

Tetcott and Luffincott Parish Council Meeting
15th February 2023
7:30pm
The Old Chapel, Tetcott
(following convening at the Arscott Hall)

Chair: Cllr. Tina BARRIBALL
Present: Cllr. Mike GREENAWAY, Cllr. Lynn PETT, Cllr. Terry ROOKE,
 Cllr. Nick WONNACOTT
Clerk: Kay NAPIER
Apologies: Cllr. Jonathan BRITTON, Cllr. Sylvia DART, Cllr. Jonathan PEARCE

1. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Questions from Public

None.

3. Planning Application Ref: 1/1238/2022/FUL

No objections.

4. Co-Option of Councillor Gareth Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell was unwell and could not attend this evening's meeting. As we have not yet managed to have a meeting where Mr. Mitchell has been available to enable the co-option, Cllr. Rooke will speak to him to see whether he would realistically be able to commit to the role of Councillor at present.

Cllr. Rooke to speak to Gareth Mitchell.

5. Minutes of last meeting - 18th January 2023

Minutes unanimously agreed as correct and signed by the Chair.

6. Financial Update

Income and expenses sheet attached.

7. Snow Warden

Following the resignation of the former snow wardens (Julie Smith and Cllr. Wonnacott) and, following discussion, a general wish that the people of Tetcott and Luffincott would be able to sort themselves out, the Clerk will notify the Snow Warden scheme that there are no points of contact going forward.

The councillors, however, are keen on maintaining equipment to be able to sort out the immediate area when needs arise. Cllrs. Greenaway, Rooke and Wonnacott had a lively discussion about the need for a new spinner.

Cllr Rooke to look into quotes for both new and second hand spinners.

Any Other Business

8. Jubilee Fund

The Parish Council are still holding £261.64 which was granted to the Community for the Platinum Jubilee. All councillors present agreed to transfer this sum to the Village Hall who will be able to continue administering it as necessary.

Clerk to set up payment to Hall.

9. Clerk Wages

At a previous meeting, it was agreed to increase the Clerk's wages in line with the National Minimum Wage. Clerk asked for clarification on backdating as it was discussed previously however there were no official proposals.

Clerk last paid in October 2022.

Council to pay Clerk National Living (Minimum) Wage at 3.5 hours per week.

Rate: £9.50 per hour, increasing to £10.42 April 2023

Clerk to be paid minimum wage, backdated to October 2022.

Proposer: Cllr. Pett, Seconded: Cllr. Rooke.

Cllr. Pett suggested Clerk paid quarterly going forward, rather than after the precept payments come in. Cllr. Wonnacott suggested this first payment at the end of March, before the minimum wage increases. The next payment would then be at the increased rate as announced by the government.

Cllr. Greenaway proposed the clerk be paid in March and quarterly thereafter if the funds are available (which can be confirmed at the Council Meeting preceding the payment). Seconded by Cllr. Wonnacott.

10. Clerk Laptop

Cllr. Pett has set up and handed over MacBook.

Clerk to arrange payment of £200 to Zoe Pett.

11. Hall CCTV

Parish Hall committee had met and agreed that it would be a good idea but they do not wish to commit funds to pay for it.

Cllr Rooke suggested three or four cameras would be needed for the entry points to the building - one of these would also cover the play equipment.

Clerk had contacted PC Frank MORGAN, our local policing contact who confirmed that the council can go ahead and purchase.

It was suggested to possibly apply to the community fund for this, dependent on the cost as the Parish Council funds would only be able to stretch to a point.

Cllr. Pett confirmed it would need to be infra red, to be able to see in the dark.

Cllr. Barriball to look into costs and options

12. Parish Elections

The clerk has received an email (14th Feb) stating that there would be elections this year. As such, any parish councillor wishing to stand again (or any prospective new candidate) will need to complete a nomination form prior to the deadline at the beginning of April. The nominations need to be hand delivered to Bideford, and the Clerk is prepared to take current councillors' nomination forms over en masse. As such, the next meeting - 23rd March - will be a short meeting to receive and/or complete the paperwork, so the Clerk can collect them in to deliver.

Clerk to email Elections to enquire when forms will be available from.

Meeting closed 20:52.

Next meeting: Thursday 23rd March 2023, 7:30pm at The Arscott Hall, Tetcott

Chairman:

Date: