

TILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr R Morgan-Grenville (in the chair), Mr R ter Haar,
Mr T Compton (Chairman) Mrs A Lunt, Mrs J Lowe,
Mrs J Clevely, Mr C Drake and Ms M Connor.

Mrs E Lintill (District Councillor)

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Mrs S Wickham.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

(a) District Council

Cllr Lintill reported on the following.

Covid: Masks are worn at all times in Council areas. Residents are being asked to shop local. Two Covid Marshals/Ambassadors have been employed to advise people and help them to keep safe.

Budget: Budget meetings are being held, they're looking at the budget carefully. Mr Morgan-Grenville asked if cuts are introduced, where would they come from? Cllr Lintill said they have no plans for any at the moment but are looking now so they'll be prepared if the time should come. If it did happen they would come from non-statutory services, not from statutory ones such as bin collections.

(b) County Council

In Mrs Duncton's absence there was no report.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 14th October, having been circulated, it was proposed by Mr ter Haar, seconded by Mrs Lunt, that they be passed. They will be signed at a later date.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Mrs Clevely said she had met with Mr and Mrs Gresham-Cooke to discuss a flyer to go in the magazine. She had also called a meeting of a group from the community to find out the sort of celebration they would like and to help outline a structure. It would be a family affair, sporting events, activities, food, a beacon will be lit and she is hoping for support from Nyetimber.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public present.

6. FINANCE

- (a) Current Financial Situation: Mr Morgan-Grenville said the Clerk had previously circulated copies of the accounts to 27th November. The Clerk said she only had two things to say.

Tennis/Football: £250 had been received from Petworth Football Club who are using the ground for some Junior matches during winter months. The budget of £800 had been set when the Cricket Club was still in existence.

VAT Reclaim: She had put in a claim up to the end of October for £1,437 which has now been received.

Restricted Fund	Recreational Ground Trust		£5,052.31
Balances at 27th November 2021			
Current Account	470.55		
Deposit Account	<u>17,080.95</u>	17,551.15	
Post Office		<u>1,231.59</u>	£18,783.09

CHEQUES PAID FROM 10TH OCTOBER TO 27TH NOVEMBER 2021

Mrs K Knight	50.00	Pavilion - Cleaning - Sep
Business Stream	32.08	Recreation Ground - Water
Mr G Westmore	250.00	Preparing Wicket
Wicksteed	72.00	Play Area Inspection
3 Parishes Magazine	60.00	Advertisement for Pavilion
Mr A Morgan-Grenville	200.00	Website - Aug/Sep
Mrs J Huggett	182.12	Salary, Expenses - Oct

7. ENVIRONMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- (a) Play Area Inspection Report: The Clerk had previously circulated Wicksteed's report. Councillors had nothing to add.

Signage - It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for this facility.

Action recommended - provide notice

Goal - The surface has eroded in some areas.

Action recommended - reinstate

Roundabout - The impact area of the roundabout overlaps with the impact area of adjacent items and does not meet the recommendation of BS EN 1176 Part 5.

Action recommended - monitor

- (b) Parish Inspection Report: The Clerk had previously circulated the report. Mr Morgan-Grenville said Mr Bamber had suggested leaving the hedge until next year. The Chairman said he considered it should be cut down this year, if left it would become very unwieldy and far more costly. As it's now two months since Mr Bamber had said he would obtain an estimate, and this has still not been received, he proposed that the Clerk go ahead and accept Mr Gary Collier's estimate of £920 + VAT. This was unanimously agreed.

(Clerk's Note: Mr Collier will carry out the work in the new year.)

Recreation Ground - Moles - Clerk to contact Bruce Wickham

Benches - Recreation Ground - Green paint flaking on one on north boundary

Cemetery - Bench along the footpath in need of painting

Pavilion - Facing the pavilion, the posts 2nd and 4th from right in need of repair

Leylandii Hedge - still waiting an estimate from Mr Bamber (I've sent an email)

Telephone boxes - Tillington - Some corrosion and paint flaking off the bottom

Notice Boards - Village Hall - needs repainting

Bus Shelters - A272 - Wooden shelter at x roads needs work- already in budget

8. PLANNING

Mrs Lunt said there were few applications recently, mainly for tree work, one of which was at Linton House.

