

TILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22ND MAY 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TILLINGTON AT 7.45 PM

PRESENT: Mr A Johnstone (Chairman) Mrs S Greenwell,
Mr R Shapland, Mr T Compton, Mr R Sneller,
Mr B Bryder, Mrs A Lunt, Mrs F Rhys-Evans.

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

The Clerk took the chair.

1. Apologies were received from Mr C Drake.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Compton said he would like to propose Mr Johnstone as Chairman, his nomination was seconded by Mrs Lunt. There being no other nominations, and as Mr Johnstone was willing to continue, on a vote he was unanimously elected.

Mr Johnstone took the chair, he thanked Councillors for re-electing him.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman asked Mr Sneller if he is willing to stand for re-election, he said he is. Mr Shapland said he said would like to propose him as Vice-Chairman, his nomination was seconded by Mrs Rhys-Evans. There being no other nominations, on a vote, he was unanimously elected.

5. COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman said the current committees are:-

Finance Mr B Bryder, Mr T Compton, Mrs S Greenwell and Mr A Johnstone

Planning Mr A Johnstone, Mrs A Lunt, Mrs F Rhys-Evans and Mr R Sneller

Environment Mr C Drake, Mr A Johnstone and Mr R Shapland

District Council North-East Forum The Chairman and Clerk

County Local Committee

The Chairman and Clerk

The Chairman asked if anyone wished to move to another committee. Mr Sneller said he would like to go from Planning to Finance and Mr Bryder from Finance to Planning. Subject to these changes everyone else remained as at present.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th March, having been circulated, it was proposed by Mr Compton, seconded by Mrs Lunt, that they be passed and signed subject to the following amendment.

6 (a) Village Hall Extension: After 'July/August' insert 'subject to approval of the revised 2017/2018 budget at the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd May.'

7. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Letter to Pitshill Estate: The Clerk had previously circulated The Hon Charles Pearson's response to her letter about the use of the paddock as a storage site. Following his letter she said she had written and told him she would be asking Councillors tonight if they were satisfied with his response or if they had any further comments to make. There were none, she said she will write to him accordingly.

8. RECREATION GROUND TRUST

The Chairman said he had nothing to report.

The Chairman asked Mr Compton to take the chair for the next item.

9. FINANCE

(a) Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th May: These had been previously circulated, it was proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr Bryder that they be passed and signed.

(b) End of Year Accounts to March 2017: Mr Compton referred to the accounts which had been previously circulated and took Councillors through them. He also went through the form that has to be sent to the External Auditor and said the Finance committee was satisfied with the way the accounts had been managed.

After further discussion Mr Compton asked that the accounts be duly approved, together with the contents of the Annual Governance Statement. This was proposed by Mr Sneller, seconded by Mrs Lunt and unanimously agreed.

(c) Current Financial Situation: Mr Compton referred to this year's accounts which had been previously circulated. These had been presented at the Finance meeting but had not been updated as the Clerk had only paid a small bill for cleaning

materials. This was early days, a revised budget for 2017/2018 has been prepared, and he proposed to take this item 6 (f) next.

- (f) Revised budget 2017/2018: It was not known when setting the budget in January if the £10,000 grant from the District Council had been approved and the Village Hall extension would go ahead. It was therefore agreed by the Finance committee to produce a revised budget which will still show a cash surplus at the end of the year. He took Councillors through the changes.

Income

CDC Grant for Village Hall	10,000
Village Hall contribution for builder	7,463
Village Hall contribution for re-siting oil tank	1,390
Possible grant for 'gates'	1,500

Expenditure

No change under headings 'Admin' and 'Grants and Donations'

General

Include 'Gates to Village' (subject to grant)	3,000
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New Group (Village Hall Expenditure)

Clive Fish's fees	350
G Morgan - Builder	24,925
Re-siting oil tank	2,000

All Maintenance Fund details have been deleted.

After answering questions it was proposed by Mr Sneller, seconded by Mrs Lunt that the revised budget be adopted. On a vote this was unanimously agreed.

Mr Sneller said he would like to thank Mr Compton and the Finance committee for all they did in looking after the Council's finances.

- (d) Re-siting oil tank: Three quotes had been received for moving the oil tank to the first parking bay on the same side, all + VAT.

SG Tanks	£1,250
Maskell	£1,450
Little London Services	£2,400

A discussion took place, Mr Shapland said there was no need to get rid of the existing base now, this could be done when building work was carried out. It was agreed that the work should be carried out as soon as possible.

(Clerk's Note: After the meeting I realised that no contractor had been chosen. On circulating Councillors it was unanimous that Maskell, £1,450 + VAT, should carry out the work. The tank has now been re-sited.)

- (e) 'Gates' to the Village: The design and cost of the 'gates' had been circulated. It was unanimously agreed, provided a grant is obtainable, to go ahead with Glasdon's design but use Steeple's 'Tillington' road signs, £95 each + VAT.

The Chairman thanked Mr Compton for his Finance report and took back the chair.

10. PLANNING

- (a) Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th May: The Clerk said she had not yet finished the minutes.

11. ENVIRONMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- (a) Parish Inspection Report: The Chairman referred to the Parish Inspection which had been carried out on 3rd May. There was very little that required attention, lower branches need lopping on two Beam trees on the Recreation Ground and there are a few loose tiles on the pavilion roof. Notice boards at Upperton and on the Village Hall need attention, the bus Shelter on the A272 at Upperton Road will be monitored and the grass needs mowing around the Cart Shed.

12. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Sylvia Beaufoy Grant: The Clerk said she had received a letter of thanks. Mr Sneller said they are very appreciative of the grant, without such support they would have to close. The Centre is run very efficiently by Mrs Sandra Thomas, there is an ongoing rolling programme of events and they are currently taking part in The Greenpower Electric Car Project, building and developing a small electric car in which their aim is to qualify for an international final. He circulated a copy of their newsletter, anyone would be very welcome at the AGM on Monday 5th June.

13. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

The Chairman said he would like once again to thank Councillors for all their support over the year, two in particular. Mr Drake who mows the grass along the road by the Recreation Ground and carries out other small jobs, and Mr Shapland for his willingness to deal with problems within the pavilion and others that arise. This is very much appreciated.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked the Clerk for the wine and nibbles and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.