to put towards this but at the moment the balance of the account was healthy and there are S137 funds available to put towards village improvements.

Cllrs agreed the proposed budget and agreed to a 2% rise in the precept to be requested from WC.

## **9. History of Teffont**

Mick Audus has now completed adding Richard Long-Fox's history of Teffont to the website with additional photographs illustrating the text. The Chairman, on behalf of all Councillors thanked Mick for his hard work and attention to detail. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Mick.

## **10. Update re TVH lease.**

Cllr Aspden reported that most issues were now resolved. Hugh Homan would like a letter finalising the legal agreement between TVH and TPC. Cllr Wood asked Cllr Aspden to arrange for such a letter to be drafted in time for the next meeting. He asked

if Cllr Aspden required a small budget for such work but at this stage Cllr Aspden thought not.

**11. Maintaining the stream and water levels.**

Cllr Fisher reported she had been to a very productive presentation held by the Civic Society re Wiltshire rivers and streams. She had met Samantha Stork, Water Team leader for the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Guy Parker of the Environment Agency who were willing to visit Teffont and look at the situation.

Since then they have visited and Guy Parker has been in touch with Wessex Water over water levels. They have agreed to come to Teffont and give a presentation on stream management and are willing to talk to and advise individual riparian owners.

Cllr Fisher is arranging a date for a visit and this will be open to all villagers.

Cllr Fisher thanked Cllr Deane for his report on flood risk in the village. She requested all Cllrs read page 45 of the VDS which has information relevant to this.

**12. Village Party?**

Cllr Wood reminded Cllrs there is money available in the S137 account for a village get together if anybody had thoughts about an event.

**13 Clerk's report.**

The clerk had requested an update from Mrs Faulkner re poaching in the area. She had no further updates at this time.

There is a request for applicants to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in the summer. Suggestions to the Clerk please.

A letter has been circulated from Dept of Highways requesting villagers report any groundwater rising. Wessex Water have reported that they are getting close to alert levels.

**14. Items for highways.**

Report blocked gulleys on B3089 approach to the village.

Mr Bacon reported a broken manhole cover near Ham Cross Farm. The Chairman requested he reported it using My Wiltshire app.

**15. Any other business.**

The footpath/bridleway between Mr Durnall's property and Mr Waddington's property has still not been reinstated to the correct width despite numerous letters from the Clerk requesting this be enforced. Cllr Wood requested the Clerk write again about this matter.

Cllr Aspden asked if the website was going to be on the Agenda. Cllr Wood pointed out there had been much discussion about the website but until someone proposed some way forward and was prepared to take on the work there is little point discussing it further. He did point out that if it were decided that changes were to be made there is money available to do this.

**16. Items for the next agenda.**

Speed limits

Best Kept Village

Footpaths

Village annual clean up.

Please note that any further items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by 9am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**17. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 18.30 in Teffont Village Hall.

Cllr Wood closed the meeting at 19.50

