

TODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held January 8th, 2024, 7.30 p.m.

At Toddington Village Hall Annex

Present: Cllrs Kath Walker, Thomas Twemlow, Mandy Gooch, Lorna Dunning (co-opted) , Andrew Dunning (co-opted)

Clerk Jane Carter; District Cllr Mel Gore, County Cllr David Gray, 6 Members of the Public

| Minute | AGENDA ITEMS | Action |
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| 240108/1 | Election of Chair: Cllr Gooch was proposed and unanimously elected as Chair. The acceptance form was completed. | |
| 240108/2 | Co-option of councillors: Following the resignation of Cllr Park and Cllr Reed, both vacancies had been advertised. Two applications had been received from Lorna Dunning and Andrew Dunning. Both were co-opted. The acceptance of office was completed. | |
| 240108/3 | Apologies: None | |
| 240108/4 | To receive Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda: None | |
| 240108/5 | To approve minutes of previous Parish Council Meeting: the minutes of the meeting held November 13 th , 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair. | |
| 240108/6 | <p>To receive report from Tewkesbury Borough Cllr Mel Gore: Cllr Gore updated the meeting on the Joint Core Strategy now known as the Combined Local Plan. A consultation process had been launched. The parish council would be required to submit comments. Residents would also be encouraged. There were 30 questions but the those on rural disbursements were of relevance to villages such as Toddington. There would be a call for sites for landowners and developers to submit applications for sites to be designated for development in the final plan. The clerk would create a residents' bulletin with a link to the consultation plan.</p> <p>To receive an update from County Councillor David Gray: The new Junction at junction 9 of the M5 was progressing. The work was linked to the development of the Garden Community at Tewkesbury. Work to the A417 missing link was still ongoing. The Gloucestershire County Council budget remained 'healthy.' Residents will start to see more road surfacing. A new tool had been added to the county council website to report potholes</p> | Clerk |
| 240108/7 | To receive comments from the public: A resident was concerned at the state of the roads in the village and immediate surrounding areas. All major roads in and out of the village were in a poor state with numerous potholes. Cllr Gray said that a comprehensive plan was in place and more work was being done to fully resurface rather than repair potholes. | |
| 240108/8 | Quarry Group Update: The Quarry Group was continuing in its work and building support for its case from other agencies. | |
| 240108/9 | Traffic calming Project Update: The Speedwatch group were carrying out regular speed checks at two points within the village where it had deemed to be safe. The Parish Council VAS was being used at the Blackshed junction. A vote of thanks was made to resident Brendas Marks for placing the VAS and circulating the results. It was possible to review traffic figures for the past 3 years . The clerk had made enquiries about formally applying for a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed to 30mph throughout the parish. There was an initial cost of £1500 for a traffic survey. The clerk was concerned that the traffic monitoring reports would not show the required level of evidence for a TRO and questioned if it was the right approach. Cllr David Gray agreed that it was necessary to change the. After a discussion | |

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| | it was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would write to the area Highways Officer stressing the need for a reduced speed limit, the support of the County Councillor and | Cllr Gooch/ Clerk |
| 240108/10 | <p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To approve current statement of accounts and bank reconciliation: these were approved ii. To approve payments and note receipts: these were approved. New batteries were required for the VAS monitor at a cost of £100 plus VAT. This was approved iii. To note and approve Clerk pay award 2023-24: the national award had been agreed and would see all pay scales rising by £1 an hour. This was noted. iv. To note and agree actions relating to a six-month governance review in preparation for annual audit: no actions required | |
| 240108/11 | <p>Planning Applications-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. APP/G1630/D/23/3322213 Toddington Grange, Burberry Hill, Toddington, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL54 5DN- APPEAL ALLOWED ii. 23/01058/FUL DESCRIPTION: Erection of a garden room LOCATION: The Corner House, Church Lane, Toddington GRID REF: 403475 23251- NO COMMENT iii. 23/00102/FUL DESCRIPTION OF DEVT. Demolition of single storey extensions, erection of two storey rear extension and subdivision and erection of 2 no. detached dwellings and 1 no. pair of semi-detached dwellings. LOCATION The Old Stores Toddington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 5DT- PERMIT iv. 23/00249/CLE DESCRIPTION OF DEVT. Residential use of an agricultural building for a period in excess of four years. LOCATION Plot 22 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet Cheltenham Gloucestershire- CERTIFICATE GRANTED <p>To consider:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. 23/01085/FUL Mount Farm Solar Extension Limited PROPOSAL. Installation of a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar PV panels with an installed capacity of 35MW including mounting system, battery storage units, inverters, underground cabling, grid connection hub, stock proof fence, CCTV, internal tracks and associated infrastructure, landscaping, biodiversity net gain and environmental enhancements for a temporary period of 50 years and a permanent grid connection hub. LOCATION Part Parcel 5847 Main Street Wormington Broadway Gloucestershire (adjoining parish): NO COMMENT | |
| 240108/12 | <p>For Information Only (No decisions to be made on items raised in this section)</p> <p>Data from the VAS traffic monitoring for the last 3 years could be downloaded. It was agreed to review and see what reports were available.</p> | |
| 240108/13 | <p>Next Meeting: The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance. The next meeting would be held on Monday March 11th, 2024, in the annex at 7.30 p.m.</p> | |

Approved By _____ Date _____

