

TUPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TUPTON PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 6:30 pm

P R E S E N T

Councillor C Ramshaw (in the Chair) Councillors J Ahern, N Dart, C Goodyer, D Hancock, J Hancock, S Peters, C Pollendine, R Shipman, K Windley and P Windley.

In attendance – R Price (Parish Clerk & RFO)

T Woodhead, Rachel Resident Liaison Officer (Woodhead Group)

G Watters (Tupton Community Group), Sandra Crawley (Tupton Celebrates Together), and 1 member of the public

557/2020 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

558/2020 Declaration of Interests and requests for Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation

559/2020 Minutes

RESOLVED unanimously, by each councillor indicating by raising their hand, that, the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Ankerbold Road Development

T Woodhead and Rachel the Resident Liaison Officer attended the meeting on behalf of the Woodhead Group. Rachel explained that the Group were now producing a Newsletter for distribution and asked the Parish Council if they would assist in helping to get this around through social media. Mr Woodhead reported on the meeting they had held with the local MP Lee Rowley. They had showed him the measures that had been put in place to try and address the problems which had arisen. Lee Rowley then intended to meet with NEDDC and the residents but he had not had any feedback from this. Members enquired why the closure of the road had increased from one month to three months. A member explained that he had seen a highways report and it was understood that this had occurred because work had slowed down due to the development of work zones to comply with covid restrictions. However the extension would not be allowed beyond 9th April. A member reported that work vehicles had been noticed using Pond Lane, possibly because of the diversion signs. Rachel said that she would address this. Tom and Rachel were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at this point

Updates from District and County Councillors

Councillor P Windley reported that she was continuing to investigate the installation of a parking area for the new play area at Birkin Avenue. She was awaiting a confirmation e mail but whilst it may be approved in principle funding would need to be found for its installation. Councillor Shipman reported that the green bin collections would start week commencing 22nd

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March for the South of the district. He had arranged for the leaves to be cleared from the footway on Ankerbold Road. Councillor Hancock referred to concerns that goods were not being split from the burgundy bins. He had received reassurance that this was being done and arrangements were being made for a video to be produced highlighting this activity.

Matters raised in Public Participation

None

560/2020 Urgent Items

No urgent items were raised

561/2020 To determine which items, if any, from the agenda should be taken with the public and Press excluded.

No items were identified

562/2020 Report of the Clerk

The Clerk submitted the following report:

a) Birkin Avenue Play Areas, Footpaths and Sensory Garden

The works to the play area commenced on 5th March. Research was underway to find some additional contractors who could provide comparative estimates for the sensory garden. A meeting of the Working Group would be arranged prior to the next Parish Council meeting to gain opinions on the one design we had received in order to establish a specification to provide to other contractors. The Working Group would also need to consider the lines of the footpaths, whether we contract the installation of paths to both the play area and the proposed sensory garden at the same time and consider the quotes for the installation of the paths. Three had now been received. **It was Proposed Seconded and Resolved:**

That consideration of the quotes be delegated to the Working Group and that, if a decision was required prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council, all parish councillors be emailed with the details of the recommendation of the Working Party, and the decision ratified if the majority of members were in agreement.

b) Tupton Community Hub

The Clerk reported that the County Council had approved the lease surrender terms and the Council's property solicitor would be preparing the lease surrender documentation as soon as possible. Hopefully the process can move along smoothly and quickly now. Members were requested to consider a date when they would like the transaction to take place. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that DCC be informed that the Parish Council would like the transaction completed by 8th May 2021 if possible.

c) Land at Nethermoor Road

This matter was still being followed up

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d) Damage to Bus Shelters

The Clerk reported that the bus shelter on Queen Victoria Road had been completely destroyed by a vehicle on 1st March 2021. The incident had been reported to the insurance company. The police attended and had details of the driver and vehicle. The Clerk also reported receipt of a report from DCC who were not willing to condone the replacement of this bus shelter on this site because of its proximity to the zebra crossing and zig zags. Members were of the opinion that the shelter should be replaced as it was one of the most heavily used bus stops in the area, situated near older residents' bungalows and close to the school. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether the bus stop was being removed and, if not, to see what action could be taken to get the shelter replaced.

e) Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Clerk informed members that we still had no indication from government as to whether virtual meetings could continue. Under current legislation the parish council could only meet virtually until 7th May – however from 17th May the Parish Council would be allowed to meet face to face following all the necessary guidelines. Currently this would require a spacious venue, full risk assessment being carried out at the proposed venue, spaces between individuals, use of sanitiser, open windows for free flow of air, one way systems in place and warning the public before hand that we may have to limit numbers if the attendance exceeded safe levels. Under current regulations and restrictions the Parish Council would not be able to meet on their normal date in May (12th May) as this falls between 7th May when the ability to meet virtually comes to an end and 17th May when restrictions are relaxed to allow meeting face to face. It was therefore Proposed Seconded and Resolved that the Annual Parish Council meeting be held on 14th April and that investigations be made in to suitable venues for the holding of meetings after 7th May.

f) Community Orchard

There was nothing further to report at this time

g) Commemorative Bench

The commemorative bench had been ordered and the company were doing their best to deliver by 15th March.

h) Body Camera

It was reported that there had been some instances of parish employees experiencing abuse and threatening behaviour in other areas and it is suggested that the parish council purchase a body camera for use by the parish warden. These cost in the region of £50. It was Proposed Seconded and Resolved that a body camera be purchased for the use of the parish warden.

i) Community Testing

The Clerk provided information on Community Testing facilities at Clay Cross Social Centre.

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j) Census 2021

The Clerk reported on the arrangements for the carrying out of the 2021 Census.

k) Personnel Advice

It was confirmed that, in accordance with the decision made by Council at budget making the contract with Personnel Advice and Solutions had been cancelled with effect from 1st April 2021.

l) Commemorative Wreath – March 15th

It was reported that The Royal British Legion were providing a wreath to commemorate the Tupton Bombings. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that a donation of £20 be made to the RBL.

m) War Memorial Railings

The Clerk reported that, since the last meeting, arrangements had been made with Lee, the Parish Council's contractor, for the installation of the railings around the war memorial. These were now in place. Members agreed that this was an excellent job which solved the problem of securing the poppy wreaths.

n) Purchase of Litter Pickers

The volunteer litter pickers had requested some equipment to assist them in their voluntary work around the parish. As they were not a constituted body, it was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that the Clerk be given authority to purchase sufficient materials for their needs and donate them to the group, with a maximum budget of £200.

563/2020 Condition of Roads and Dropped Kerbs Report

The Chair referred to the work carried out by members throughout the year in highlighting and following up the work needed to the roads in Tupton with the appropriate authority. Councillor Windley submitted a detailed report on the areas which had been reported and the follow up work carried out. In addition Councillor Dart had undertaken a comprehensive survey on the accessibility of footpaths which had again be followed up with the appropriate parties. Whilst the maintenance of highways and footpaths did not fall within the authority of parish councils, members would continue to lobby for their repair and upgrade. The report was noted.

564/2020 Avenue Development Primary School

Coucillor D Hancock reported that, as the new Avenue development primary school fell into their District Ward, Cllrs Shipman, Windley and himself had met with the CEO of the Anglican diocese to discuss the catchment, admissions and syllabus. Current COVID restrictions meant that their normal consultation process was going to be somewhat challenging - so, when the time was right, they would like for everyone to work together to organise a virtual public meeting - with zoom access and social media livestream so that residents can comment and be included in the discussion. It was Proposed Seconded and Resolved that Tupton Parish Council work collaboratively with Wingerworth and possibly Grassmoor and that authority be delegated to the ward councillors and the clerks to organize this.

