

**MINUTES OF THE TEDBURN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TEDBURN ST MARY
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 5TH February, 2024 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Chair Cllr L. Taylor, Cllrs J. Putt, P Moody, L. Cole, K Wilson, T Woodley, S. Rodda, J. Dixon M. Tribe. Clerk, J Clark. Devon County Cllr J Brook (part) Teignbridge District (TDC) Cllrs S.Purser and A. Swain and two members of the public.

1. **Open Forum** – A member of the public representing the Village Hall Committee reported that there are some structural and drain issues with the building; she will update the clerk via email. Most of the immediate problems were dealt with at the time but further work may be required and fund-raising events are being planned.

A member of the public raised her concern about the impact of the recent road closures on the village bus service. She contacted South West Water who had closed the road for emergency repair. However, she did not get a satisfactory answer. She raised this problem with the parish council.

The Chair responded saying that the parish council had written to South West Water about the impact of road closures upon the village infrastructure. The Chair agreed that the situation was untenable not only affecting the bus service but effectively splitting the village in half making the A30 Fingle Glen Junction to Woodleigh Junction the only way to access the opposite side of the village.

Devon County Cllr J Brook said he will try to find out why Devon Highways do not take into consideration that the bus services will simply divert and not pick up in the village when the traffic diversions are in place. **DCC CLLR J BROOK TO ACTION**

Cllr Moody offered to keep a log of the closures to record the frequency and impact. **CLLR MOODY TO ACTION**

The Chair and Cllr Dixon reported that the bench at the top of Four Oaks Green is broken. Clerk to request its removal by the Maintenance Contractor. Clerk to get quotes for a replacement bench and place on March agenda. **CLERK TO ACTION**

There was a discussion around the length of time planning applications are taking to be resolved. TDC District Cllrs to get an update for the parish council. **TDC CLLRS TO ACTION.**

Open Forum closed at 1958.

2. **Apologies and reasons for absence for approval.** None
3. **Declarations of interest.** None
4. **Planning.** No applications or decisions received.
5. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January, 2024.**
Approved. UNANIMOUS by a show of hands.
6. **Reports from Devon County, Teignbridge District and parish councillors and clerk.**

DCC Cllr J. Brook reports: The overall increase in the DCC budget is 6.33%. DCC will be asking for a 4.99% increase in council tax. The largest part of the DCC budget goes to social services and much hard work has gone into how the council will manage its commitments.

Even with the increase the Highways and Environment money has at best stood still. The Locality Budget will continue and funding will be biased towards those projects that benefit the most parishioners.

TDC Cllr Purser reports: The Citizens Advice looking for new volunteers please see their website if interested.

The Teignbridge District Council Budget is being finalised and likely to be 2.99% equal to around £5.00 on Band D.

A devolution deal has been agreed by Government for Devon and Torbay further details will follow in regard to impact on Teignbridge. The Government is proposing to transfer over £16 million of new funding to invest in new green jobs, homes, skills, and business growth and accelerate Devon and Torbay's transition to a net-zero economy, capitalising on the area's world-leading expertise in green science and technology. Teignbridge is part of the group finalising proposals.

Cllr L Taylor reports for the Cemetery Committee: The committee has reviewed work that needs doing at the cemetery and is creating a vehicular turning circle so cars are not forced to back out onto the road. The Committee is currently doing specifications and seeking quotes and will report back to the council.

Cllr L Taylor reports for The Millennium Orchard Committee. The committee is working on fund raising to improve facilities and involving younger residents in the process and looking into the possibility of providing covered benches.

Cllr Putt reports for the Footpaths and Bridleways: Signs have been replaced at Frankfords but the latch has yet to be done. However, this work is in hand. Cllr Putt to report to TDC that Footpath 7 has a problem gate post. Cllr Woodley reported that the sign showing footpath 7 is also missing at lower end of the path and Cllr Putt will report this also.
CLLR PUTT TO ACTION

7. **Correspondence,** The clerk received a request to consider placing signs in the village to raise awareness of the new legislation requiring vehicles to pass vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, horses, bikes at 10 mph. Following a discussion the parish council agreed in principle to the request. Clerk to speak to Highways regarding guidance for the placement of signs and to get quotes for the signs and place on agenda for March. **CLERK TO ACTION**
8. **To review and approve Grants Policy 2024. Approved UNANIMOUS** by a show of hands.
9. **To consider request for financial support towards work on roof at Pathfinder Village Hall.** This item was deferred until June. **CLERK TO ACTION**
10. **Council to note that item 10 on January agenda, asking for financial plan for Recreation Association, has already been provided. Council to record this formally if satisfied as it stands or if councillors require any further information then need to contact the Rec Committee.** Noted and approved. **UNANIMOUS** by a show of hands.
11. **To discuss if any footpaths in the parish are eligible for grants under Public Rights of Way funding and if so what work is required and any other associated costs.** Cllr Putt to walk the footpaths and report back if a suitable project is identified. **CLLR PUT AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COUNCIL TO ACTION. CLERK TO PUT ON AGENDA FOR MARCH**

12. Outstanding action points update.

- Setting up of Speedwatch Group – Cllr Woodley has received information about training and some volunteers has come forward.
- Infrastructure Committee as previously discussed being set up comprising two members of the public and 3 councillors.
- Grit Bin for Moor Park has been ordered and clerk awaiting delivery. Once installed it will be placed on Highway's list for refilling. **CLERK TO ACTION**

14 Payments for approval. Approved. Unanimous by a show of hands.

Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	VAT	Total
5.2.24.	Jane Clark	Clerk's salary, home office, phone	£725.50	No	£725.50
5.2.24.	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE & Employer's NI	£192.31	No	£192.31
5.2.24.	DCC Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension	£242.46	No	£242.46
5.2.24.	David Yelland	Village maintenance – (5 weeks)	£550.00	No	£550.00
5.2.24.	Sovereign Play	Inspection for work to repair mulch surface in play area	£199.00	£39.80	£238.80
5.2.24.	Sovereign Play	Deposit for work to repair mulch surface in play area	£419.92	£83.98	£503.90
5.2.24.	TSM Village Hall Hire – 2 meetings	3 meetings hall hire (2 x PC and 1 x councillors' meeting)	£63.00	No	£63.00
5.2.24.	Sovereign Play	For completion of work to repair vandalised hole cut in mulch surface in Millennium Orchard Play Area (covered by insurance)	£1,259.77	£251.95	£1,511,72

Meeting closed at 2119

Date of the next parish council meeting is Monday, 4th March, 2024. Agendas will be published on the parish council website www.tedburnstmarypc.co.uk three working days prior to the meeting