9. CART SHED

The Chairman said the survey had been carried out, planning permission is in place, the work has to start before May next year. He and Mr ter Haar had a very useful meeting with the Mr Ben Kirke, who had carried out the survey in 2017/2018. He has agreed to manage the project, obtain quotes and oversee the work. Mr ter Haar said the cost will be large, £20,000/£30,000. The Chairman said because of any wildlife an ecological and bat survey will need to be done. This will be carried out by Paul Whitby, who lives locally, at a cost of about £800. The plan to move forward is:-

- (1) Obtain the cost of the work
- (2) Look into fund raising which will include involving the parish
- (3) Look into obtaining grant funding
- (4) When agreed to go ahead proceed with the ecological survey

10. SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE INITIATIVE

Mr Morgan-Grenville said a meeting had been held to look into making it easy for people to become greener and more sustainable, including children and their parents. He listed ways to improve sustainability which could include:- not mowing in May; a parish clean up; allotments; bus time table; electric car charging points; solar power; recycling; car sharing; playground. It's planned to have quarterly briefing sessions from experts in various fields, ie. how to insulate a home, electric charging points, and there will be a 'soft' launch, maybe tied in with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in July next year. The aim is to make it as easy as possible for households to buy into it so it doesn't feel preachy and unobtainable. He would like Councillors help in doing this.

11. FUTURE EXPENDITURE

- (a) Pavilion Kitchen: The Clerk said she had met with Mrs Clevely, Mrs Wickham and Mrs Lowe (Mrs Knight had been unable to come), and Mrs Clevely had since drawn up plans and has obtained some costings. It is planned to meet again in the new year.
- (b) Play Equipment: Mr Morgan-Grenville said the play area is well used by families mainly with young children, and he would like to see some equipment for teenagers/older ones. He envisaged spending £4,000/£5,000. Mrs Lunt said she would be happy to lead this, the Chairman, Mr Morgan-Grenville and Ms Connor will join her. They will meet in January.
- (c) Bus Shelter at Cross Roads: The Chairman and Mr Drake said they will look after this project. The Chairman said the shingles need replacing but he pointed out that when inside the shelter it's not possible to see the bus when it's coming. They will look into this. Mr Drake said if this is the case do we need to keep it? The Chairman said it is used a lot.

12. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

A272: In Mrs Lowe's absence Mr Morgan-Grenville referred to the report she had circulated on the proposed Speed Indicator Devices in Tillington. As not everyone had had the time to study the report he suggested Councillors read it and let the Clerk know their views. If all in favour then he proposed the Council should, at the next meeting, consider going ahead with the purchase. This was unanimously agreed.

Mrs Lowe joined the meeting at 7.55 pm.

Mr Morgan-Grenville updated her on what had just been agreed. Mrs Lowe said she would like to say that Mrs Allison had done some excellent work in obtaining information and now, with Mr Gee's help, she would like to take it forward.

Bio-Diversity: Mr Drake said around the Monument on the Upperton side there is a large Himalayan Balsam infestation which should be cut back. It might be worth while contacting the Leconfield Estate, but he could just take a tractor to it.

Village Hall: Mrs Lunt said she had attended a Village Hall meeting when installation of electric charging points, the cost and how to generate the money had been discussed. The Village Hall had received £18,000 in Government grants which is held in a deposit account. There was a short discussion during which it was questioned why this money isn't invested.

Defibrillator: Mr Morgan-Grenville said River and Upperton are both looking at defibrillators and he asked Mrs Lunt about funding. She said following a customer's heart attack the Badgers had fund raised for the one at Tillington, with support from SE Ambulances.

Broadband: The Chairman said Westbrook House has been added to the Broadband list. He is awaiting an update from Mrs Miller.

(Clerk's Note: The Chairman has received an update. 'A site survey has now been done by BT. We are awaiting a final offer.')

Sylvia Beaufoy Centre: The Chairman said a very successful fund raising dinner had been held resulting in a quarter of a million in funds being guaranteed over 3 years to fund staff and give the centre the scope to go more quickly. This is needed as, during the last 12 months, numbers have increased by 100. On behalf of Councillors Mr Morgan-Grenville congratulated him on an amazing result. The Chairman said all the extra work may affect his ability to continue to chair the Council.

Next Meeting: Mrs Lowe said she will be in Australia from January to March but should be able to attend on Zoom. Mr Morgan-Grenville said he will also be away for 3 months next year.

Cricket Club: Mr Morgan-Grenville said with the Cricket Club no longer functioning a decision will need to be made on the use of the equipment when the pavilion is hired for cricket.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.