



TILFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of The March Meeting

Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30pm
Tilford Institute, Lutyens Room

Attendees: Cllr D. Lee Cllr H. Rahman Cllr N. Stewart
Cllr J. Shearn Cllr I. Tahir (arr 8pm)

Mrs J. Williams (Clerk)

Cllr D. Harmer

1.0 WELCOME

0716 Cllr Lee welcomed Councillors to the meeting. **(04/22). Minute to be removed next month.**

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

0717 Apologies were received from Cllr Shams and Morland which were accepted by members. **(04/22) Minute to be removed next month.**

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

0718 Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the zoom session when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter. Cllr declared an interest in planning application WA/2022/00879 and did not participate in any discussion regarding this application. There were no other declarations of pecuniary interest. **(04/22). Minute to be removed next month.**

4.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

0719 There were no questions from any Members of the Public. **(04/22).**

5.0 PLANNING

WA/2022/00878	CROOKSBURY HOUSE LODGE CROOKSBURY ROAD TILFORD	Listed building consent for internal alterations to dwelling and curtilage listed outbuilding. <i>Tilford Parish Council supports this application however it would ask that if planners were minded to approve this application the outhouse remains ancillary to the main</i>
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	FARNHAM GU10 2AY	<i>dwelling in perpetuity. Tilford PC notes that there were some confusing details on the application.</i>
WA/2022/00879	RAVENDELL COTTAGE WHITMEAD LANE TILFORD FARNHAM GU10 2BS	Construction of a swimming pool <i>Tilford Parish Council would note that there have been a number of planning applications for this property. Tilford Parish Council questions whether there is to be lighting around the pool as there is no lighting plan and it would therefore draw planners attention to the dark skies policy within the Surrey Hills Management Plan. There is no evidence to support how the pool would be heated and councillors would ask that the applicant seeks sustainable ways to heat the pool as well as consider thermal insulation and a pool cover.</i>

To note that speeches for both planning committees were circulated before each planning committee and were accepted by councillors.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PC MEETING HELD 3rd MARCH 2022 and 29TH MARCH 2022

0720 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 2022 and as well as the Extraordinary meeting held on 29th March 2022 were agreed and were signed by the Chairman. **(04/22). Minute to be removed next month.**

7.0 WBC UPDATE –CLLR J. POTTS

0721 Cllr J Potts was unable to attend and instead provided a written update to councillors which the clerk read aloud. Two matters have recently been discussed in the Western Area Planning Committee and both were refused and upheld the issue of potential harm and damage within Tilford’s sensitive habitat of AONB, AGLV and Green Belt. Following an email from the clerk, Cllr Potts has liaised with Planning regarding the fact that not all planning applications are being linked to Tilford. An election has been called to fill the vacancy for a WBC Councillor following the sad passing of Brian Adams. The election will be held on 12th May 2022. The objection to the TPO at Tilford Street/Squires Hill has been withdrawn. The date for the planning committee to hear 2 x outstanding Islamabad applications is yet to be determined. **(04/21). Minute to be removed next month.**

0722 Islamabad planning enforcement: Cllr Potts advised in her written update of April 2022 that enforcement are looking into concerns about lighting and other matters. Separate updates have been sent to individuals who reported the concerns. **(04/22).**

8.0 UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR – CLLR D. HARMER

0635 Frensham Common – concerns over destruction caused by trail bike riders. NT, WBC and local communities are in discussion as to how to protect the commons. SCC are currently looking to test an approach of partial restrictions and if successful this can then be applied to the bye way running from Squires Hill to Sheephatch. A resident question Cllr Harmer on this point at the December meeting and he advised that action was on-going to try and change the status of a BOAT however it was a difficult legal process. **(12/21).**

0723 Cllr Harmer noted that wooden posts had been installed on both sides of the bridleway crossing of the River Wey by the East Bridge and it was hoped that that would deter further 4x4 vehicles driving through the river. Councillors were very appreciative of the posts and asked the clerk to write to SCC Countryside formally to thank them for the work. **(04/22). Minute to be removed next month.**

0724 Cllr Harmer noted that the SCC Highways department is setting down following its recent restructure. SCC has decided that local committees will no longer have responsibility for Highways matters and decisions on significant changes will be determined by the relevant Highways Officers and County Councillor. **(04/22). Minute to be removed next month.**

0725 Cllr Harmer noted that there was a review asking what parishes are and what are their functions. WBC is inviting responses. The Clerk followed this up and was advised that there will be the opportunity to participate in the consultation scheduled for June 2022. **(04/22). Minute to be removed next month.**

0726 Cllr Harmer noted that a longstanding borough councillor, Cllr Peter Isherwood, had recently passed away. **(04/22). Minute to be removed next month.**

9.0 ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

0727 Carbon Neutral: A local resident had met with Cllr Stewart who might be able to help the working party to draw up a plan by which Tilford can become carbon neutral by 2030. Cllr Stewart to share this information with Cllrs Shearn and Lee. Cllr Lee that it was important to ensure that this was not a company endorsement before proceeding. **(04/22).**

