

Teffont Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Teffont Village Hall

12th December 2023 at 18:00

MEETING CONVENED: 18:00

Those present:

Parish Councillors: S. O'Donnell (Acting Chair). T. Deane. E. Worth (Acting Meeting Chair)
C. Bell. N. Blackford. R.Evans.

Also in attendance: 1 member of the public.

Questions and Statements.

Councillor Worth stated that as the Clerk and Proper Officer was absent from the meeting the meeting would only consider the two planning applications and the remainder of the agenda would be postponed.

MEETING MINUTES

23.12.01

Resolution to receive apologies for absence.

The Acting Chair asked Council to accept the absence of The Clerk, Madeline Honeybourne.

Proposed: EW Seconded: SO Carried: Unanimously

RESOLVED. Council resolved to accept the absence of the Clerk, Madeline Honeybourne.

The meeting was recorded.

23.12.02

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

Councillor Bell. - Planning application PL/2023/09451

Councillor Worth – Planning application PL/2023/09559

Proposed: S.O. Seconded: TD Carried Unanimously

Resolved: Council resolved to accept the declaration of interests by Councillor's Bell and Worth.

No dispensations required.

23.12.03

Resolution of Minutes.

Council were asked to accept the minutes of Teffont Parish Council Parish Council meeting

	<p>held on 24.10.23 as an accurate and true reflection of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed. S.O Seconded. EW Carried. Unanimously</p> <p>Resolved. Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate reflection of the meetings held 24.10.23</p>
23.12.04	<p>Planning Application Sylan PL/2023/09451.</p> <p>Teffont Parish Council considered the application to be excessive in the number of lights to be installed. The application was considered not to be within the keeping of the conservation village. The Council acknowledged the need for safety and security lights but noted the majority of dwellings in the village have one or two exterior lights only. The Council asked the opinion of Steve Tonkin from Cranborne Chase Dark skies and he stated the aim of protecting dark skies was to reduce all lighting. The Council acknowledged the Applicants efforts to install the right type of lights but still considered the number to be excessive. Teffont Parish Council request the Applicants to reconsider the number of lights to be installed to maintain the appearance of the village. Councillor Bell was not present for the consideration of this planning application</p> <p>Proposed: S.O Seconded: EW Carried: Unanimously</p> <p>Resolved: Teffont Parish Council resolved to submit comments to Wiltshire Planning Department by 28/12/23 objecting to planning application PL/2023/09451</p>
23.12.04	<p>Planning Application PL/2023/09559 Councillor Worth left the meeting for this agenda item because of a declared interest. Councillor Bell arrived at 18:22.</p> <p>The applicants were invited to explain their application to the Council. The applicants explained the 25 solar panels will be installed on the ground, on the south side of an old MOD bunker. The applicants explained the panels will be visible from the nearby footpath but a hedgerow will be grown to obscure its impact. Council asked if the applicants would be feeding excess electricity back to the national grid. They answered in the affirmative. The applicants were asked about impacts on the ecology of the site and what actions they were taking to mitigate the impact. Bird boxes have been installed. Council asked if the hedgerows to be planted would be mature and native species. The applicants were unable to provide details at this point. Council asked if the solar array would minimise the use of the national grid by the Old Mill. The applicants agreed it would. The applicants have leased land to enable the laying of connecting cables to the Old Mill. Council asked the applicants if the proposed site was agricultural. The applicants explained the MOD owns the bunker and require access be maintained at all times it is, therefore, not agricultural land. Council asked for confirmation of the colour of the panels as one is more environmentally friendly than the other. The applicants will confirm.</p> <p>Council agreed to support the planning application with conditions.</p> <p>Proposed: T.D Seconded: C.B Carried: Unanimously</p> <p>Resolved: Teffont Parish Council agreed to support Planning Application PL/2023/09559 with conditions and to submit comments to Wiltshire Council Planning department by 21.12.23</p>
	<p>Chairs Report</p> <p>Councillor O'Donnell requested the Council pay for the removal of the hedge cuttings from the recent cut in the village hall. Council agreed to pay £150 .</p> <p>Proposed: RE Seconded: CB Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Resolved: Council agreed to pay Chris Berwick £150.00 for the removal of garden waste from the village hall</p>
23.12.05	<p>Items for the next agenda.</p> <p>TBC</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed: 18:59</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: 9th January 2024 at Teffont Village Hall at 18:00</p>

	<p>Note: The Village Hall is open for 30 minutes prior to the start of any public meeting for questions from any resident.</p>
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