

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
TARRANT GUNVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2024**

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

In attendance: John Holloway, Parish Clerk

Members of the public: No members of the public present.

24/26. Welcome and opening remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/27. Apologies for absence

Councillor Sherry Jespersen, Dorset Council; Dermot Cusack, Flood Warden; Tony Langdown, Rights of Way Officer.

24/28. To agree the minutes of the AGM and quarterly meeting held on Tuesday 7 May 2024

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

24/29. Matters arising from these minutes

- **Footpath at Bussey Stool**
This item is in abeyance awaiting a conversation between the Chair and landowner.
- **Speed survey**
The survey is due to take place in the September after the start of the new school term. The site of the survey will be in the vicinity of the village hall to assess vehicle speeds along the straight between Forge Cottage and the "S bend".
- **Additional sign by Forge Cottage**
The sign stating: "Access to Bussey Stool unaffected" which will sit alongside the "Road Closed Ahead" sign is awaiting collection from the Dorset Council sign shop at the Charminster depot.
- **Village Hall papers**
The files sorted in the village hall have now been sorted and await input from the parish council for items pertaining.
- **Village Hall Ownership**
As the Chair has received a wayleave cheque from Scottish and Southern Electricity for the pole in the village hall grounds it is therefore assumed that the hall is owned by the parish council.

- **CPRE membership application**
Currently on Councillor Sandison's to do list.

24/30. Reports from appointed representatives and committees

Rights of Way

The Rights of Way officer sent a report via email. In essence:

1. The School Lane sign which has fallen has been reported to the Dorset Council ranger service and a replacement is being arranged.
2. A tree that had fallen in Beech Avenue has now been removed by Councillor Farquharson's team.
3. Coronation Paths and other Rights of Way. Councillor Bragg has been in touch with Graham Stanley to discuss lines of responsibility for excess overgrowth on any paths. In essence responsibility lies with the landowner for any vegetation arising from the sides and overhead. Local authority is responsibility for vegetation arising from the path surface.

Two paths were specifically discussed:

- (1) Stubhampton Copse path which runs immediately to the south-west the Valley Road just northwest of Dairy Farm – Jim Shephard agreed to investigate ownership and speak to the landowner.

The path that runs almost due south from the Everley Hill Road between Gunville Down and Ash Down towards Pimperne – this path sits within the jurisdiction of Pimperne Parish Council and Councillor Bragg agreed to contact their parish clerk regarding this matter.

Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch

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

Community Speedwatch – 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 (this is from correspondence received prior to the May meeting). Jan Robinson and various councillors will attempt to find a replacement to lead the team.

Flood Warden

Conditions remain dry and the Flood Warden sent apologies. A discussion arose regarding clearing of the Tarrant of vegetation to aid run off. It was noted that riparian owners are responsible for the bank abutting their property and the bed of the water course and the local authority for the bank abutting the highway. The Chair will contact the relevant property owners.

It was noted that Debris in the ditch opposite the Bussey Stool junction is due to be cleared during September to aid drainage as mentioned later.

Village Hall Committee Representative

The water heater is broken, and repairs are awaited. The committee are keen to progress with the accreditation scheme to formalise and improve hall usage. The plan is to "piggyback" off of the parish council website for cost effectiveness.

24/31. Planning matters

The planning application detailed below was unanimously approved by the parish council.

P/FUL/2024/01328

Land At E 390804 N 113711 The Stubhampton Estate Furzey

Down Farm and House - Access Road to Tarrant Gunville.

Form wildlife lake and carry out associated landscaping works.

24/32. Clearing of ditch in Stubhampton

The Chair plans to co-ordinate this in September ably assisted by two volunteers in high-viz vests to help with traffic flow and input from Councillor Farquharson to dispose of spoil.

24/33. Financial matters: report from Clerk

Reserve currently £4,196.98 as of 15 July 2024.

24/34. Squires Playing Field

New bark has been recently laid.

24/35. Correspondence received

None.

24/36. Any other business

- As a result of the great effort that Councillors Bragg and Shepherd made towards the establishment of the Coronation walkways around Tarrant Gunville & Stubhampton; being held in such high esteem, they were subsequently invited to an event to highlight the activity of the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership. The Councillors gave a very noteworthy presentation to those assembled in both song and poetry....the Chair thanked them for representing the village so well.
- Declaration of Acceptance of Office needs to be completed by all elected Tarrant Gunville Parish Councillors before the start of the next quarterly meeting on Tuesday 5th November 2024.

24/37. Items from members of the public

None.

24/38. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 5 November 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed