



Minutes of Teffont Parish Council Meeting
Held in Teffont Village Hall
Tuesday 31st March 2026

Meeting Convened at 18.30	Item No.
<p>Those Present Parish Councillors D Wood (chair), C Bell, A Chapman, C Thompson. Wiltshire Councillor B Wayman Also in attendance: R Taylor (parish clerk) and five members of the public</p>	
<p>Questions and Statements from the public A member of the public observed that vehicles travelling into the village from the Cow Drove were consistently above the 20mph limit when measured over a 2-hour period and suggested rumble strips might reduce this. Another comment involved concern over the design and efficacy of the new grips at Springhead.</p>	
<p>Councillor Wayman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expressed her shared concern with the parish council regarding the lack of planning enforcement, which, over time, has effectively allowed an unauthorised vehicle access point at a hazardous location on Hindon Road to become established by default. However, no licence to cross the highway has been granted, meaning that doing so would be unlawful. • The Wiltshire parking charges consultation is from 9th April to 5th May and is subject to change depending on responses. The proposed changes include an average of 20% rise in 2026 and 5% in 2028, extending chargeable hours to 7am-7pm and aligning Sunday with weekday tariffs. For more information: TRO Consultation on proposed - Changes to Pay and Display Parking in Wiltshire - Wiltshire Council • Transport Have Your Say Today - Local Transport Plan - Delivery Plan Consultation - Commonplace 31st March to 5th May • Waste services: https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/futurewaste This link provides access to the public survey, which everyone is encouraged to complete. 	
<p>PCSO Charlotte King sent the most recent Teffont police report along with apologies as both she and PC Henry Pallas were unable to attend. PCM Report - 310326 Teffont.doc There have been no 999 calls and no recorded crimes between 01/02.26 and 31/03/26</p>	
<p>Mr Richard McNamara introduced and presented the campaign he is chairing to preserve Evias Church. Evias Church Restoration.pdf</p>	
<p>MEETING MINUTES</p>	
<p>Apologies for Absence Cllr Blackford and notified the PC that he would be on holiday. Cllr Shawe-Taylor also notified the PC that she would also be on holiday Cllr Cockram notified the PC of work commitments</p>	26.03.01
<p>Declarations of interests – none received Dispensations: -None required</p>	26.03.02
<p>Minutes from previous TPC meeting Resolved: The Parish Council accepted the minutes to be a true and accurate precis of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2026</p>	26.03.03



<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Wood reminded members that a new Chair will need to be elected at the next meeting, which will be the AGM in May, as he will be stepping down from the Council. Consequently, a new councillor is also being sought. • The annual litter-picking event took place on Saturday 28th and was a great success, with an excellent turnout. Thanks were extended to everyone who participated. • The Evias defibrillator, previously located at Howard's House, has now been installed on the workshop wall behind Enderley. The Parish Council purchased the new thermoregulated cabinet, and installation was kindly carried out by the Evias Estate, for which we are grateful. • The SID has been reinstalled at the east entrance to the village on a new post. The post was installed by WC, who will invoice the Parish Council in due course. The "Friends of Sidney" group returned the SID to this location, confident that it is now fully compliant with legal requirements. 	<p>26.03.04</p>
<p>Clerk's report Since last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council (WC) has confirmed that reinstatement of white edge lines on The Street is scheduled for the summer. • The reported 'missing' chevron on the west approach to the village hall has been reviewed; WC advise none previously existed, but an application may be submitted if required. • A resident has been liaising with Wessex Water regarding the pothole opposite Cosy Cottage; remedial works were scheduled for 23 March. • Works to grips in Teffont were also scheduled for 23 March. • A resident raised concerns about shooting noise near the east entrance to the village; they were advised to contact WC. • Concerns have been raised regarding traffic and parking capacity near Teffont House, including a request to consider double yellow lines. • Cllr Cockram has arranged a meeting with Teffont House management in April to discuss traffic, parking, deliveries, access, and signage. • After years of complaints to Wiltshire Council over the unlicensed and dangerous access point to Sunrise on the Hindon road, I have received information that planning access has been granted on the grounds that sufficient time has elapsed since the excavation. I have written to WC to ask for a statement on the access decision that can be shared with residents. 	<p>26.03.05</p>
<p>FINANCE</p>	
<p>a) Resolved: That expenditure on emergency equipment be approved, to be funded from the remaining SSEN grant.</p> <p>b) Resolved: That bank reconciliations presented by the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) were up to date.</p> <p>c) Resolved: That the parish accounts for the period January–March, as previously circulated, be confirmed as fully reconciled and accurate</p>	<p>26.03.06</p>



