

TORKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

An Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 16TH January 2023
At 7.30pm
St Peter's Church Main Street

04.01 Those Present.

Cllr F. Bridges. Chairman.

Cllr J. Carman-Mobbs.

Cllr N. Large.

Cllr S. Scawthon.

Cllr R. Ford.

Mr R. Pilgrim. Parish Clerk.

04.02 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr D. Emmott: Having been informed of the reason for her absence, Council approved her apologies for absence.

Cllr Levitt: Having been informed of the reason for her absence, Council approved her apologies for absence.

04.03 Declarations of Interest.

None received.

04.04 Approval of the Minutes.

Resolved. That the Minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday 16th January 2023 be approved as a true record.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

04.05 Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.

(Not covered by this agenda.)

None received.

04.06 Amendments to the Agenda by Resolution.

Scheme of Delegation.

Cllr Carman-Mobbs. Parish.

Cllr Scawthon. Highways.

Cllr Ford. Staging H&S.

Cllr Bridges. Repairs to Play equipment.

Cllr Large. EIBE Oiling and maintenance of the Play Fort.

Resolved. That the Council approve and accept a scheme of delegation.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Attendance.

Cllr Bridges is to speak to a Councillor concerning the pattern of attendance.

04.07 Emergency Plan.

It has been decided that Cllr Carman-Mobbs should continue with the Parish Emergency Plan, as the plan expected from Cove Communities has failed to materialise.

04.08 Use of the Church as a Community Amenity.

No decision has been made as to the Churches future after it closes. However, the Parish Council is happy to use the Church and encourage others to do so, but would not want to be responsible for the maintenance of the building.

Resolved. That Council will pay a hire fee of £40.00 for a two hour meeting if heating is required, and a £20.00 fee if heating is not required.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

04.09 Change of Email Provider.

Councils are being encouraged to change their email provider to Gov.Uk listing. However there is a cost involved.

Resolved. That Council remains with email addresses as at present.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

05.10 Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting.

Council decided that the present format should remain.

05.11 PARISH.UK website.

This is a site advertising for the chance to publish details of Councillors and Council business. The National Association are looking into the background of the site and would advise Local Councils to refrain from using their facilities for the time being.

05.12 Monthly Surgery.

Councillors in Attendance: Cllr Bridges and Cllr Carman-Mobbs.

Next Surgery: Saturday 18th February 2023.

05.13 Information Kiosk.

a. Its use for the future. Possible site for a Defibrillator.

b. Maintenance. This will commence later in the year when the weather has improved.

05.14 Planning.

145684 Hume Arms.

Council has no further comments to make as the main criticism of access has been resolved. Council does support the application for a single dwelling.

05.15 Village Green.

a. Monthly Inspection. Tripping hazard at the fishing staging.

Cllrs Bridges, Ford and Scawthon will consider the cost of doing the work themselves rather than employing a contractor for what should be a simple fault to rectify.

The Gatepost at the Doctors Surgery entrance is also in need of attention..

b. Removal of the Willow Tree. The Clerk will contact Fenton Tree Surgery for a progress report.

c. Parish Council Sponsored Event on the Village Green. Cllr Ford will check with the Circus company for a date on a Saturday in July.

d. Extra Planting in The Orchard area.

Cllr Bridges has suggested that further trees could be planted in the orchard area.

Resolved. That Cllr Bridges price for 3 Bramley and 1 fig tree, with a maximum spend of £60.00.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

05.16 Highways Issues.

Damaged speed signs. Cllr Scawthon to deal with this.

05.17 Traffic Calming.

a. Move 30 mph roundels north so that they are more visible to drivers. Progress Report.

b. CSW group: There is the possibility that new members can be found and trained. Cllr Ford to check.

Now that the speed limit from the Elms to the village has been reduced to 40.mph it should be possible to arrange for the A156, from the Bridge to the Village to be registered as a new site for testing.

If the CSW group can be brought up to working numbers, this will be addressed.

05.18 Health and Safety.

a. Village Green. No issues reported.

b. Cemetery. No issues reported.

c. Play Area. No issues reported.

05.19 The Parish.

This will be deferred to a later meeting.

05.20 Facebook.

Content will be uploaded as and when needed.

06.21 Finance.**a. Financial Statement.**

Resolved. That the Financial Statement for January 2023 be approved as a true record.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

b. Clerk's Salary & Expenses.

£376.83

Resolved. That the Clerks Salary and Expenses be approved for payment.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

c. Invoices for Payment.

HMRC PAYE.

£70.20

LALC Training.

£138.00

LALC Membership.

£255.56

Parish Online.

£45.00

Resolved. That the above expenditure be approved for payment.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

d. Donation towards the cost of heating at St Peter's Church.

Please see Item 04.08.

e. Quotation required for a sign "Permit required for fishing the pond".

Proposed. Sec. Carried unanimously.

f. Signing of the Precept Claim Form. The form was duly signed.**06.22 Provision of a Parish Council debit card.**

HSBC have just introduced a new Mandate form for Parish Councils.

A new form will have to be submitted.

06.23 Correspondence.

No comments.

06.24 Future Agenda Items.

New Notice Board.

New Information Board on the Village Green.

06.25 Dates for Future Meetings.

Tuesday 14th March 2023.

Tuesday 11th April 2023.

Tuesday 16th May 2023.

06.26 Closure of the Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.30. (9.30 pm).

Approval of the Minutes.

Chairman.....**Date**.....