

TILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TILLINGTON ON THURSDAY 20TH APRIL 2023 AT 7.00 PM

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

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

The Clerk welcomed Mrs Liz Young, and then took the chair to elect a Chairman.

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

Mrs Lunt was proposed by Mr ter Haar, seconded by Mrs Wickham. As Mrs Lunt was willing to chair the meeting, on a vote, she was unanimously elected.

Mrs Lunt took the chair.

2. Apologies were received from Mr T Compton (Chairman), Mr R Morgan-Grenville and Mrs J Lowe.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd February, having been circulated, it was proposed by Mr ter Haar, seconded by Mrs Wickham, that they be passed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matter arising.

As Mrs Cleverly had been delayed it was agreed to go to Item 6.

Mrs Lunt invited Mrs Young to speak.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Gate on Cemetery Lane: Mrs Young thanked her and said she would like to ask if a gate could be put up where the footpath from the Glebe Field meets Cemetery Lane. On several occasion she has seen dogs and children run into the road and feels there is an accident to happen. It was agreed this should be looked into. Ms Connor said she knows the owner of the field and will speak to her.

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

End of Year accounts to 31st March 2023: The Clerk took Councillors through the accounts to 31st March 2023 which had previously been circulated. Income hasn't changed much since the last meeting, in Expenditure the item overspent was Recreation Ground upkeep as this included all the work preparing the wicket. The Current Account was overdrawn, but on paper only, the bank was still in credit. This was because she had, after the end of the Financial Year, dated some cheques 31st March, as they applied to that year's accounts. She then referred to the forms that have to be sent to the External Auditor, the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement. Councillors went through the papers after which Mr ter Haar proposed that the accounts be adopted, together with the contents of the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement. His proposal was seconded by Ms Connor and, on a vote, unanimously adopted.

Balances at 31st March 2023

Current Account	398.07		
Deposit Account	<u>11,866.78</u>	11,468.71	
Post Office		<u>1,232.86</u>	£12,701.57

CHEQUES PAID FROM 22ND FEBRUARY TO 31ST MARCH 2023

Mrs J Huggett	196.40	Salary, Expenses, Postage - Feb
Abbey Scaffolding	1,080.00	Cart Shed - Scaffolding
Mr A Morgan-Grenville	400.00	Website - Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar
AES	130.80	Pavilion - Alarm Service
Ecology Cooperation	859.50	Cart Shed - Bat Survey
Mrs J Huggett	207.28	Salary, Expenses, Postage - Mar
Mr C Drake	437.00	Expenses - Community Orchard Trees
Mrs K Knight	100.00	Pavilion Cleaning - Dec/Mar

8. CART SHED

Mr ter Haar referred to the update sent in by Mr Kirk of Manorwood Construction.

Works are progressing well. The plan is as follows:

w/c 17th March - carry out repairs to roof and gable ends, finish work to plinths

w/c 24th March - roofing works to start, final repairs to walls

w/c 1st May (short bank holiday week) - roofing works to be completed, cladding to side walls

w/c 8th May (short bank holiday week) - cladding to gable ends and final bits

w/c 15th May - scaffold to come down and site cleared

9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

There were no matters raised.

Mrs Clevely arrived to report, with Mrs Lunt, on the Coronation.

5. KING CHARLES III CORONATION

Mrs Lunt said there are 58 children in the village who will receive Coronation mugs, she circulated details of the one she had ordered. They come in boxes of 36 so she has ordered two boxes. Mrs Clevely said the website has been updated with the volunteering details for those who would like to help on the Monday. Sam has said the Horseguards will be closed, she will go and see if he will change his mind and open. Nick Blunt will be replacing the fencing round the Causeway, volunteers are needed to help him. The Chairman has suggested that residents are asked to sponsor a fencing panel for either £100/£200. Teas will be served in the pavilion, during that time the mugs could be given to the children. It has been decided not to go ahead with the marquee. A discussion took place on whether to have cakes or scones or both, it was agreed not to impose on people's generosity but to buy cakes and scones. The Clerk pointed out that no money has been put in the budget for the Coronation, but this could be amended. It was proposed by Mrs Clevely, seconded by Mrs Wickham, that £600 to be included in the 2023/2024 budget. On a vote this was unanimously carried. The Clerk to amend the budget.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.