

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
TARRANT GUNVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 2024**

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

**In attendance:** Tony Langdown, Rights of Way Officer; John Holloway, Parish Clerk

**Members of the public:** There were one member of the public at the meeting.

**24/13. Welcome and opening remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**24/14. Apologies for absence**

Councillor Sherry Jespersen, Dorset Council; Dermot Cusack, Flood Warden

**24/15. To agree minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 6 February 2024**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**24/16. Matters arising from these minutes**

- **Footpath at Bussey Stool**  
An ongoing discussion with the landowner to re-arrange access to the footpath to avoid walking through flood waters was taking place.
- **Speed survey**  
A survey is to be requested to investigate a new SID site in addition to the current one outside Brushers bank and the possibility subject to village consultation of a 20-mph zone. Two areas of concern are noted: the left-hand bend on entry to the village from the south and the straight that runs past the village hall.
- **Additional sign by Forge Cottage**  
Request has been submitted for a sign denoting: "Access to Bussey Stool unaffected" to sit alongside the "Road Closed Ahead" sign.

**24/17. Election**

Minutes of the AGM are noted with re-election of six councillors at the recent local elections and co-opting of Heather Sandison. The Chair and a new Vice Chair, Paul Wentworth have both been elected unanimously.

## 24/18. Reports from appointed representatives and committees

### a. Rights of Way

Advice had been received from the Ranger of the Countryside Steward Scheme relating to the Chettle Long Barrow footpath stating that as soon as wildlife conditions allowed the outside part could be close mown.

Vanessa Penny (Definitive Map Team Manager – Dorset Council) had informed that T350 is due to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for determination next year and T467 (Dungrove) is due to be submitted in the following year. In his email to the Dorset Council Officer the RoW officer noted these considerations had been in the system for almost twenty years; apologies were received for the tardiness.

Checks are planned to ascertain whether any remedial work is necessary for our local footpaths and bridleways. Specifically, there are issues with the definitive footpath on the Stubhampton Estate whereas the permissive path is fine. It is noted that a link between the two bridleways to avoid walking on Valley Road would be a sensible way forward although the landowner is concerned about removing the fence (which protects stock on common land); Councillor Farquharson offered to speak with the landowners on the Parish Council's behalf on this matter and the possibility of removing trees and installing a fence parallel to the road.

It was agreed to review this matter at the November meeting and then consider any further steps.

Fly tipping has been occurring in the same area and was raised as a matter of concern.

### b. Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch

**Neighbourhood Watch** - no recent criminal activity reported in inter-meeting period.

**Community Speedwatch** – representative not present. A report was received from Jan Robinson: in essence due to family commitments, he had not booked sessions in April, May and June. Sessions will start again in September. He wishes to relinquish the position of co-ordinator but will stay in post until he finds a replacement.

### c. Flood Warden

Conditions have been dry of late and therefore there are no flood related matters to report. Debris in the ditch opposite the Bussey Stool junction is due to be cleared during the summer to aid drainage.

### d. Village Hall Committee Representative

The Dorset Village Halls Association was discussed, membership includes website access and possibility of accreditation. The ownership of the village hall was discussed as this is unclear and need clarification, it will be investigated. The Trustees were noted as Annie? and another.

The papers stored in the loft were due to be sorted in due course and those that need to be retained would be sent to the Dorset records Office.

Charges and provision of broadband were raised and again a discussion ensued that it be ideal to increase usage of the hall by various advertising modalities and the village hall committee discretion.

### **24/19. Planning matters**

No planning applications had been received within the Parish.

### **24/20. Financial matters: report from Clerk**

- Precept remains at £3,100 per annum.
- Reserve currently £5340.45
- Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2023/24 Form 2 completed

### **24/21. Squires Playing Field**

Report from Councillor Farquharson:

- Business as usual.
- Kerbing around play park was discussed.
- Decision to investigate ownership of land by asking Alan Kitchen and / or Land Registry

### **24/22. Correspondence received**

None.

### **24/23. Any other business**

- Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) membership was discussed and will be investigated by Heather Sandison.
- Councillor Farquharson was asked about the Lucas Trust but unfortunately to date he had not had the time to investigate.

### **24/24. Items from members of the public**

None.

### **24/25. Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 6 August 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

**Meeting closed**