



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TORWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TORWORTH GRANGE
FARM SHOP AND CAFÉ, TORWORTH.
Tuesday November 5th, 2019 at 7:00PM**

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor J. Helliwell (JH) (acting)

Vice-Chair:

Councillors: D. Lacey (DL), R. Willis (RW), M. Lacey (ML)

County Councillor: T. Taylor (TT)

District Councillor: P. Nicholls (PM)

Clerk: C. Challener (CC)

Apologies: Councillor C. Willis (CW)

Members of the public: 0

OPEN FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

01/1119

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The acting chair opens the meeting welcoming all attendees.

02/1119

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared

03/1119

CRIME REPORT

1 Crimes reported for September on Underwood Avenue. Reported as Violence or a sexual offence.

04/1119

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Integrated Transport Scheme (18/19) Torworth request that the area/footpath between Barnby Moor and Torworth is repaved due to the ascetics and health and safety associated with the area being in disrepair. This has now been submitted.

A new bid for **2019/20** has submitted for Baulk Lane for a weight limit.

Action TT to provide update as advised.

TT to raise with highways the safety of the signage at the High Gables location where the tree has been removed and to progress with the stump removal of the tree.

Action TT

PN raised the question with the Police at the Rural Police meeting as to why there was a lack of PCSOs in attendance at Parish Council meetings and reports the response as being, that our acting PCSO is currently on maternity leave, no one is able to provide full cover for her and so the department is effectively one person down.

The Police have been visiting local farming families to enable them to focus on local issues.

The Police urge all crime to be reported via the online portal or (telephone) 101 to enable them to collate the information for supporting local crime.

Planning validation: is being refreshed, and a consultation on the process will shortly go live.

School Places should be registered for.

Fracking news: The chairman of planning indicates that the decision on a cease to Frack is likely to remain unless proven to be safe.

It is likely that the LIS scheme will be delayed until after the elections.

05/1119

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as accurate and as a true record of proceedings.

06/1119

NEW MATTERS ARISING & ONGOING MATTERS

JH met with Highways, they would be happy to fund and provide the welfare facilities to enable us the use of the Community Payback scheme.

Action JH

The wooden Torworth sign: The sign is now ready for installation. The sign is to be placed where previously installed.

Action JH/RW

ID badges: CW has a quote for ID Cards and lanyards at £10 per person. Agreed all Parish Councillors to have one. CW has created a mock up and will now progress.

Action CW

Traffic: ML to complete the traffic report for the Baulk, adding in facts, figures, and photographs to enhance TPC's argument for weight restrictions. TT will now address the issue of weight limits on the road after JH found old archives relating to an agreement for the requirements.

Action: ML/TT

Damage caused by vehicles entering/exiting the junction of Baulk Lane and Gt Nth Rd.

TT has asked what measures might be possible (e.g. criteria for establishing weight restrictions on village roads like in Sutton), awaiting response.

Action TT

Torworth Welcome Pack: Information now being progressed.

Action: CC

07/1119 FINANCE

Payments presented and approved for the month were:

Bank Transfer - CChallener Clerk Wages	£	264.25	
Bank Transfer - CChallener Stationary	£	2.00	
Bank Transfer - North Notts Landscapes	£	426.00	August
Bank Transfer - North Notts Landscapes	£	426.00	September
JBC	£	126.00	
British Legion		90.00	

The clerk passes the Bank Reconciliation to all for review.

Clerk to transfer £200 to the Barclays account for use by the chair. The Debit card is to be destroyed and cancelled.

8/1119 AMENITIES AND FACILITIES:

The Village Wardens: perform a litter pick and playpark inspection as required. In addition to the normal warden duties. The playing field equipment requires cleaning when convenient. Picnic benches to be assessed as to whether they require painting/varnishing prior to winter.

Action: CW

A Gate on the Playing field is agreed to be purchased, originally it was agreed to purchase an off the shelf gate but following a further review it is decided that a bespoke gate is to be purchased which should match the other gate/fencing.

Action: CW/RW/JH

The Millennial Sign is in disrepair. To be reported to BDC to remove or repair.

Action: CC

A sign is required for the park detailing the location of the Park and contact numbers. CW has mocked up a sign for review by everyone and will now pass to the sign company for creation. The estimated cost is £40 plus VAT (Proposed HH/Second JH, all in favour)

Action: CW

Defibrillator: TPC has now purchased a defibrillator and housing unit. Clerk to progress with installation. A second unit is to be purchased with further IGas funding.

Action: CC/CW

Playground Boundary

RW and the wardens are now progressing with the works but have agreed to leave an area where its believed Hedgehogs are hibernating.

CIL monies earmarked for use of installation of permanent works – additional monies earmarked for posts as needed and ties (etc) of £200 to be reviewed as necessary.

In addition, the playground boundary is in need of repair. Wire (etc) to be purchased to repair £60

Action CW/RW/JH

The Tree Survey – CW has created work orders in relation to the survey performed, targeting the immediate priority actions. RW is progressing with the wardens.

