

## TILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE RECREATION GROUND, UPPERTON ON THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST 2020 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr T Compton (Chairman) Mrs L Allison,  
Mr B Creasey, Mrs J Clevely, Mrs A Lunt,  
Mrs S Wickham, Mrs F Rhys-Evans and  
Mr C Drake.

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

The Clerk took the chair for the election of the Chairman.

1. Apologies were received from Mr R Morgan-Grenville.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs Lunt said she would like to propose Mr Compton as Chairman, his nomination was seconded by Mrs Allison. There being no other nominations, and as Mr Compton was willing to stand, on a vote he was unanimously elected.

Mr Compton took the chair, he thanked Councillors for electing him but said this could be his last term as Chairman. The Chairman of the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, due to the fact he has 5 boys and leads a busy life as a Social Service Youth Worker, is not standing again. The Centre is moving forward at a fast pace and he will be taking over from him.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said Mr Morgan-Grenville hasn't said anything to the contrary, he assumes he will continue as Vice-Chairman and he would like to propose him. His nomination was seconded by Mr Drake. There being no other nominations, on a vote he was unanimously elected. The Chairman said he and Mr Morgan-Grenville will continue to share responsibilities, this has worked very well over the past year.

5. COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman said the current committees are:-

**Finance** Mrs J Clevely, Mr T Compton, and Mrs S Wickham

**Planning** Mr B Creasey, Mrs A Lunt, and Mrs F Rhys-Evans

**Environment** Mr C Drake, Mr R Morgan-Grenville and Mrs S Wickham

**District Council Annual Parish Meeting** The Chairman and Clerk

**County Local Committee** The Chairman and Clerk

All agreed to stay as at present. Mrs Allison, who is not currently on a committee, will join Environment.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th March, having been circulated, it was agreed that they be passed and signed, subject to the following amendment:

7. (b) A72 Update: Speedwatch Community Group: Final sentence. After 'It was agreed that Mrs Allison' delete 'look into this' and insert 'will go ahead and purchase one.'

7. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

8. FINANCE

- (a) End of Year Accounts to March 2020: The Chairman referred to the accounts which had previously been circulated, there were very few changes from those seen at the March meeting. He then took Councillors through the forms that the Clerk has to send to the External Auditor, including the Annual Governance Statement and the Certificate of Exemption. The accounts have been signed off by the Internal Auditor. He then asked that the accounts be approved, together with the contents of the Annual Governance Statement and the Certificate of Exemption. This was proposed by Mrs Clevely, seconded by Mrs Lunt and unanimously agreed.

**Balances at 31st March 2020**

Current Account	354.69		
Deposit Account	<u>2,568.18</u>	<b>2,922.87</b>	
Post Office		<b><u>1,222.79</u></b>	<b>£4,145.66</b>

- (b) Current Financial Situation: The Chairman referred to the accounts to 31st July. The first Precept payment has been received, the Clerk said the second payment is due in the middle of September. She had asked for compensation from NatWest for the inconvenience caused over Mr Morgan-Grenville's signatory problems and the Council had received £250. The £350 against the Recreation Ground was the contribution from the Tennis Club for the tree cut down last year.

**Restricted Fund** Recreational Ground Trust **£5,052**

### Balances at 31st July 2020

Current Account	163.72		
Deposit Account	<u>5,609.45</u>	<b>5,773.17</b>	
Post Office		<b><u>1,222.79</u></b>	<b>£6,995.96</b>

### 9. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- (a) A272 and Speedwatch: Mrs Allison said it's now a year since the first the Community Speedwatch Team got together with 8 volunteers, after which the winter and Covid19 had put a stop to it. So far this year two sessions have taken place, it is much easier to organise sessions now we have our own speed gun without having to go to Midhurst for one. Sadly the police do not have enough manpower, it is coming to a point where they can't do much more, legally their hands are tied when it comes to the noise, acoustic cameras are needed but they are not zoned in to use them. All the motor cyclists want is to have a jolly day out and to do this they will pay the fines. She asked that everybody keep putting pressure on the police and our MP by writing to them.

