

TILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TILLINGTON ON THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr T Compton (Chairman) Mrs J Clevely, Mrs A Lunt,
Mr R Morgan-Grenville, Mrs S Wickham, Mr C Drake.

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

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

1. There were no apologies.

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 Clevely. There being no other nominations and as Mr Compton was willing to stand for re-election, on a vote, he was unanimously elected.

Mr Compton took the chair and thanked Councillors for re-electing him as Chairman.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said he would like to propose Mr Morgan-Grenville, this was seconded by Mrs Clevely. There being no other nominations, on a vote Mr Morgan-Grenville was unanimously elected. The Chairman said although he is officially Vice-Chairman they will continue to share responsibilities, this has worked very well over the past year.

5. TO VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT AND ELECT THREE COUNCILLORS

The Clerk distributed ballot papers, there are four candidates, she asked them to vote for not more than three. Ms Mary Connor, Mrs Jenny Lowe and Mr Roger ter Harr were elected. The Clerk will let them know, the Chairman will write to Mr Bryder.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

(a) Duties and responsibilities - review and refresh: The Chairman referred to the paper he had circulated, the basic function of the committees as at present had been written by the Clerk, but he felt these should be expanded to involve

members of the community. He then went through the current structure of the various committees, he proposed Finance and Planning stay as at present, but would like to see Environment broken down into various different groups. Having gone through these in detail he asked Councillors for their comments or suggestions, all were very much in favour. Mr Morgan-Grenville said he proposed to hold a Sustainability meeting towards the end of September which would also include his wife Caroline, Karen Miller, Liz Young and he would like to involve some of the young residents. He also hoped that the allotments will take off next year and the third one will be let. Referring to the A272 issues Mr Drake asked where now all the angry villagers who came to the original meeting to lobby Highways? Mrs Clevely updated Councillors on the progress of Broadband in River. After answering questions the Chairman thanked Councillors for their support and closed the discussion.

- (b) Committees and Representatives: The following committees and representatives, as discussed during the previous item, were agreed. The Chairman will ask the three new Councillors if they are happy with their proposed appointments.

(Clerk's Note: All three have agreed to be on the recommended committees.)

Finance: **The Chairman, Mrs Clevely and Ms Connor**

Planning: **Mrs Clevely, Mrs Lunt and Mr ter Harr**

The Environment Committee will be broken down in to separate groups.

Physical Infrastructure

Recreation Ground, Pavilion, Sheds, Allotments: **Mrs Clevely, Mrs Wickham and Mr Morgan-Grenville**

Phone Boxes, Shelters, Seating: **Mr Drake**

Cart Shed: **The Chairman and Mr ter Harr**

Public footpaths, designated byways and highway vegetation/pavement maintenance especially along A272. Liaison with Gerald as footpath warden.
Mrs Lunt (Tillington) Mrs Clevely (River)

A272 issues and highways engagement to try and improve 'environment'.
The Chairman and Mrs Lowe

Fibre Broadband Sub-committee: **The Chairman, Mr Pollard and Mrs Miller**

Sustainability Issues: **Mr Morgan-Grenville, Ms Connor, plus Daisy Hodd ... and other young parishioners**

Liaison with Tillington Village Hall Man Committee: **The Chairman and Mrs Lunt**

7. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th May, having been circulated, it was proposed by Mr Drake, seconded by Mrs Lunt that they be passed and signed.

8. MATTERS ARISING

Fees for preparation of the cricket pitch: Mr Morgan-Grenville said that Mr Wickham and Mr Westmore, who have prepared the pitch for cricket matches, had not yet asked for any payment, he will follow this up. Mrs Wickham said it would be very helpful if the Clerk could let her husband know the bookings she has so he can ensure the ground is mowed beforehand. The Clerk said she will do so.

Promotion of the Recreation Ground: Mr Morgan-Grenville said there have been two groups, one a family here for a second year, the other cricket teams, staying overnight and this is something the Council should encourage. He suggested an advertisement, with photos, put in The Cricketer, offering weekend packages. The Clerk said there had been a complaint recently about the kitchen facilities, the kettle and the cooker cannot be used at the same time. She had been in to have a look, the kitchen should be gutted and a new one installed. She has spoken with Kate Knight, who agreed with her and with her experience would be willing to help with this. It was agreed this will be looked into with the involvement of Mrs Clevely and Mrs Wickham.

9. FINANCE

- (a) Current Financial Situation: The Chairman said the accounts had been previously circulated, due to Covid there had been little expenditure.

Restricted Fund	Recreational Ground Trust		£5,052.31
Balances at 31st August 2021			
	Current Account	200.62	
	Deposit Account	<u>9,660.70</u>	9,861.32
	Post Office		<u>1,231.59</u>
			£11,092.91

CHEQUES PAID FROM 1ST JULY TO 31ST AUGUST 2021

Mrs K Knight	212.50	Annual Parish Meeting - Food
Hennings	95.98	Annual Parish Meeting - Wine
Sylvia Beaufoy Centre	500.00	Annual Grant
MW Turfcare	462.00	Recreation Ground - Spraying
Mrs J Huggett	182.12	Salary, Expenses - Jul
Mr A Morgan-Grenville	200.00	Website - Jun/Jul
Business Stream	30.68	Recreation Ground - Water
SSE	65.82	Pavilion - electricity
Mrs J Huggett	182.12	Salary, Expenses, Flowers - Aug

- (b) Cheque Signatories: The Clerk said with Mr Creasey's resignation there are now only three signatories and she would like Councillors to appoint at least one more. Both Mr Drake and Mrs Clevely put their names forward and, on a vote, this was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will get the mandate from NatWest.

10. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- (a) Tillington Charitable Trust: The Clerk said she had been asked by Mr Rolfe to let Councillors know that he is having a problem with Nat West Bank who, because the previous Treasure was unwell and a letter was overlooked, have closed the Charitable Trust's Deposit account with the loss of the money. They seem to be under the misapprehension that the Parish Council is involved, which is not correct, so Mr Rolfe has asked that should they be contacted by Nat West to let her know. Mr Morgan-Grenville said there is a link to the Trust on the website, but thought it would be a good idea if there's a better link to this and that Mr Rolfe enlarged on this to promote it more. Mrs Lunt will speak to him
- (b) Date of next meeting: The Chairman said rather than wait for two months he would like the new Councillors to be involved at an earlier date and suggested an additional meeting be held on Thursday 14th October. This was agreed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.