

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Teffont Parish Council held on 9th January 2018 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Aspden, Deane, Fisher, Wood and Worth

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

Apologies: Cllr Blamey

Questions or statements from members of the public.

Mrs Howell asked for clarification re revised planning submissions stating that in her opinion there should be a cut off point for amendments. Cllr Wood explained to Mrs Howell that until the application goes before the Wiltshire Council Planning Officers or the Planning Committee itself to be formally determined there can be as many amendments as the applicants require. In the case of the Thatches application that has not yet happened and therefore the application is still open for amendments. Cllr Wayman informed Teffont Parish Council that she had withdrawn the call in as the planning officer was now happy with the revised plans although the Conservation Officer's opinion was still awaited. Cllr Wood opened the meeting at 18.30.

1. To receive and accept apologies.

Cllr Blamey – prior engagement.
Cllr Cordle was not in attendance

2. Exclusion of the press and public

None

3. Declarations of Interest.

None

4. Chairman's announcements.

None

5. Minutes of the meetings held on 14th November 2017, 12th December 2017 (Planning) and 22nd December 2017 (Planning).

To confirm the previously circulated minutes as a true and correct record.

14th November 2017, 2b) Cllr Fisher requested that her point at the meeting re access to the Fiddler graves be included. She restated that she would like to have seen access provided to the graves for visitors. A minor amendment to the minutes was made.

22 December 2017, 4a) Cllr Aspden clarified his remarks about the Thatches application which were recorded in the minutes. No amendment was felt necessary.

The previously circulated minutes were approved by Councillors with comments noted. They were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meetings held.

6. Planning – Determined Applications.

To note any decisions made on Planning Applications considered by Teffont Parish Council.

Noted.

7. Planning – Tree Applications.

a) 17/12423/TCA Corrindale, Teffont.

Tree Warden Richard Hawkins had consulted with the applicant and is happy that this application will benefit the Ash tree that is being engulfed by the holly which will be removed. Cllrs agreed no objection to the application.

8. Finance
Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2018.

a) To note the bank balance of £11,274.74 for Teffont Parish Council. Cllrs noted that the balance agreed with the account figures prepared by the RFO and are therefore properly reconciled as at 9th January 2018. The Chairman and RFO signed the accounts as a reconciliation certificate to this effect.

b) To review the financial forecast for the year ending 31st March 2018. Noted.

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

d) Precept request and budget 2018/19
Cllr Aspden asked whether TPC should consider an increase in the precept to cover the guarantee that may be required by Teffont Trust if the Village Hall sale goes ahead. It was agreed that this would be for discussion if the planned sale does happen. Cllrs agreed to leave the precept unchanged for this year.

Cllr Wood explained the changes to the proposed budget and requested it be passed by Cllrs.

Cllrs voted to accept the proposed budget for 2018/19.

9. Upkeep of the Stream.

Cllr Fisher had been delayed in moving this agenda item forward due to ill health. The aim is to eventually give all riparian owners written guidance on best maintenance of the stream. Teffont has been given some very good advice re the stream in the past which needs to be updated and then recirculated. There are also further issues that Cllr Fisher would like to address during this review. The maintenance of the pond on Manor Farm which is designed to slow flood water entering the stream is being looked at and it was also suggested that Springhead needs some attention.

There is some interest in the installation of a fish ladder at Teffont Mill. This is being investigated separately.

10. Teffont Trust

The two extra trustees had been appointed but there was no further developments. Councillor Aspden is to speak with Hugh Homan before the next PC meeting in order to be able to advise the PC at its next meeting on the proposed terms of the guarantee that TPC may be asked to make in support of the Village Hall Committee's new lease of the village hall from the PCC.

11. SID update

Cllr Worth reported that it appears Dinton have no wish to coordinate with any other Parish Council on this proposal. As there is no obvious leader of the proposal in Teffont it is unlikely to proceed any further.

12. Damaged fingerpost

The Clerk has confirmed there is a grant available of £400 to put towards repair of the fingerpost in Evias. Cllrs agreed to ask Mr Scott to quote for the work as he repaired the previously damaged post outside Wren Cottage.

13. Grant for Village Hall flags.

The Village Hall Committee have applied for a grant from TPC to cover the cost of new flags for the Village Hall. The requested amount is £128.29. Cllrs agreed to pay this amount to Teffont Village Hall.

14. Clerk's report.

- The 20mph questionnaire results had been submitted to Wiltshire Council who have agreed to consider the matter this year.
- The bench is in the process of being repaired and should be back in the village by the end of March.
- TPC are invited to put forward nominations for the Queen's Garden Party on 5th June 2018. Mrs Faulker was suggested as a possible nominee.
- St Johns Ambulance continue to be very difficult to pin down re a First Aid Course in the village. Therefore the Clerk had approached another company, SIRIUS, used at her workplace annually for updates who appear much more flexible and are cheaper. It was agreed the Clerk would accept their estimate and find a date for the training.
- There is increased fouling of the pavements in Teffont by horses. Although impossible to know who was responsible Cllr Wood agreed to speak to his stable staff/riders to confirm it is not them.

15. To note any items to be reported to Highways for the Parish Steward / Community Team list.

Fly tipping continues to be a problem.

16. Any other business.

1. Hedge beside B3089 at Post Office Cottages – ongoing discussion with WC on who should safely maintain this difficult area. Clerk asked to approach the Parish Steward to see if he can cut it back.
2. Annual village clean up. Date set as 10th March 2018. The Clerk will circulate the information to villagers.
3. Hedge cutting on Chilmark Hill, it was suggested that cuttings had been left all over the road, although other councillors disputed this. In any event the hedge cutter is responsible for clearing up the cuttings to the side of the road and it was felt that no further action by TPC was required.

17. Items for the next agenda.

Please note that any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk by 9am on Friday 2nd March 2018.

18. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be at 18.30 on 13th March in Teffont Village Hall.

Cllr Wood closed the meeting at 19.21.