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565/2020 Planning Permissions at Wingerworth and Tupton

Councillor D Hancock reported that both the Hanging Banks and Ankerbold developments had resulted in flooding of the Highway and significant disruption to neighbouring residents. Both developments had also experienced significant changes from the initial planning consents. There was a view that the planning authority was failing residents in terms of the information given to the planning committee to base its decisions on; and that, potentially, matters were not being investigated as thoroughly as they should be and that, inevitably, had an adverse impact on the quality of the decision making. A resident had asked that the parishes raise their concerns and request a detailed report from the Chair of Planning into the planning department's handling of the applications into the respective developments, the reasons why their cumulative impact was not factored into neighbouring proposals, why changes have had to be made owing to incorrect information being submitted to the planning committee when outline permission was granted and how the planning authority intends to ensure that future developments do not succumb to similar issues. It was Proposed Seconded and resolved that these questions be raised with NEDDC planning.

566/2020 Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Community Speed Watch

There had been no activity recently due to the lockdown but as soon as regulations were lifted they would be continuing their work

Tupton Foodbank

It was reported that the foodbank was continuing to keep busy.

Tupton Community Group

Gill Watters attended the meeting and reported on the work that the group continued to do. The Group had arranged to carry out an interview scenario with David Parmley about the Tupton Bombings, as well as continuing to support him in the research work that he was carrying out. The holding of events continued to be restricted but they had recently had an exciting offer for the Tupton Community Club for the use of their outdoor space for an event, inviting all community groups making a full day event. The space had been offered free of charge and any profits taken on the day would be shared with the groups participating. He had offered £500 towards the cost of live entertainment and was eager to provide the opportunity to help the community to come together. Gill explained that a great deal of refurbishment work had been undertaken creating a lovely venue. Arrangements had also been made for the Community Awards Celebration evening to be held there on Friday 10th September. There would be no charge for the hire of the venue. The Group were also supporting the Brownies helping them to do a village wide easter egg hunt

Tupton Celebrates Together

Sandra Crawley reported that Tupton Celebrates Together were tentatively putting arrangements in place for the carnival but detailed guidance was not expected until July so

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some consideration may have to be made about moving the date. Nationally the research programme were running a couple of events to assess arrangements needs. As always any event arranged would comply with the restrictions in place at that time

Tupton Bombings

David Parmley would attend the next meeting to give an update

567/2020 Community Recognition Scheme

It was reported that 67 nominations had been received to date

568/2020 Planning

RESOLVED that no comments be raised on the planning applications that have been received. For information Councillor Windley submitted details of comments she had submitted as a Ward District Councillor and Councillor Hancock informed members that Highways had asked for more details and he had called the application in because of the number of concerns that had been raised.

569/2020 Discretionary Grants Application

There were no applications submitted.

570/2020 Finance

Budget Report

It was Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED unanimously, by each Councillor giving their vote by show of hands, that the Budget Report be accepted and countersigned by a member of the Council.

Accounts for Payment

It was Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED unanimously, by each Councillor giving their vote by show of hands, that the following accounts be approved for payment:-

AML (Midland) Ltd	365 and AVG (23434)	£12.78
Salaries	March	£1500.17
HMRC	PAYE & NI	£208.01
Eon	CCTV electric	£34.56
Personnel Solutions	Personnel Advice	£120.00
O2	Mobile phones	£54.22
Lees Garden Services	Replace fencing at field off Nethermoor Road	£86.00

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M Markowitz	Provision of grit salt invoice 527201	£136.50
	Invoice 527203	£136.50
NEDDC	Rent of flower bed	£1.00
NEDDC	Dog bin empty October – December	£1027.73
NEDDC	Pitch hire (in lieu of maintenance by Tupton Ivanhoe FC)	£431.79
Shelter Maintenance	Replacement of panels to Queen Victoria Road and Green Lane bus shelters	£2267.52
ER Price re Yorkshire Willow Online	Willow Cuttings for Birkin Avenue	£47.50
DALC	Annual Subscription 2021/2022	£693.10
Tupton Rugby Club	Trees for Northside	£524.25
Lees Garden Services	Manufacture and fit railing around memorial	£260.00
	Community Garden	£60

571/2020 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting to take place on Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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