

TILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TILLINGTON ON THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM

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

Cllr J Duncton (County Councillor)
Mrs E Lintill (District Councillor)

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett

The Chairman welcomed Mr Gresham Cooke and Mr Pollard to the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Mrs S Wickham

There were no declarations of interest.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- (a) District Council

Cllr Linill reported on the following.

Budget: The proposed budget will be put to full council at its March meeting, it has been a difficult budget to prepare and will be a deficit one.

Funding: Unfortunately, we were not successful in our bid for the Levelling up Fund but have been successful in getting £1m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and £700,000 from the UK Shared Rural Fund.

Supporting You Team: This has been a great success and we're so proud of the work that our Supporting You team is delivering. They are having a positive impact on the lives of many residents, dealing with a wide range of issues such as those who are struggling with their finances, who have been evicted from their homes or who just need advice or support from other agencies. They are the first Council to have put such a team together.

District Council Elections: At this year's local elections on Thursday 4th May you will need a valid ID to be able to vote at a polling station. A wide range of IDs will be accepted, but if you don't have one contact the District Council to apply for a certificate and to find out more about the new requirements. If you don't have one you will be turned away. This doesn't apply if you have a postal vote.

(b) County Council

Cllr Duncton spoke on the following.

Council Tax: At the full Council meeting last week an increase of 4.9% was agreed, 2.9% for County issues, 2% which is ring fenced for adult services. No services have been cut and, in some services, extra has been added.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points: County has been given a substantial sum of money and is working with the Districts and Boroughs to achieve their aims. Some charging points have already been installed and, as you will know, the District Council has two in the Pound Street car park in Petworth. Parking spots are in high demand, electric points take up 2 parking spaces, so we're looking closely at places to ins

Mrs Clevely asked if, when installing charging points, the Council could try and avoid putting them in dark places. Cllr Duncton noted this but said the District Council have the contact for installing charging points.

A29 at Pulborough: Unfortunately, I have no good news that the road will reopen any time soon. The main problem is that the collapsed banks on either side of the road are not County owned so much negotiation is taking place.

Nationwide: For those of you who use the Nationwide branch in Midhurst its opening times are changing. It will now be closed on Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays it will be open 9.30 am to 1.30 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 8th December 2022, having been circulated, it was proposed by Mr Morgan-Grenville, seconded by Mr ter Haar, that they be passed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Tennis Club: Mr Morgan-Grenville said that, having heard nothing from Mr Bamber, he will now write to him.

5. KING CHARLES III CORONATION

The Chairman said this is only 3 months away, he wants this to be a celebration involving the village and on a lesser scale than that for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. King Charles has already set out guidance as to what he would like to take place, and he asked Mr Gresham Cooke for his views. Mr Gresham Cooke said there will be a Mens' Breakfast on the morning of the Coronation but it will be over well before 11.00 am, and there is a church service at 9.30 am on the Sunday. A discussion took place, various suggestions were put forward as to areas that could be improved,

such as painting the outside of the pavilion, the work on the bus shelter, litter picking etc., and then use venues throughout the parish to enjoy burgers and beer. The Chairman said he hoped the work on the Cart Shed would be finished by early May so that could also be included, as could the Community Orchard. Mrs Clevely, Mrs Lunt and Mr ter Haar said they will arrange a meeting the following week to discuss all that has been said and, when a date is agreed, will circulate it. Anyone else who would like to be involved would be very welcome. Once full details are known they will be put on the website and in the April Parish magazine. Mr Gresham Cooke asked if the Parish Council intended to buy Coronation mugs for the children, he has a list of names. This would be looked into.

There was a subsequent meeting on Thursday 2nd March, present Tom Compton, Andrina Lunt, Jo Clevely, Annie Sneller representing PCC and Gerald Gresham Cooke representing TVHMC. Purpose was to discuss further ideas and plans for the weekend. After a fruitful positive discussion, the format of the weekend looks like this:

*Friday 5th Village Hall 'Coronation' Monthly Lunch
Saturday 6th Mens' Breakfast
Sunday 7th Church Service
Monday 8th Big Help Out Day in the village with 'Cricket Tea' at Pavilion
3.00 - 5.30pm
Coronation Mugs to be presented to each child in village
More details to follow*

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Cart Shed: Mr Pollard said the Village Hall Management Committee is in favour of the loan of £10,000 to the Parish Council for the work on the Cart Shed. He has also approached the Charity Commission who will confirm they have no objection. The interest rate will be 6% to be repaid over 5 years. An agreement to be drawn up between the TVHMC and the PC.

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- (a) Current Financial Situation: The Clerk referred to the Financial Statement and said it had been pointed out to her by Ms Connor that some of the addition in the Budget column was incorrect. She then circulated the amended version and updated Councillors as follows.

Income

Cart Shed Rents: £20 has been refunded to Mr Lavington for non use in March.
Interest: Rates have risen since the budget was set.

