

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Teffont Parish Council held on 10th January 2017 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Blamey, Bull, Deane, Fisher, Tyler, Wood and Worth

In attendance: Parish Clerk, 11 members of the public

Apologies: None

Cllr Wayman and a representative from the police were not in attendance.

Questions or statements from members of the public.

Shooting in the village. Some residents are worried about "Casual" shooting in the village, not organised shoots. The Clerk stated she had spoken to the police before on this matter and they had spoken to those they knew were shooting to advise them. However, it is difficult to enforce unless there is proof of unlawful behaviour.

Stopping up of Teff 9 at Hillcrest. Mr Durtnall read a statement in favour of allowing the stopping up of Teff 9 around his property. He confirmed he had full planning permission for his garage and oil tank, (This is not disputed by TPC) He asked that TPC accept the Section 116 Application and consider this section of the bridleway unnecessary for public use.

Other members of the public commented that the Application should be supported, that the fence and hedging around the property had encroached further onto the bridleway and that the verges should be wide enough for horses so they do not have to use the steep tarmacked surface.

Biomass application in Teffont Evias. Mote Keatinge updated council re the recent biomass application. This has been scaled down to include just the Manor and Manor Cottages with the boiler being positioned next to the Manor. A planning application will be submitted in due course. Cllr Wood thanked Mr Keatinge for updating the Council.

Cllr Wood opened the meeting at 18.30.

1. To receive and accept apologies.

None

2. Exclusion of the press and public.

None.

3. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Fisher declared an interest in the provisional application by Diana Jefford.

Cllr Wood declared a possible interest in the Teff 9 application and stated he would not vote on the matter but ask the deputy chairman, Cllr Bull, to take the casting vote if necessary.

4. Chairman's announcements.

None

5. Minutes of the meetings held on 8th November 2016.

The previously circulated minutes of 8th November 2016 were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting held.

6. Planning – Determined Applications.

- a) a) 16/10409/TCA The Thatches, Teffont
- b) 16/10411/TCA Cedars, Teffont
- c) 16/10665/TCA Overstream, Teffont

- d) 16/10697/TCA Evias Cottage, Teffont
- e) 16/10591/TCA Manor Farm, Teffont
- f) 16/11239/TCA Home Farm Cottage, Teffont
- g) 16/11493/TCA The Meadows, Teffont

All approved.

7. Planning – New Applications.

- a) 16/11591/FUL, 16/12131/LBC Evias Cottage, Teffont. Joining of two listed terraces. Removal of modern porch and addition of gable window. Minor internal alterations.

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

There were no comments.

Cllrs discussed the application and had no objections. The Clerk will report back to Planning Department stating that TPC supports the application without further comment.

8. Planning – Tree Applications.

- a) 16/11829/TCA. Sunrise, Teffont. Works to trees as per schedule.
- b) 16/11722/TCA Spring Cottage, Teffont. Willow reduce by 25%, Beech, fell
- c) 16/12287/TCA 4 Hillside Cottages, Teffont Remove one holly and one yew tree

All approved without conditions.

9. Finance

Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2017.

a) To note the bank balance for Teffont Parish Council. The balance at the time of the meeting is £11,151.39. Cllrs noted that this balance agreed with the account figures prepared by the RFO. Councillors noted that the accounts and bank balance agree and are therefore properly reconciled as at 10th January 2017. The RFO and Chairman signed the accounts as a reconciliation certificate to this effect.

b) To review the financial forecast for the year ending 31st March 2017. Noted.

c) To note the payments made from the Council account since the last meeting. None.

d) To approve payments due – see separate sheet. All payments were agreed and cheques issued.

e) To note the R2 funding available for Teffont. There is no R2 funding now available to TPC.

- f) To agree the budget for year 2017/2018.

Cllr Deane suggested that if the village wish to pursue a 20mph speed limit through the village this would cost TPC money, namely approximately £10,000 for choke points at each end of the village. He suggested raising the precept to start saving for this eventuality. After some discussion TPC agreed to not raise the precept for the

following financial year as there is surplus in the account and the speed restrictions are only thoughts at the moment.

10. Planning presentation re land beside Corrindale.

David Gregory, Architect for Diana Jefford's proposal presented a 3D model of the site and plans for Cllrs to view. He stated this was pre-planning to give villagers and Cllrs a chance to comment before he submitted any plans to Wiltshire Council. He had read the VDS and hoped he had designed a house in keeping with the buildings along The Street. The house is designed to minimise cutting into the bank. New access would be required. He welcomed feedback.

It was noted that the house appears very large for the site, is very close to the boundary to Reads Cottage and seems to overwhelm it. It will block light into Reads Cottage if it is as high as it appears on the plans. The roof appears very large as it overhangs so low down.

TPC appreciated having the chance to look at the pre-application plans and thanked Mr Gregory for his presentation. The concerns were with the size of the property and its impact on neighbouring buildings.

11. Stopping up of part of Teff 9 beside Hillside.

There were various issues brought up by Cllrs. The Public does have rights of access over the property although the land is owned by Mr Durtnell. The tarmac area of the bridleway is unsafe for horses, a suggestion was to cut back the verges and widen them to a width that enables horse riders to safely use them.

Cllrs suggested asking the landowners to create a verge on one side as a compromise. There was no wish to challenge the garage/oil store planning but there is now substantial encroachment onto the bridleway by planting along the border of Hillcrest. The post and rail fencing erected both sides of Teff 9 also narrow the bridleway.

It was noted that TPC have the right to veto this application.

The Clerk was asked to write back to Mr Gale at Wiltshire Council stating the Cllrs concerns, their suggested solutions and that they are not willing to accept the application as it stands and therefore will veto the application if the concerns are not addressed. The matter will be considered again at the March Parish Council meeting.

12. Potential use of surplus funds.

Cllr Blamey had presented a list of possible uses, one of which was the replacement or refurbishment of the bench opposite Larkhams Farm. Cllr Wood requested a Cllr to obtain a quote for refurbishment. Cllr Fisher agreed to do this for the next meeting.

13. Review/Update of TPC Financial Regulations.

Clerk to check point 5.5 and 11.9 and 10.3 which does not seem to exist. Then the review of the financial regulations will be signed and reviewed in 3 years time.

Clerk's report.

The Clerk reported she had had a letter of thanks from Highways agency following her letter thanking them for their care when resurfacing the B3089 through the village.

She informed Council of water works scheduled for February at Mill Lane.

The Clerk and Cllr Blamey have met the parish steward who is in the village one and a half days a month, usually the first Tuesday/Wednesday.

14. **To note any items to be reported to Highways** for the Parish Steward / Community Team list.
15. **Any Other Business.**
Village spring clean. Cllr Deane asked that the Clerk advertise this on the village website.
16. **Items for the next agenda.**
Please note that any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by 9am on 3rd March 2017.
17. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be at 18.30 on March 14, 2017, in Teffont Village Hall.

Cllr Wood closed the meeting at 20:07.