0728 Wildflower Meadow: it was agreed that the 'half moon' should not be mowed and would be turned into a wild flower meadow. The clerk to advise Grasstex. Councillors discussed asking whether the local schools would like to make bee houses as well as asking villagers whether anyone could donate wood to make bat roosts. The clerk noted that she would check whether this fell under Parish Council powers. Cllr Lee to provide costs of creating a bug hotel. **(04/22).**

0729 Tilford Community Farm: 10 residents came to the meeting and a further 8 emailed showing interest. Cllr Stewart advised that the area needed to be fenced Cllr Shearn felt that £500 on fencing was too much to spend unless the working party were certain of public engagement with the project. The clerk advised that she was still waiting on confirmation that residents who currently lease the whole field are happy for the growing area in order that the clerk can ask WBC for the costs to lease the small section of land. Cllr Stewart to update the clerk after the meeting regarding the land ownership and in the meantime cllrs to continue to talk to residents to encourage public engagement. **(04/22).**

10.0 PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

0730 Cllr Lee noted that an extended bank holiday was going to be held from 2nd to 5th June inclusive. Ideas for a village event had been discussed at the February and March meetings. It was agreed that the village would hold a picnic followed by a party. The clerk noted that she had submitted an application to close the road in front of the Barley Mow. Cllr Shearn (who had already proposed that children could paint seventy tiles and that it could become a permanent mural) had been in contact with someone from the Great Pottery Thrown Down and they were going to provide a quote for 80-90 tiles. In the evening there would be music playing seventy songs from across seventy decades – Cllr Morland was nominated to suggest one song from each year of the Queen's reign. Cllr Lee to talk to the Barley Mow about the Jubilee plans. Cllr Shearn had obtained costs for a marquee of £2,500 - further options were being explored from The Rural Life Centre. Cllr Stewart to follow up whether The Lions could provide a marquee. Cllr Tahir had secured a marquee at £2,400 which was slightly smaller and did not include lights. The Rural Life Centre are able to offer gazebos and it was agreed that these could be placed on the handkerchief and provide a location for the tile painting. The clerk raised the question of cricket as TCC said that they would be unable to play cricket earlier in the morning to minimise the clash of events. Councillors were clear that for health and safety reasons both events could not happen at the same time. The clerk to ask if the Institute will loan their trestle tables. Councillors agreed that a flyer should be produced to publicise this event and approved the cost of £40 for this. **(04/22). All Cllrs**

11.0 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

0731 The annual assembly was scheduled for 7th April however it was agreed that it would be deferred to May 5th 2022. There will be presentations by a selection of village societies including TCF, The Rural Life Centre. Cllr Lee to contact village organisations. There will also be a public display on the Stonehills work to date and proposals. Drinks and nibbles to be served afterwards. All councillors to provide some snacks. Councillors agreed that a flyer should be produced to publicise this event and approved the cost of £40 for this. **(04/22). All Cllrs**

13.0 TRELLIS FENCING SHEPHERDS WAY

0732 Revised costs for the proposed fencing were shared at the meeting. It was agreed that the clerk would ask the first contractor to quote for basic stock fencing along the run of the garden e.g 34m. **(04/22). The Clerk**

14.0 FINANCE

0733 The March bank statements had been received prior to the meeting. The clerk circulated the current bank balances, March detailed receipts and payments and March bank reconciliations which were approved. **(04/21). Minute to be removed next month**

0734 The Cheque listing for April was circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting. 1 cheque was drafted totalling £30. **(04/22). Minute to be removed next month**

0686 Cllr Morland raised the clerk's pension. The clerk and Cllr Morland to discuss offline on 22,11,2021. **(11/21). Cllr Morland**

0735 The clerk noted that she had submitted another new bank mandate which she had had checked by HSBC in Guildford. This was submitted but as yet it had not been approved by the head office. The clerk had explored switching accounts to Lloyds who currently do not charge and who are easier to deal with. Unfortunately the clerk was advised that Lloyds are still not opening new bank accounts due to staff shortages as a result of covid absenteeism. **(04/22). The Clerk**

16.0 REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

0736 A resident had requested permission to site a memorial bench by the river. Councillors noted that there is a 'no bench' policy in Tilford and the clerk to find the policy and share with councillors. Councillors were reminded of an idea to create a memorial garden at Stonehills and it was agreed that this would be added to the next meeting agenda. **(04/22).**

17.0 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

0737 The Jubilee sign needs repairing. The clerk to repair. **(04/22).**

0738 It was noted that there is a large hole behind the riverside carpark. The clerk to instruct Grasstex. **(04/22).**

0739 The issue of lighting and filming was raised. The clerk to liaise with Cllr Potts in this matter. **(04/22).**

23.0 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

0740 There were no matters for the exclusion of public and press. **(04/22). Minute to be removed next month.**

24.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 5th May 2022. 6.45pm. Tilford Institute.

Meeting closed at 22.15