

# Tidenham Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill.

**Present:** Councillors: Birch, Bollen, Bowie, Bullivant, Ford, Gregory, Molyneux, O'Toole and Powell.  
Officers: Clerk (Carol Hinton)

## 1. ATTENDANCE

- a) **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend.
- b) **To consider for acceptance** those apologies received with reasons for absence.

All Councillors present. .

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a). **Resolved to receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.
- b). **Resolved to consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

## 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a). **Resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2015.**
- b). **The Council considered** any questions arising from those minutes.  
There were none. Councillor Bowie announced that she has now been appointed governor at Tutshill School.

## 4. COMMITTEES

- a). **Resolved to receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees.**
  - i). Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
No questions to Councillor Bowie, Chair of the committee
  - ii). Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
No questions to Councillor Bowie, Chair of the committee
  - iii). Finance and Probity Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015  
No questions to Councillor Powell, Chair of the committee
- a) **Resolved** to note appointment of Councillor O'Toole to the Planning Committee
- b) **Resolved** to delay consideration of appointment of Councillors as representatives of Severn Area Rescue and A48 Meeting until new councillors appointed.

## 5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall Committee had been successful in their bid for a grant from Gloucestershire Environmental Trust. The Trust had supported the grant in full and £21,000 had been awarded with £7,000 to be raised by other means. The Hall improvements will now go ahead with planned completion by Christmas.

## 6. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

**Resolved to note**

## 7. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 8. POLICING IN THE PARISH

PC Asserati attended the meeting and gave a verbal report on crime in the area.

- Response times to 2 recent incidents discussed. Target for area 20 minutes, attendance time for King Alfred's Road incident was 32 minutes. 999 calls may be routed via Welsh call centres and systems do need updating. PC Asserati does not feel that responses to 999 calls are failing.
- PC Asserati has introduced Operation Border with anti-burglary patrols trying to disrupt patterns of burglaries. Incidents have reduced but Wye Bridge Closure may have had some impact.
- There is a number plate recognition camera on A48 Wye Bridge – PC Asserati needs training to use.
- PC Asserati one of last beat officers. Lack of logistical support can be frustrating. People taken into custody are now taken to Quedgley which takes him away from area for some time. Also administration eats into policing time.
- PC Asserati has planned school visits on safety to cover Halloween and Bonfire Night
- PC Asserati will suggest locations to be potentially prewired for the CCTV cameras.

Clerk to notify PC Asserati of training day for CCTV camera use.

**Resolved** Clerk to write letter to Crime Commissioner voicing concerns about 999 response times and cross border issues. Letter to be copied to Mark Harper and Police Forest South Inspector based at Coleford. Clerk to obtain Police reports supplied to Chepstow Town Council.

## 9. FINANCE

a). **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for July/August 2015.

b). **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for July/August 2015

c). **Resolved to note** Income/Expenditure Report as presented to the Finance and Probity Committee

d). **Resolved to note** Audit Report from Grant Thornton

## 10. CCTV

**Resolved to adopt** revised CCTV Policy

## 11. INSURANCE

**Resolved to renew** Insurance Policy with Came and Co and to enter a new 3 year contract to reduce premiums. Clerk to raise cheque following meeting as allowed under para 4.1 of Financial Regulations.

## 12. NEWSLETTER

**Resolved to appoint** working party to produce Parish Newsletter twice per year. Councillors Gregory and Powell to produce draft and print /distribution costs for October meeting. Clerk, as Proper Officer, to approve content.

## 13. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

a) **Resolved to include** Para 4.1 in revised Regulations

b) **Resolved to adopt** revised Financial Regulations.

## 14. TRAINING

**Resolved to approve** agenda preparation and minute writing training course for Clerk and Admin Assistant.

## 15. DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL PROPERTY

a) **Resolved to dispose** of Clerk's old Brother Printer via Freecycle or other such recycling site

b) **Resolved to dispose** of old fax machine via Freecycle or other such recycling site

c) **Resolved to lend** 4 drawer filing cabinet on a long term basis to S&BVH. Councillors Birch, Bollen and Ford did not take part in the vote.

## 16. CORRESPONDENCE

**Resolved to note** any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report and by email. Clerk to investigate ownership of small wooded quarry, Rosemary Lane and to respond to correspondent. Clerk to investigate further the full cost and installation of the memorial bench for Gerald Blunt as recommended by Glos. Wildlife Trust.

## 17. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Resolved to note** matters which councillors wish to raise and where appropriate add to the agenda for the following meeting or meetings of committees.

Councillor Bowie – informed Councillors of a renewable energy event at Speech House 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm by MEP Molly Scott Cato

Councillor Powell – Wyebank Place and Close – problems with sewage. Welsh Water need to address.

Councillor Birch – noted that re-surfacing work on Glos Road now complete.

Councillor O'Toole – the double roundabout has not been resurfaced at the same time as the road and is uneven and potentially dangerous.

## 18. FUTURE MEETINGS

**To note** the dates of future council and committee meetings:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Full Council Meeting

**The meeting closed at 21.05**