Expenditure

Recreation Ground upkeep: Above budget as it includes the unbudgeted work on the cricket wicket.

Finally, she said she has put in a VAT claim for £2,000 and, as she didn't expect expenditure to the end of the financial year in March to exceed that figure, the

carry forward should be in the region of £14,000. She will be receiving the first Precept payment of £9,750 from CDC in April.

Balances at 18th February 2023

Current Account	196.17		
Deposit Account	<u>13,517.21</u>	13,713.38	
Post Office		<u>1,232.86</u>	£14,946.24

CHEQUES PAID 1ST DECEMBER 2022 TO 18TH FEBRUARY 2023

Mr A Morgan-Grenville	400.00	Website - Aug/Sep/Oct/Nov
Sam Perry Gardening	360.00	Gen Maint - Verges and Hedges
Mrs J Huggett	196.40	Salary, Expenses, Postage - Dec
3 Parishes Magazine	63.00	Advertisement
SLCC	101.00	Clerk's Subscription
Manorwood Construction	540.00	Cart Shed - Repairs
Wel Medical	79.08	New Pads for Defibrillator
Mr J Naldrett	250.00	Cart Shed - Grass/Hedge Cutting
Business Stream	36.65	Recreation Ground - Water
Mrs J Huggett	188.44	Salary, Expenses, Postage - Jan
Midhurst Palliative Care	100.00	In memory of Bill Bryder
3 Parishes Magazine	100.00	Grant
All Hallows PCC	1,000.00	Grant
Mr A Morgan-Grenville	200.00	Website - Dec/Jan
Mr M Lavington	20.00	Cart Shed - Refund/March Rent
SSE	65.47	Pavilion - Electricity

As Mr Morgan-Grenville had to leave it was agreed to take Item 11 next.

11. SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE

Mr Morgan-Grenville said he hadn't had time to progress this but it could be part of the Coronation Clean Up. He mentioned that his son was keen to update the website and this will be looked at shortly.

7. ENVIRONMENT AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

(a) Bus Shelter on the A272: The Chairman said he's waiting to hear from Dave Watson but thought this could now be part of the Coronation clean up.

(b) Allotments/Community Orchard: The Chairman said the land actually goes with the Old Manor House but, since the allotments were a failure, the Council had asked the Leconfield Estates if it could be leased to them as a Community Orchard. He's delighted to say this has been agreed, he asked Mr Drake if he would lead on the tree planting. Mr Drake said he will do so, he has already identified 3 trees there, he went through a list he had prepared of suggested ones, which included an Egremont Russet. He was asked if it would be possible to have a pear or a plum tree, he recommended a plum. Trees would cost about £32 each. The Chairman said there is only a small window of time in which to plant, we need to work

towards a date. It was agreed to plant on Saturday 26th March. Pat Atkins would be approached to see if he will take on the role of Orchard Manager. The Chairman said he will register the Community Orchard under the Queen's Green Canopy.

(Clerk's Note: Tree planting is now on Saturday 11th March at 2.00 pm.)

- (c) Gates to Petworth Park: The Clerk said she has written to the Clerk at Petworth Town Council about the state of the verges outside the entrance, she hasn't had any response and the Clerk's now resigned. When appointed she will follow this up with the new Clerk.
- (d) A272: The Chairman said following on from the resurfacing of the A272 at Tillington, Highways has since cleared the footpath.

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- (a) Planning Applications: Mr ter Haar said they have just received two planning applications for the White House Barn, Grittenham Lane and Firgrove, Coxland Lane, but had no problem with either of them.

10. SPEED INDICATOR DEVISE (SID)

Mrs Lowe said she has gone into the subject of installing two more SIDs on the A272 but with two already there it is difficult to find a suitable site for the one coming from Petworth, the other side is ok. A discussion followed as to whether spending thousands of pounds on further SIDs would slow the traffic down and it was finally agreed to put this on hold for the present time. The Chairman thanked Mrs Lowe for all the time she has put in looking into this, and said Tom Richardson and his group will be continuing to monitor traffic noise.

12. CART SHED

The Chairman said all those who park there have been asked to move their cars by Sunday 5th March, work will start the following day, it should take about 8 weeks so could be finished by the Coronation weekend. He told Mr Drake that safety fencing will be in place, he's waiting for the risk assessment and insurance from Ben Kirk.

13. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Parish Council Elections: The Chairman said the Clerk would like to say a few words about the Parish Council elections. The Clerk said these are being held on Thursday 4th May, she will receive the application forms, will let Councillors know when she has them and, when filled in, will also take them back to CDC. After 22nd March when Councillors go into Purdah, if contacting District or County Councillors please use their personal emails.

Defibrillator: Mrs Lunt said the defibrillator at the Village Hall now has a new battery and the internal data has been updated.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.