

TODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held May 9th, 2024, 7.50 p.m. (following Parish meeting), Toddington Village Hall Annex

Present: Cllrs Kath Walker, Mandy Gooch(Chair), Thomas Twemlow, Lorna Dunning,
Andrew Dunning

Clerk Jane Carter; County Cllr David Gray, Cllr Mel Gore 5 Members of the Public

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
240509/1	Election of Chair: Cllr Gooch was proposed by Cllr Lorna Dunning, seconded by Cllr Thomas Twemlow and elected unanimously	
240509/2	Election of Vice- Chair: Cllr Walker was proposed by Cllr Gooch, seconded by Cllr Andrew Dunning, and elected unanimously	
240509/3	Apologies: None	
240509/4	To receive Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda: Cllrs Gooch and Walker declared an interest in item 8iii Village Playground. Neither would take part in the discussion	
240509/5	To approve minutes of previous Parish Council Meeting: the minutes of the meeting held March 11 th , 2024, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
240509/6	To receive report from Tewkesbury Borough Cllr Mel Gore: none To receive an update from County Councillor David Gray: None Both had presented their 2023-24 reports at the Parish Meeting held prior to the annual meeting. The clerk asked whether the council should consider producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Both Cllr Gore and Gray confirmed this would be beneficial to the parish.	
240509/7	To receive comments from the public: none	
240509/8	Quarry Group Update: Cllr Walker and Cllr Gooch had attended the Oathill Quarry extension planning meeting with Gloucestershire County Council and were disappointed it had been approved. This would lead to increased lorry traffic through Toddington.	
240509/9	Traffic calming Project Update: Speedwatch surveys showed there were 300-500 vehicles per hour passing through the village at peak times. Between 15-25% were over the speed limit. The new camera was now in place. The number of Speedwatch volunteers had fallen from 20 to 11. Clerk would send out a recruitment bulletin.	Clerk
240509/10	Village Hall Playground: Cllrs Walker and Gooch left the meeting. Cllr A Dunning took over as Chair. The clerk reported that following discussions with advisors she was recommending that the council leased the field behind the nursery from the Village Hall for the siting of a playground. The parish council would pay for its installation and its ongoing upkeep as a parish asset. A minimum 50-year lease would be requested. Following a discussion this was agreed unanimously and the clerk was asked to contact the Village Hall Trustees to begin discussions. Cllrs Gooch and Walker re-entered the meeting. Cllr A Dunning said he had sought quotes from 3 playground companies based on the £31k budget available. These were being collated. The clerk would confirm if planning permission was required and said a site plan would be needed. The section 106 funding would not cover the creation of paths. A quote of between £3600-£4k had been received for the creation of a gravel path from the main gate to the site. Monies would also be required for bins, benches. The possibility of grants was discussed and the clerk would investigate.	Clerk/ Cllr A Dunning
240509/11	Highways:- Bus shelter: Cllr A Dunning said he had asked a local contractor for quotes for repairs to the bus shelter. The clerk had not received a reply from GCC regarding the removal of trees which it was felt would improve visibility of the shelter. Cllr Gray said he would contact the relevant department. Once received quotes for repairs would be circulated. Cllr Walker suggested a local artist may be willing to create a mural on the shelter Village gates: permission from GCC was awaited. Cllr Gray to chase.	Clerk/ Cllr Gray Cllr Walker

240509/12	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To approve current statement of accounts and bank reconciliation (as circulated): APPROVED ii. To approve payments and note receipts (as circulated) APPROVED. Councillors noted confirmation of CILS monies of £9489 from the development at Corner Close Cottage, Tewkesbury Road. This would be received in November iii. To confirm that the Parish Council wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and to sign and return the Certificate of Exemption. (Form 2)- APPROVED iv. To consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return) for 2023-24- APPROVED v. To consider and approve Section 2 of the Annual Return for 2023-24 and to approve the end of year accounts for 2023-24- APPROVED <p>The Chairman and Clerk signed the audit papers. The Internal audit report was noted</p>	
240509/13	<p>Planning Applications-</p> <p>To note:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. APP/G1630/W/23/3330860 Erection of 1 self-build dwelling and associated parking, Land Off Olde Lane, Toddington- APPEAL DISMISSED 	
240509/14	<p>For Information Only (No decisions to be made on items raised in this section) No matters raised</p>	
240509/15	<p>Next Meeting: The Chair closed the meeting at 8.41 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance. The next meeting would be Thursday July 4th at 7.30 p.m. in the annex</p>	

Approved By _____ Date _____

