

# TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING OF TALATON PARISH COUNCIL** held on **WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025** at **7.30pm**. The meeting was held at the **PARISH HALL, TALATON EX5 2RG**

**PRESENT:** - P Lenehan (**Chair**), G Hawkins (**Vice-Chair**) A Peters, D Hirt, R Bos, S Wood, EDDC Cllr R Jefferies and the Clerk – Mrs C McIntyre

## **PUBLIC FIFTEEN-MINUTE OPEN FORUM**

EDDC Cllr Jefferies advised that he had put in a motion at EDDC to get rural broadband rolled out to everyone as progress had slowed down. He spoke about the Government's White Paper on devolution and local government re-organisation and EDDC's Trees Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy. He also mentioned his visit to the Wildings School and expressed how much he was impressed with the facilities and the ethos of the school

25/03/01

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr K Walker

25/03/02

## **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE SAME BY THE CHAIR AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be approved as a true and correct record. They were signed by the Chair. *Proposed by the Vice Chair and seconded by Cllr Wood*

25/03/03

## **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Peters declared an interest in planning applications 25/0155/FUL and - 25/0156/FUL (Item 16 on the Agenda). However comments had already been made under the Council's delegated authority (Cllr Peters had no part in this) which had already been submitted to EDDC. Therefore in this meeting there would be no further discussion about the applications and the requirement for Cllr Peters to leave the room was therefore negated

25/03/04

## **IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

There were none

25/03/05

## **FINANCE: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS I – III**

i. Approval of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 including Petty Cash

NAME OF ACCOUNT/PETTY CASH	BALANCE
Community (Current)	£493.03
Business Premium (Reserve)	£11615.18
Petty Cash	£ 0

ii. Approval of the March 2025 Payment Schedule

NUM BER	CHEQUE NUMBER/ BACS	PAYEE	DETAILS	COST	VAT	TOTAL
1	Bacs	HMRC	Income Tax Feb/March	£82.80		£82.80
2	Bacs	Employee	Salary Feb/March	£329.64		£329.64

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3	Bacs	Employee	Clerk's Expenses for 1 year (mileage and home allowance)	£430.80		£430.80
4	DD	Land Registry	Land Registry Entries	£7.00		£7.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£850.24</b>		<b>£850.24</b>

iii. Transfer of funds to be agreed (if any) - £1000

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Items i – iii *Proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Vice-Chair*

25/3/06

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted:-

##### Items of late Correspondence

Email of thanks from Simon Spencer for Calendar grant of £500

EDDC – Letter from Tracy Hendren CEX EDDC re the English Devolution White Paper advising of proposed unitary including East, Mid and North Devon alongside Torridge District and the City of Exeter

25/3/07

#### **VILLAGE GREEN (THE MOOR) – UPDATE RE VONEUS BROADBAND AND TO MAKE DECISIONS (AS REQUIRED)**

The agreement was still awaited for signing

25/3/08

#### **CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING LAND FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.**

Information had been provided to all councillors regarding 2 acres of land on the outskirts of the village which had become available for purchase through Staggs Estate Agency and which might be considered as suitable for a recreational ground for the village. There was much discussion but the Council **AGREED** that the land was not in the correct location (too far out of the village) and was too expensive. Therefore it was **AGREED** that the purchase would not be pursued further

25/3/09

#### **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL (IF APPROPRIATE) OF A PROPOSED VOLUNTEERING POLICY**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Policy *Proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Vice-Chair*

25/3/10

#### **EDDC LOCAL PLAN – PUBLIC CONSULTATION UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

The information was noted

25/3/11

#### **EDDC PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS – PUBLIC CONSULTATION UNTIL 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

The information was noted

25/3/12

#### **PARISH.UK**

The Clerk had already advised councillors about the spam website **parish.uk** which displayed information about English parishes, asked residents to subscribe and encouraged businesses to pay to be on their business directory. This website had been reported for potential phishing as it presented itself as a safe source having copied the Government website format but actually had no links to the Government or to Talaton Parish Council. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) recommended that councils did not submit any information to them & recommended that residents and businesses did not engage either. It was requested that the Clerk inform Neighbourhood Watch of the website

25/3/13

#### **GRANTS – UPDATE ON REPAYMENT OF PREVIOUS GRANT (NOT USED BY RECIPIENT)**

It was noted that the grant of £100 had now been repaid by PCC

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25/3/14

## **GRIT BIN – UPDATE**

The Clerk had written to Ed Polding about the re-siting of the grit bin and the ditch, asking for action to be taken to rectify both issues. Cllr Iain Chubb had been copied into the e-mail. The Clerk had not received a response. After some discussion it was **AGREED** that the Clerk write to Ed Polding again requesting that the ditch be filled in (as it had made no difference to the water issue on the highway) and then for the grit bin to be placed further back so it was not so prominent. If the further request failed to generate any action, the Clerk to then contact the Head of Highways at DCC