<p>Summary of the Parish Council's financial activity during the financial year 2025-2026</p> <p>The RFO presented the following information (previously circulated):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total balances and reserves at the beginning and end of the year • Total income received • Total expenditure • The accounting statement for 2025-2026 • The spending for the year versus the budget <p>Resolved: That the summary be approved and accepted as an accurate account of the Council's financial position.</p>	26.03.07
<p>Regulatory documents</p> <p>Councillors will review and update where necessary the regulatory documents by the next meeting (AGM 26th May 2026)</p>	26.03.08
<p>Restoration of Teffont Evias Church Campaign</p> <p>In response to the presentation from Richard McNamara, the parish council resolved to support the campaign to restore St Michael and All Angel's church in Teffont Evias.</p>	26.03.09
<p>Insurance Renewal</p> <p>Quotations received for the renewal of the Parish Council's insurance are within the agreed budget. Resolved: To authorise Cllr Blackford to make the final decision.</p>	26.03.10
<p>Playground Maintenance and Annual Inspection</p> <p>The playground was noted as in need of maintenance, and a volunteer clean-up was suggested (to be confirmed).</p> <p>The council considered quotations for playground inspection services and resolved to appoint the most cost-effective provider.</p>	26.03.11
<p>Highways and Amenities Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Bell shared analysis from a traffic survey at Farmer Giles (Ox Drove–Hindon Road) showing 76.3% of vehicles exceeded the 20mph limit, with many significantly over. Speeding was higher in the direction of Hindon Road, and just under 8% were heavy vehicles, seemingly high for this road, even accounting for farm use.</p> <p>Speeding and large lorries remain a concern, but views on solutions are mixed (appearance, cost, noise). Residents' views will be sought at the Community Gathering after the village café on Saturday 23 May.</p>	26.03.12
<p>The Teff</p> <p>The update on progress with <i>The Teff Working Group</i> -Cllr Blackford/Cllr Cockram was deferred to the next meeting due to councillor absence</p>	26.03.13
<p>Flood Mitigation</p> <p>Following concerns regarding the effectiveness of the new grips at Springhead, Cllr Thompson has contacted the Wiltshire Run Off Scheme to address the issue.</p> <p>The flood mitigation process in Evias is expected to commence before Autumn, subject to the release of funding.</p>	26.03.14



<p>Planning Under delegated authority, the clerk submitted the council's comments of 'no objection' on planning applications: PL/2026/00365 to take down and rebuild chimney to 1.8m above ridge at Kiln Cottage PL/2026/00949 Conversion of garage to form part of the cottage and other associated restoration works at Fitz House Tree applications have been received for 3 Post Office Cottages and The Thatches. Our tree warden has assessed them as reasonable and recommended no comment.</p>	<p>26.03.15</p>
<p>Emergency Planning The Clerk confirmed £147.29 remains from the SSEN grant. It was agreed to use this to purchase additional emergency equipment. A new application will also be submitted, if suitable items are identified, to further improve the village's readiness. The application deadline is May 21st.</p>	<p>26.03.17</p>
<p>Best Kept Village (BKV) The Council considered participation in this year's Best Kept Village competition. The main constraint identified was a lack of volunteers to coordinate efforts. The entry deadline is 19 April. Resolved: Not to enter the competition this year.</p>	<p>26.03.18</p>
<p>Any Other Business - Items for the next agenda: Election of Chairman and Vice Chair Review of committees Review of governance documents Review of Asset Register and Insurance Review of dates and times for full council meetings Confirmation of Bank Mandates and Financial Arrangements</p>	<p>26.03.19</p>
<p>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Community gathering following the Teffont Café Saturday 23rd May AGM Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 18:30. To be held at Teffont Village Hall</p>	

Close of Meeting approximately 20.00