

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Teffont Parish Council held on 10th July 2018 in the Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Cllr Wayman, Parish Clerk, 1 member of the public

Apologies: Cllr Fisher

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

Cllr Wayman reported that:

The Housing Site Allocation Plan had been approved. This is a five year plan.

There is a drive to ban all Chinese lanterns and helium balloons being released in Wiltshire. There will be a request for Parish Councils to ask for these things to not be used in their areas. Clerk will forward the request to villagers when it is received.

From 30th July more items will be able to be recycled. These will include, plastic bottles, trays, not black plastic and tetra pacs, There is a need to encourage the public to recycle as much as possible.

Seeds for Success have been working hard in the community. They would appreciate donations of pine cones and old bamboo canes, please contact jaki@seeds4success.org.uk

Cllr Wood opened the meeting at 18:30.

1. **To receive and accept apologies.**
Cllr Fisher – family commitments
2. **Exclusion of the press and public.**
None required
3. **Declarations of Interest.**
Cllr Wood declared an interest in the planning application for Manor Farm.
4. **Chairman's announcements.**
None
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May and 22nd June 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 documented applications were noted.
Applications from Manor Farm 18/03674/FUL and Orchard Cottage 18/04661/FUL had also been approved. It was also noted from Cllr Wayman that an appeal had been filed by Mr Bladen re a dry stone wall application.
7. **Planning – New Applications**
18/05957/FUL, 18/06460/LBC. Manor Farm, Teffont.
Cllr Worth took the Chair. Cllr Wood remained in the room to explain the application and answer any questions from Cllrs

In accordance with TPC's Standing Orders, the public were offered the opportunity to speak on this application.

Cllr Wood (Applicant) outlined the proposal. The Dovecote is currently a 1 bedroom flat above a workshop and storage space. The proposal is to convert the ground floor

making the Dovecote a 3 bedroom cottage. The only structural change is a doorway at the rear of the property to provide access to a courtyard. All other changes are internal. No one wished to speak against the application.

Cllrs asked about the Bat Survey. This did show there were bats in the roof but they were of no significant interest and the conversion will not disturb the roof space anyway. It was asked whether the garage doors would remain. Cllr Wood confirmed they would remain as they are.

Cllr Wood left the meeting.

After discussion all Cllrs voted to support this application. The Clerk will report back to the Planning Department.

8. Finance

Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2018.

- a) Councillors noted the bank balance for Teffont Parish Council which was £16,119.25. Cllrs noted that the balance agreed with the account figures prepared by the RFO and are therefore properly reconciled as at 10th July 2018.
- b) Councillors reviewed the financial forecast for the year ending 31st March 2019.
- c) Cllrs noted the payments made from the Council account since the last meeting.
- d) Councillors approved payments due.

9. Maintaining the stream/flood defences.

With Cllr Fisher being absent the stream will be put on the September Agenda.

Cllr Deane reported that a survey carried out at his request has shown that the flood defences are working well and the flood risk in Teffont is low. There is a need to further manage the catchment so building work or maintenance for instance does not pose an increased flood risk to the village.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to speak to Andrew Jones (Flood Warden) about taking on this task.

It was noted there is no defence against flash storms and obtaining a 50/100 year run off calculation from WC was not helpful information.

10. WiFi/broadband reception in the village.

Cllr Deane had attended another meeting by James Body re the Chalk Valley proposal to improve Wi/Fi/broadband coverage in the area. He had also had a separate meeting with James Body. Cllr Deane reported that the scheme as it stands is not financially viable but is possible and could work well. However, technology is moving fast and it may be that the mobile companies themselves will have solved the problem in the near future as mobile coverage has improved in the area already.

Cllr Deane will continue to liaise with James Body over this matter.

11. Bridleway update

Despite 2 emails to the Highways Officer, the Clerk had had no reply re the Footpaths/bridleways. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write again with copy to Cllr Wayman and Cllr Devine (deputy chair of the Planning Committee who had expressed an interest in seeing the matters resolved especially in respect of Teff 9) requesting a reply and action to her previous emails.

12. Planning meetings for revised plans

The Clerk circulated to Cllrs the reply received from Katie Fielding (WALC) re revised planning applications. Although a planning meeting is required to consider revisions there could be circumstances where the Clerk could have responsibility delegated to her and in which she would ask for opinions via email and submit comments. For instance,

where a revised plan has accepted previous comments by TPC and amended plans accordingly.

Councillors accepted that the spirit of the law required them to hold in a public forum any discussion about planning matters and they would strive wherever possible to do so.

13. Review of Code of Conduct.

Cllrs agreed the Code of Conduct was up to date and correct.

14. Clerk's report.

1. History of Teffont is now on the website. Cllr Deane asked whether it would be worth editing and illustrating the document. Cllrs thought this might be a viable idea. They asked the Clerk to speak to Zillah Faulkner firstly as she helped Richard Long-Fox with writing it.

2. TPC has received a grant of £400 towards the fingerpost repair.

3. The Clerk circulated the latest information from WALC re a GDPR Data Protection Officer. The issue is not yet resolved but individual parish councils do not need to appoint a DPO for now, it is likely parish councils will be grouped together with one officer appointed.

4. Post Office Cottages have cut back the hedge on the corner of the B3089 where the right turn to Magna Church is.

15. To note any items to be reported to Highways or the Parish Steward

Hedge after Post Office Cottages is still causing a blind spot for drivers turning right towards Magna Church. Clerk will submit another request to have it cut. Cllr Worth may know someone who could do it if Highways refuse.

**16. Any Other Business
Community Speed Watch.**

Cllr Deane has joined this group. Having been run very successfully by Mr Nicholson since its start, many volunteers have dropped out and it is becoming difficult to keep the scheme up and running.

Cllrs agreed Cllr Wood would speak to Mr Nicholson about the group and how TPC can help with recruiting volunteers or anything else Mr Nicholson may suggest.

Footpath 2 From Bathurst Cottage across the field and over Six Acres paddock onward. There have been ongoing complaints about the electric fence across the footpath stiles into and out of the paddock at Six Acres. Cllr Worth had spoken to the owner who says she has moved the electric fence lower down the stiles and there should be no further problems. There was a question whether there should be posters warning of the electric fence and whether it was legal to have an electric fence across a footpath. Cllr Worth and the Clerk will look into this and also check the electric fence has been moved.

17. Items for the next agenda.

Please note that any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by 9am on 31st August 2018.

18. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be 11th September 2018 in Teffont Village Hall.

Cllr Wood closed the meeting at 19.40.