

TILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF TILLINGTON HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TILLINGTON ON MONDAY 22ND MAY 2017 AT 7.00 PM

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

Mrs J Duncton (County and District Councillor).

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Gresham-Cooke to the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Mr C Drake and Mrs E Lintill (District Councillor).

2. MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2016, having been circulated, it was proposed by Mrs Lunt, seconded by Mrs Greenwell that they be passed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his report.

I would like to thank all Councillors for their commitment during the past twelve months. Everyone has given up their time for many meetings and for all manner of projects in the Parish. I would like to thank Jean for all her support, her endless attention to detail and her patience in organising us all, especially me. We would be lost without her. Last, but not least, I would like to thank Eileen and Janet for all their support and to offer our congratulations to Janet on her recent re-election.

There have been a variety of planning applications during the year, mostly straightforward, some more complex.

On the Finance front, no increase to the Precept was necessary as we had budgeted for the significant expense of the village hall extension.

Our Environment and Maintenance Inspection was carried out in May when most of the Parish assets were found to be in good condition. The listed cart shed in Upperton is another year older but seems to be holding up well, though everyone is aware a decision will have to be made regarding its upkeep. The play equipment in the Recreation Ground is in good order and is enjoyed by many local children and visitors. However some residents have expressed a wish for additional equipment.

The Recreation Ground is used regularly by the Cricket Club as always, and they are joined by the Stoolball Club which has returned to Tillington after a number of years in Petworth. We all welcome them back. Easebourne Football Club Juniors are thrilled to be playing regularly here in Tillington and are attracting many fans from the parish and beyond.

There has been mounting concern about the speed of some motorists through the village on the A272 and coming down the hill from Upperton into Tillington. We have been told that any amendments to our current speed limits would be very difficult and very lengthy in process. Therefore Councillors are planning to install 'white gates' with our village sign at the entrances to Tillington village. We have been assured that monitored results confirm some success in slowing motorists through villages in West Sussex and beyond.

The construction of the long awaited extension to the village hall is due to commence in July. The oil tank will be moved prior to work commencing.

Once again I would like to thank Trevor Purnell for his continued support in keeping the parish website up to date, including the extra information we are required to publish for compliancy.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Duncton reported on the following.

Officials are tied up with the General Election, so are just keeping the services going. The Council has invested in a business, it has purchased a retail store, 2-3 East Street in Chichester and is letting it as a going concern. The Chichester Vision Southern Gateway is progressing, they are regenerating the area near the Canal Basin and the bus station. There are further talks taking place on the A27, but there is no mention of a northern route.

Mr Gresham-Cooke asked if the property purchase is for investment only, Cllr Duncton said it is, it was a full Council decision.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Duncton reported on the following.

It has not been an easy year, UKIP has been their main opposition and unfortunately it became very political. However things should now change as following the recent election the Council is now made up of 56 Conservatives, 9 Liberal Democrats, 5 Labour and no UKIP. She is still the Advisor to the Highways and Transport Cabinet

Member, though she has a new boss. They are still trying to keep the West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service in-house, and not out-source it as wanted by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The next CLC meeting is on 20th June at Rogate. There is now further grant money available for organisations but this cannot be applied for by Parish Councils. □

Mr Shapland asked Cllr Duncton now the charges have been abolished for rubbish disposal if they will open again before 10.00 am. People aren't prepared to queue and so are fly tipping. Cllr Duncton said they have to save money so the opening hours will stay the same at present, but it is continually under discussion. Regarding fly tipping this has not increased since charges were imposed, when collecting the rubbish it is weighed and it has been noted that it is often waste which is not chargeable that is tipped.

The Chairman asked Cllr Duncton about speeding traffic on the A272 in the 40 mph zone past the New Lodge gates. Cllr Duncton said only a TRO can change that, and this has to be applied for through the CLC committee. It is a lengthy process and only one a year is processed in Chichester North.

Mr Shapland said he is often asked for reflective bollards on the A272 at the entrance to The Harrows. Drivers often say they have difficulty in seeing the road junction in the dark. Cllr Duncton said she would mention it but wasn't sure they were necessary

Mrs Rhys-Evans said the road sign on the A272 is not functioning properly, it is flashing on and off all the time and has done so for some time. Cllr Duncton said she will report it.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Gresham-Cooke said he had nothing to say.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and invited them to stay for refreshments.