The Chairman said Alan Sutton, District Councillor for Fittleworth who lives in Petworth, has been co-ordinating virtual meetings with representatives from all the North Downs parishes along the A272. 3 Zoom meetings have been held. Both local MPs, Andrew Griffiths and Gillian Keegan, have responded well and have been represented at the meetings. They are now in contact with other back bench MPs to see if anything can be done to change legislation. As Alan Sutton has been unwell, Tom Richardson, an ex policeman and owner of the 3 Moles at Selham, is now taking the lead.

Mrs Allison said in other areas several parishes have been getting together to co-ordinate a speed watch through several villages. This is something that Tillington, Petworth and Fittleworth could consider doing. Another way forward is by using social media, make a video, this gives a strong message, use the slogan 'Think village, think now, think South Downs'. In some overseas countries there is a law banning motor cycles in certain areas. If this can be done overseas then pressure must be put on Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, the Police, MPs, WSCC and Highways to see if this could happen here. This is not only a local issue, it is also countrywide. A sign has been put up in Halnaker which shows the speed of a vehicle as it passes. She will be talking to Jim Scallon about the possibility of a sign being shared by several villages. Highways will allow a moveable one but not one that's permanently fixed. Currently she only has 4 volunteers to help at the Speedwatch sessions, following the lock down several haven't come back, which means they can't be out so often. If 50 people volunteered they would only need to do one session a year for 1 hour. Mr Drake said he thought Mrs Allison is doing a marvellous job and he would be willing to help. Mrs Allison thanked him, there isn't much time left this year as they can only operate between sunrise and sunset and not in misty, wet or frosty conditions.

The Chairman said it is unfortunate that today's Annual Meeting of the Parish couldn't take place as it would have been a good opportunity to update residents on the progress being made. It was agreed that the Chairman and Mrs Allison get

together and put an article in the Parish Magazine on the motor cycle issues and asking for volunteers for Speedwatch. Mrs Clevely said she thought the noise, which is also polluting, is more of a problem than the speed, although this is important, and asked what the SDNP's views are on this. The Chairman said they haven't been very supportive and haven't become involved. However, they have just elected a new Chairman, he will contact him.

Finally, he asked if Councillors are happy to look into new signage in the village. This was unanimously agreed.

- (b) Website: The Chairman said Mr Morgan-Grenville has been liaising with Tim Elliott, the website is nearly finished and, had the Annual Parish meeting taken place, would have been launched tonight. There are links to various groups such as the Village Hall, Pavilion Lettings and Cricket Club. The question is how it is to be managed. Mrs Rhys-Evans suggested a notice be put in the Parish Magazine to see if anyone in the parish would be willing to take it on. The Chairman said we are more likely to get someone if it is a paid position, he will talk to Mr Morgan-Grenville to agree a budget.
- (c) Lettings: The Chairman said in the current climate there is a move towards holding events outside. Once the website is up and running thought should be given to promoting the Recreation Ground, Pavilion and its facilities. With its outlook over the South Downs it's an ideal setting for many events, including weddings. It's good news that Easebourne football is returning this winter.
- (d) Bus Shelter: Mrs Lunt said the front of the bus shelter on the A272 opposite The Harrows had been damaged by what appeared to be a large metal vehicle. The Chairman said the Clerk is pursuing the insurance claim, she has sent in an estimate from the company who supplied the bus shelter but Zurich want a second one which she has been unable to find. Zurich had then suggested that they appoint a vendor who would carry out the work. It was agreed this was a good idea and the Clerk was asked to inform Zurich accordingly.
- (e) Drinking Fountain: The Chairman said this is not working, Mr Drake will look at it.
- (f) Broadleaf on the Recreation Ground: The Chairman said an expert has been to look at this, he is waiting for an estimate.
- (g) Jobs around the Parish: The Chairman said ideally the Council needs to find someone whose able to carry out odd jobs around the parish when needed. Councillors will give this some thought.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