25/3/15

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### Planning Applications

i.25/0309/FUL Robert Buxton – Harris Farm, Talaton Devon. EX5 2RQ

Proposal - Roofing over silage clamp - Building 1

ii.25/0311/FUL Robert Buxton – Harris Farm, Talaton Devon. EX5 2RQ

Proposal - Roofing over silage clamp - Building 2 and yard area

It was **RESOLVED** to support both applications. The proposed work would keep rainwater off two silage clamps and a small yard area, which would greatly reduce the volume of slurry effluence and reduce the potential risk of air and water pollution. The materials used would match the surrounding agricultural buildings.

*Proposed by the Vice-Chair and seconded by Cllr Bos*

iii.25/0342/FUL D Lockwood - Lashbrook Farm Talaton

Proposal Roofing over existing concrete slurry store

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application to keep rainwater off the open concrete slurry store, which would greatly reduce the volume of slurry effluence and reduce the potential risk of air and water pollution. The proposed materials were typical of this type of agricultural building, with several examples of it within the Parish. The structure would not be seen by any residential property other than the applicant's.

*Proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by the Vice-Chair*

### Other Planning

Application 20/1210/Ful - Lashbrook Farm (concrete lined slurry lagoon) – Update on planning conditions

It was noted that the screening hadn't been carried out yet as the applicant was waiting to erect the roof first. Apparently, EDDC won't allow a new slurry pit to be built with a roof - it has to be subject to two separate applications

25/3/16

## **TO REPORT ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL (INCLUDING PLANNING)**

The following delegated decisions were made:-

i.25/0155/FUL - Parklands Farm Talaton Exeter EX5 2RE – Mr A Peters

Erection of roofing over an existing livestock gathering area (North/west Extension)

ii.25/0156/FUL - Parklands Farm Talaton Exeter EX5 2RE – Mr A Peters

Erection of roofing over an existing livestock gathering area (South/east Extension)

The Council supported both applications to keep rainwater off the livestock loafing areas, which would greatly reduce the volume of slurry effluence and reduce the potential risk of air and water pollution. The materials used would match the surrounding agricultural buildings.

25/3/17

## **PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND AN UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION (IF APPLICABLE)**

i.DCC Highways Officer ED Polding advised he had made contact with Savills (Escot land agent) re the debris runoff causing obstructions on the highway when there was heavy rainfall. He would contact the Clerk again when he had made progress

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- ii. Cllr Hirt reported that drainage clearance work was being carried out around the Parish
- iii. Pot holes were reported at:-
  - Back road from Hansford Field to Half Moon (approx. 12 potholes)
  - Escot road
  - Road abutting Springfield Farm
  - Rydon
- iv. Lees Meadow – collapsed drain opposite Russet House
- v. 4 Hillside – hedge/trees overgrowth resulting in persons having to walk on highway and rubbish in garden was attracting vermin
- vi. Car in car park at Hillside had still not been removed and had been parked at such an angle that it was preventing other cars from parking there
- vii. A concrete bollard and telegraph pole had been hit by a tractor in the village. The telegraph pole was now leaning at an angle. The Chair would provide a photograph of the pole to the Clerk

The Clerk would contact the relevant authorities to deal with the issues raised

25/3/18

# **ITEMS (INCLUDING DEFIBRILLATORS) FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR FOR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

- i.Both defibs had been checked and were found to be in good order. However access to the defib at Newtown was being obstructed by a car that was being parked close to the wall on which the defib was sited. It was agreed the Clerk should contact the car owner and ask that the car be parked further away from the wall
- ii. Dog fouling appeared to be on the increase in the village. It was suggested that an article in the Calendar might assist in reminding people to pick up after their pet.
- iii. Substantial quantities of litter had been left in the bus shelter near Woodman`s Orchard which the Chair had kindly removed. In addition, an unauthorised poster was in situ which required removal and which the Chair, despite her best efforts, had been unable to remove. Cllr Peters agreed to action.
- iv.On the website (Noticeboard page) were a number of old items which the Clerk agreed needed to be removed. She would deal with this when practicable.

25/3/19

# **MATTERS OF URGENCY: ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CHAIR'S DISCRETION**

There were none

25/3/20

# **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

25/3/21

# **CLOSE OF MEETING**

20.43

<b>SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR</b>	
<b>DATE OF SIGNATURE</b>	

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