

## TILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TILLINGTON ON THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr R Morgan-Grenville (in the chair), Mrs S Wickham, Mr R ter Haar, Mr C Drake, Ms M Connor, Mrs J Lowe and Mrs J Clevely.

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

1. Apologies were received from Mr T Compton (Chairman), Mrs A Lunt, Cllr J Duncton (County Councillor) and Mrs E Lintill (District Councillor).

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 28th September, having been circulated, it was proposed by Ms Connor, seconded by Mrs Wickham, that they be passed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Tennis Club: Mr Morgan-Grenville said the Tennis Club has a lot of money, the Club is run very well with a good membership. Rather than increase the rent he suggested the Club be asked to look after the Leylandii hedge at the rear of the courts. This was agreed. He will contact Mr Bamber.

(b) Defibrillator at River: Mrs Clevely said the defibrillator is now fixed on the wall by the notice board, the electricity has been given, it has been tested, and with it is a video River residents can view. She has been asked to thank the Parish Council for donating it.

4. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Mr Morgan-Grenville asked if there was anything Councillors would like passed on for action by either Cllr Duncton or Cllr Lintill.

Mrs Clevely said the drain is blocked at the junction of Brookfield Lane and the A272 which is causing flooding. Mr Morgan-Grenville raised the continual problem of large lorries damaging properties and vehicles when driving through Upperton. It was agreed to ask an Officer from Highways to meet Councillors to discuss these problems. The Clerk will action in the New Year.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public present.

6. FINANCE

- (a) Current Financial Situation: The Clerk said the accounts to 30th November are pretty much as she had anticipated, except for the Recreation Ground Upkeep which is well over budget as this included work on the cricket wicket which had not been included in the budget.

**Balances at 30th November 2022**

Current Account	296.81		
Deposit Account	<u>16,794.81</u>	<b>17,091.62</b>	
Post Office		<b><u>1,231.71</u></b>	<b>£18,323.33</b>

**PAID FROM 1ST OCTOBER TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2022**

Mr C Drake	171.60	Gen Maint - Phone Box/Mowing
Manorwood Construction	540.00	Cart Shed - Repairs
Mr G Westmore	108.00	Recreation Ground - Wicket
London Hearts	1,211.00	Defibrillator - River
Mr I Farquar	280.00	Recreation Ground - Wicket
Business Stream	47.72	Recreation Ground - Water
Mr A Morgan-Grenville	200.00	Website - Aug/Sep
The Ecology Cooperative	960.30	Cart Shed - BAT Survey
Mrs J Huggett	188.44	Salary, Expenses, Postage - Oct
SSE	57.81	Pavilion - Electricity
RBL Poppy Appeal	25.00	Expenses - Wreath
Mrs K Knight	42.49	Pavilion - Cleaning/Bowl
The Leconfield Estates	100.00	Allotment - Rent
Crosthwaite & Son	204.00	Defibrillator - River Installation
Wel Medical	156.00	Expenses - Defib Battery
Mrs J Huggett	188.44	Salary, Expenses, Postage - Nov

- (b) Budget 2023/2024: Mr Morgan-Grenville said he and the Chairman had agreed that the Precept should go up by 5% and he took Councillors through the budget. During a discussion it was agreed to increase 'Contributions to the Pavilion - Lettings' from £2,000 to £3,000, and 'Recreation Ground Upkeep' from £1,500, also to £3,000. Referring to the cost of the cricket wicket Mr Morgan-Grenville said he had undertaken to keep it mowed during the next few months, it was expected it would make a profit in 2024. Mr ter Haar said to set a budget with such a large deficit is not viable, would draw comments from residents, and he suggested the £10,000 to be 'loaned' by TVHMC should be added to the income.

After further discussion it was proposed by Mrs Clevely and seconded by Mr ter Haar, that the budget, with the increased Precept, £19,500, the addition of £10,000 to the income, and the increase to £3,000 for 'Contributions to the

Pavilion - Lettings' and 'Recreation Ground Upkeep' be adopted. On a vote this was unanimously agreed.

7. ENVIRONMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Mr Morgan-Grenville spoke on the Environment and Maintenance items.

- (a) Cricket Pitch: This has been covered under 6(b) above.
- (b) Bus Shelter on A272: The Chairman has this in hand.
- (c) Allotments: Only two people were interested in an allotment. As it wasn't being used it has been arranged for Sam Perry to cut it. Without having this done the Leconfield Estates could have withdrawn the lease which is currently for 5 years at a rent of £100 per year. He will contact his son and ask him to send round an email to see if anyone else is interested. Mrs Wickham said as King Charles is into sustainability and conservation would it be possible, if the allotments are not taken up, to turn the area into a 'Village Orchard'? This was thought to be a good idea, Mr Drake said he will look for some old varieties that could be planted there. To be an agenda item at the February meeting.

8. PLANNING

Mr ter Haar said there have been no problems with any of the applications. Inside and outside work is taking place at Westbrook House and further work will be needed on the roof at a later date.

9. CART SHED

Mr Morgan-Grenville said work will start in March. In the New Year a letter will be sent to those who park there, and the community will be asked for their views on the future use of the Cart Shed. He paid tribute to the Chairman who he said has worked very hard to bring this to fruition.

10. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Gates to Petworth Park: Mrs Clevely the verges outside the double Lodges entrance to the Park are in a dreadful state and asked if something could be done about them. The Clerk said this is part of Petworth parish. It was agreed she should contact their Parish Clerk in the New Year.

Cart Shed: Mr Drake asked if a security fence will be put up round the Card Shed while the work is carried out. It was suggested he contact the Chairman.

CID: Mrs Lowe said she now has all the information required. To be an agenda item at the February meeting.

Sustainable Village: Mr Morgan-Grenville referred to the 'Sustainable Village' project, there is money available to progress this. To be an agenda item at the February meeting.

The King's Coronation: Mrs Clevely said she thought any planned celebration should be on a lower scale than the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To be an agenda item at the February meeting.

11. MEETING DATES FOR 2023

The following dates were agreed, all are on a Thursday.

9th February, 20th April, 15th June, 17th August, 19th October, 14th December.

There being no further business, Mr Morgan-Grenville closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.