Replacement Trees agreed upon, in addition Clerk to purchase plus 25. hedging.

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Action CW/RW

Ride on Mower:

The LIS bid for the Mower was successful. Quotes to be obtained for a mower and it ascertained whether we need insurance/ a special licence/ a number plate. RW to look into detail. JH to advise the best purchase to be a John Deere.

RW confirms that we don't need to register the mower if storing within 1 km of the field.

It is agreed we need a strimmer to tackle various current jobs (Stihl recommended) – JW and RW to look at.

Quotes for the Mower to be ascertained from Thorne Valley – CW.

Barnby Moor has offered up the trial use of their mower.

Clerk to instigate the process of claiming the funding.

CW to purchase ear defenders, and a housing unit for the various tools the warden have.

The purchase of the mower and strimmer is agreed in line with the LIS bid information.

Once purchased the Insurance information is to be updated.

Action JH/ RW /CC

The Commemorative Event

JRN contracts have donated to the Parish a Stone to be used for the memorial. This will be placed and concreted in location and the plaque progressed. A dedication event to be held once in position and complete. This will possibly be in the Spring.

No event is to be held in November this year due to PC commitments ML to communicate this via the FB page.

Action JH/CW

Preservation Orders: The process being; we request a tree preservation order, BDC review the trees and decide whether the criteria are met, a consultation is held and then the order passed.

The PC want to progress with this and require confirmation of costs and whether per tree or per application. BDC have been emailed and have responded: they require trees to be identified. This is discussed and agreed as being the trees on the Great North Road and the Playground. Clerk to progress.

RW to ask at the next Burial Board meeting whether the trees outside the cemetery could/should be TPO'd.

Action CC/RW

Allotments: The Parish Council would like to review the tenancy agreement. Clerk to obtain for review. The chair asks the council whether it is proper that the Allotment Club is negotiating on our behalf with the solicitor and would like this revoked, and the responsibility to lay with the clerk or that as it currently stands that there is adequate agreements in place in this respect. Following a review of the contract/lease this will be discussed further.

Action CC

The Parish Council are to look at costs for the placement of a portacabin which will act as a village hub on the playing field, electricity costs, water/sewerage to be looked into and costs for the Portacabin. The installation of the Electricity supply is about £1k, The Water application /installation quote stands at £800 (Excluding Severn Trent connection fee). LIS 2020 to be discussed as a possible means for funding in Oct. CW/JH to look at a Portacabin. Clerk has provided information on loans for 2yr and 5 yrs for loans of £5k (and various other) A member of the public is researching possible funding options outside of the LIS/the various Council Grants available.

Hobbit House type units were also explored but currently deemed outside of currently budgetary scope.

Action CW/JH/CC

Clerk to progress with the LIS bid once open. Bid to be placed for the purchase and installation of a Village Hall and driveway.

Action CC

The PC have been offered a number of established fruit trees which they agree they would like. Trees to be planted in the Playing Field.

A number of other trees to be purchased to go along side of these. In addition, 25 Hawthorn whips to be purchased.

Action CW/JH/CC

The Network Railway signs are in need of repair /clean. Clerk to contact railways to see if they can facilitate the request.

Action CC

The wood used for the benches has deteriorated – Clerk to check whether we can claim back monies from the supplier as the wood should have been good for 20yrs.

Action CC

Clerk to add minutes and agenda to facebook page ongoing.

Action CC

9/1119 PLANNING ISSUES DECLARED BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING

19/01285/FUL | Conversion of Public House to 4 Apartments and Erect 4 Dwellings (Resubmission of 18/01635/FUL) | The Separatist Inn Great North Road Torworth Nottinghamshire DN22 8NY

Decision: All in favour of Supporting the application with comments requesting parking restrictions to be enforced at the Holds Lane and the A638 junction to prevent restricted vision predominantly for vehicles emerging onto the A638.

The current building has a beer drop door to the cellar with access from the pavement due to the purpose of the building. This requires addressing to ensure the safety of the building, residents and public. The pavement doors need removing and the pavement made safe for future use.

In addition, the pub has a water Well, a bore or shaft some 160-200 metres in depth. This is not mentioned within the building plans. The Parish Council would ideally like this restoring and made safe, the village has a number of wells with pumps which would suit the restoration and design. If the well is no longer viable, then this should be suitably made safe prior to the development commencing.

10/1119 CORRESPONDENCE AND CORRESPONDENCE TO BE CIRCULATED:

Wildlife Trust: Mayflower Oaks and time capsule participation. Agreed upon.

11/1119 UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS.

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan has resigned: it is unclear how much progress has been made. Further update required next month.

12/1119 INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING & ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Retirement Gifts for previous Parish Councillors are discussed and monies earmarked. CW to progress.

Action CW

13/1119: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next ordinary parish Council meeting is Tuesday, 3rd December 2020 at Torworth Grange Café.

Signed as a true record: _____ Date _____

Print name _____ Position: _____

For more information, or queries please contact the clerk on the below or a Parish Councillor direct.

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