

TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16TH MAY 2022 AT 7PM
IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Tim Turner (Chairman), Paul Higley, Jane Fitzpatrick and Kevin Tomblin

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

22/47. Elections

Election of Chairperson

It was proposed by Cllr Higley and seconded by Cllr Tomblin that Cllr Turner be Chairperson.

Signing of Acceptance of Office form

Cllr Turner signed the Acceptance of Office form which will be kept on file.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Higley that Cllr Tomblin be Vice-Chair.

22/48. Apologies

None

22/49. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

There were no interests to declare.

22/50. Public participation session

No matters were raised.

22/51. To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on 4th April 2022

The minutes were both approved and signed as a true record of the last meetings.

22/52. To review the action list

A new dog bin for Lower Tadmarton has been ordered.

Access to electricity substation on Main Road – Western Power have confirmed they will install a close board style gate.

22/53. To receive an update and discuss new highway issues (TT)

Damaged fingerpost sign in Lower Tadmarton – This is ongoing. The sign was with a company in Didcot but they are not answering the phone or emails. Highways will get the sign back.

22/54. To discuss points raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

Speeding and parking on the Main Road - The Parish Clerk and Cllr Tomblin are due to meet Highways to discuss options.

22/55. To receive an update on the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Fitzpatrick has produced a colourful flyer. There will be a party at the village hall on Sunday 5th June from 2pm with a bouncy castle and face painter. The VHC have applied for the CDC grant of £400.00. The Chair attended a meeting at Shutford re the lighting of the beacon. People are walking to the beacon at 9.25pm and it will be lit at 9.45pm. The new bench will arrive at the end of May.

Action: The Chair to forward details of paying the donation to Shutford to the Parish Clerk.

22/56. To receive an update on Speedwatch and approve expenditure for existing speed signs (details circulated)

An update was given on the current VAS in the village. There are four sited at each end of the village. The top one at the lower end of the village is fully functional and portable. The lower sign is inoperative and requires replacement parts to get it working. At the other end of the village the top sign is inoperative and the manufacturer has gone out of business. The lower sign is fully functioning. The proposal is to remove the large inoperative sign from the top of the village and move the smaller device further up the post. The top device will be recycled. It was agreed to purchase the radar and data capture for the sign at the lower end of the village at a cost of £799 & VAT. It was agreed that 3 new batteries will be purchased at a cost of £675.00. Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Tomblin. Everyone voted in favour.

Speedwatch – The police have approved the current equipment that is used and they will use their own insurance. Sites have to be approved by them with adequate clearance and users have to undertake training and pass a test.

22/57. To clarify the monitoring of the defibrillators

The monitoring can be either manual or digital. If digital, reminders are sent when the batteries and pads expire.

Action: Cllr Fitzpatrick to send a link to Councillors. A site meeting to be set up.

22/58. To discuss and receive an update on footpaths

a. Bridleway 12 (TT)

There is no update.

22/59. Finance Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£846.00 to Signs of Cheshire (2 x new noticeboards)

£300.54 to J Fitzpatrick (seed order)

£16.75 to SLCC (Clerks membership)

£70.00 to Gail Miller (brown bins for allotment area)

£140.00 to R Fletcher (internal audit)

£40.38 to V Demery (flowers for village planters)

£417.21 to Zurich Municipal (insurance)

£363.79 to Glasdon (dog bin)

AGAR for year ending 31st March 2022

To approve and sign Certificate of Exemption, Section 1 and Section 2 (details circulated)

The forms were approved and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

To approve a pay increase for the Parish Clerk

A pay increase in line with the NJC award was agreed and will be backdated to April 2021.

22/60. Planning applications

No new applications had been received.

There is work going on at a property without planning permission. Details will be passed to CDC Enforcement immediately.

22/61. Councillors Reports

Cllr Fitzpatrick confirmed that the disabled space by the village hall belongs to the hall. It has been agreed that Keep Clear can be marked on the driveway to the village hall car park.

The current caretaker of the village hall has done training for PAT testing and is willing to go to other village halls if they require testing.

A villager had enquired about placing estate agency signs on the Main Road. This is not allowed under highways regulations. They were recommended to use the noticeboards or Link magazine.

22/62. To note the next meeting date and time

Monday 4th July 2022 at 7pm

Meeting closed 8.30pm.

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