

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
TARRANT GUNVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025**

Present: Councillors Charlie Regnart (Chair), Jim Farquharson, Jim Shephard, Heather Sandison, Paul Wentworth, Shirley Bragg, Guy Nicholson

Apologies for absence: John Holloway – Parish Clerk, Dermot Cusack – Flood Warden, Jan Robinson – Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch co-ordinator.

In attendance: Tony Langdown – Rights of Way

Members of the public: 2 members of the public present.

25/01. Welcome and opening remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25/02. To agree the minutes of the quarterly meeting held on Tuesday 5 November 2024

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

25/03. Matters arising from these minutes

Footpath at Bussey Stool / Hardy's Corner

Cllr Regnart has spoken to the landowner and the cost to extend the footpath would be in the region of £2000. It was agreed that this would not be a reasonable use of the Council's reserves.

25/04. Reports from appointed representatives and committees

Rights of Way – Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch – No update from Jan Robinson. The Council is aware that the recent speedwatch session was cancelled as the road was closed.

Flood Warden – Dermot Cusack sent a report on rainfall and ground water levels in advance of the meeting; this was noted. The river is currently running, as is the major spring at the village hall. The road at Hardy's Corner is flooded but passable with care. Unfortunately, some motorists regard this as a challenge and their excessive speed is causing erosion of the verges, where hedge roots are now exposed.

Village Hall Committee Representative

Cllr Wentworth reported that the Hallmark assessor had requested additional information in support of the Hallmark 1 application; this was supplied. The submission for Hallmark 2 was completed in January and the outcome of both applications is awaited.

25/05. Planning matters

Two applications had been reviewed by the Parish Council and were approved -
P/HOU/2024/07404 – Erect single storey extension at 2 School Close
P/TRC/2024/05575 – Tree removal at Rosewood, Valley Road

25/06. Financial matters

The Election Expense bill (£50) has been paid.
The Hall insurance has been renewed at a cost of £1754.

25/07. Squires Playing Field – Report from Trustees

The number of tennis court subscriptions was down compared to previous years. It was suggested that signs could be erected at China Lane and School Lane to raise awareness of the playpark. An approach has been made to the Pickleball Association regarding possible funding for marking out the tennis court as a dual-purpose tennis/pickleball court.

25/08. Coronation Pathways

Cllr Bragg reported that major clearance work on the Pimperne side of the Handcock's Bottom Hike had left parts of the path impassable.
The trees obstructing the path behind Gareth and Nicole's property have been cleared.
Cllr Bragg is talking to the Chalk and Chase team who may be able to help clear the Ashmore Wood path

25/09. 20mph speed limit application

A file has been prepared, and Cllr Regnart will submit the 20mph applications in due course.

25/10. Correspondence received

No correspondence received.

25/11. Any other business

It was noted that the eroded verge on Everley Hill, recently reported to Highways has now been repaired.

25/12. Items from members of the public**Tarrant Watercourse**

There is a lot of silt and debris washing down the Ashmore Barn Farm track, which was noted to be significantly eroded in places. This – and the wash-down from the Bussey Stool road - is contributing to the silting up of the Tarrant downstream. This is a change in pattern compared to previous years and may be the result of increased winter rainfall. Cllr Regnart will approach the landowner regarding the state the Ashmore Barn Farm track and discuss whether any practical steps can be taken to minimise the effects of the erosion.

The concreted ditch at Hardy's Corner which was recently cleared of silt by volunteers is already full. Silt build-up between this ditch and the bend at Chine Cottage is considerable and is impeding the flow of the river and causing pooling at Hardy's Corner. Cllr Regnart will contact the Environment Agency regarding possible options for clearing this section.
Cllr Regnart will also speak to the owner of Yew Tree Cottage about the fence across the Tarrant which in the past has caused an obstruction.

25/13. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 6th May at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 19:45.