



Taynton Parish Council

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May Hill Village Hall Wednesday 11th January 2023 19.30hrs

Present: Cllrs D Sillince, Jo Burston and K Marsh

Clerk Jo Badham

In Attendance: 5 member of the public, Cllr V Vesma, Cllr Gill Mosely and Cllr Julia Gooch.

Public Forum – Members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting in respect of the business on the agenda by invitation of the chair.

The Chairman welcomed the public and invited members to raise matters of interest.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr J Smerdon

2. To Approve Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday October 12th 2022

Minutes approved. Proposer Cllr K Marsh, seconded Cllr J Burston.

3. Members of the Council are invited to declare any interest they may have in the business set out below.

Non received.

4. Request for dispensations, Declarations of Interest, Gifts and/or Hospitality

Non received.

Chairman requested a change to the agenda to allow the May Hill Society to present a proposal for funding for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

All Councillors agreed.

5. Traffic Regulation Order.

Bob Constable, May Hill Society (MHS) presented to the Council, requesting funding.

The MHS Committee is grateful to Gloucestershire Highways (GH) and to Councillor Robinson for his time and budget commitment to date, and with his support, the recognition by GH that the TRO project for the May Hill settlements really is needed

The core issue going forward is funding. MHS needs to find £7.5k. Thus far MHS has secured commitments of £2.5k from Councillor Robinson from the next financial year (assumes MHS can raise the balance of £5k), and £1.9k from Longhope PC, split over the current and next financial years.

Taking all the above into account, the MHS Committee believe the only logical and balanced approach is to look at Parish “footprint” in the proposed TRO area. This has given rise to requests of 56% or £2800 - Taynton Parish – less than the TRO Households, geographic or TRO road footprint percentages 38 % or £1900 – Longhope Parish, 6% or £300 – Huntley Parish.

Unfortunately, due to an annual overspend Huntly refused the application for funding, however Longhope PC agreed the full amount.

MHS appeal to Taynton PC for the outstanding sum on the basis that the above apportionment is fair and the project is long overdue as an essential safety feature. Once implemented this TRO will enable the MHS to monitor traffic speeds by the use of a sign speed indication. Longhope have offered the loan of their VAS system.

On the basis the project covers the grants policy criteria and police have agreed to enforce the 30mph and the commitment from Longhope PC Taynton PC agreed to fund the £2800 and the £300 shortfall. **Action MHS to produce a proforma and advise TBC on the financial breakdown.**

Once finances are approved GH will complete the feasibility study and an accurate financial report will be produced. The expectation the project will be complete by the end of 2023.

Proposer Cllr J Burston, seconded Cllr K Marsh.

6. District Councillor Report – no report

7. To receive Councillor's report

Main focus has been on the closure of the Newent post office. The update from Post Office London potential Postmaster currently completing the onboarding process, no timescale. Cllr J Gooch mentioned she is investigating implementing an outreach PO.

Cllr G Mosley presented her report:

- Noted there is an outreach PO at Dymock in the pub.
- The Planning Committee has changed their name to 'Development Management Committee'. The Committee solely deals with planning applications. Ward members are only allowed to speak on planning applications that are submitted from their ward, voting is not allowed.
- No update on solar farm applications.

8. To receive Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

- Received two quotes for the bench at the Glasshouse
Quote 1 £800-£1000 includes VAT
Quote 2 £710 plus VAT
Bench would need to be supplied by the Council. Three different wood types were proposed Solid Acacia Wood £162.99, Winchester teak £249.00 and Zest certified solid wood £279.99.
- Response has been received with regard to the railway sleeper, this was circulated.
- Invoice has been sent for the land rental at Keptipot. The latest Tenancy Agreement I can find is 2011. Does this updating? **Action Clerk to scan 2011 agreement and send to Council.**

9. Finance Reports

(i) Financial Report Clerk produced a new reporting spreadsheet and ran through the 2022/23 budget vs spends.

- Outstanding amount for £40 for newly placed posts at glasshouse common land.
- It was noted if a contested election there will be a £2400 cost from FoDC. There is no legal requirement to advertise for seats, however SLCC have created some marketing material

which is free to use.

Financial report was presented and accepted by council.

(ii) To receive bank reconciliation 00529701

	Balance Open	Closing Balance	Money In	Money Out
October	£15,849.39	£14,862.18	0	£987.21
November	£14,862.18	£14,822.18	0	£40.00
December	£14,822.18	£14,345.86	0	£476.32

Finance reports approved.

10. To receive and comment on Planning Applications

P1356/22/FUL Ashleigh, May Hill, Longhope – Erection of a single storey rear extension
No Objection

P1578/22/FUL Upper Orchards, Kents Green, Tibberton – Partial demolition of existing house and erection of two storey extension on existing footprint.
No objection.

11. Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club Fund Application

The application for financial support toward the resurfacing of a tennis court was refused. Cllr D Sillince will advise the Tennis Club. Clerk distributed correspondence from Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association who support and offer grants.

12. Precept and Budget

- Budget and proposal budget spreadsheet was discussed.
- Clerk advised and proposed ringfencing reserves. It is recommended that the general council reserves should be 3-12 months of annual expenditure, as recommended in Governance & Accountability for Small Authorities. The general reserve of an authority comprises its cash flow and contingency funds to cover unexpected inflation, unforeseen events and unusual circumstances. The generally accepted recommendation with regard to the appropriate minimum level of a smaller authority's general reserve is that this should be maintained at between three and twelve months of net revenue expenditure. The reason for the wide range is to cater for the large variation in activity level between individual authorities. The smaller the authority, the closer the figure may be to 12 months expenditure, the larger the authority, the nearer to 3 months
- All of this it is important that each authority adopt, as a general reserve policy, the level appropriate to their size, situation, risks and plan their budget so as to ensure that the adopted level is maintained. Council agreed to ringfence £2500.
- Precept was agreed to remain at £3750. Action Clerk to advise FoDC.

13. Clerks Pay Increase

The NALC national salary award has notified councils on the new pay scales to be implemented by 1st April 2022. The arrears have been calculated which equates to £122.57, 7 x £17.51. The hourly increase from £13.74 to £14.74. The annual increase to the council is £208. Salary was £2857.92 now £3065.92.

14. Barefoot and Bower request for seasonal sign on the Glasshouse

The request for an erection of a seasonal sign was referred to the applying to the Common Teams in Bristol **Action: Clerk to contact.**

15. Councillor Vacancy

Mr David Radford attended the council meeting as a member of public and his interest was noted to apply for the vacancy and to be co-opted. Action: Clerk to check the 6 months rule due to 2023 elections. Mr Radford will be co-opted at next meeting if rules allow.

16. Residual Items

- Funding from lunch club. **Action: Clerk to follow up**
- Maintenance of public footpaths. Council asked if there is an agreement between to Longhope and Huntley? **Action Clerk to ask the Parish Clerks. Apply to the County Council for funding?**
- Footpaths GTA6 and TA29 requires attention. **Action: Clerk to contact Suzanne Hope at PROW.**

Meeting closed @ 21.41hrs

Signed..... Date.....

Chairman Cllr David Sillince

Next meeting: 1st March @7.30pm at Taynton Village Room.