



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TORWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY VIRTUAL  
CONFERENCE  
Tuesday March 2nd, 2021 at 7:00PM**

**PRESENT**

**Chair:** Councillor C. Willis (CW)

**Vice-Chair:** Councillor J. Helliwell (JH)

**Councillors:** R. Willis (RW), M. Lacey (ML), A. Duce (AD)

**County Councillor:** T. Taylor (TT)

**District Councillor:** None

**Clerk:** C. Challener (CC)

**Apologies:** D. Lacey (DL)

**Members of the public:** 1

*Virtual Link to the meeting made available to the public via the Facebook page and the village website.*

**OPEN FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Gerald Bowers introduces himself to the Parish Council as a running candidate for the Ranskil Ward.

**02/0321**

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The chair opens the meeting welcoming everyone.

**03/0321**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr J. Helliwell declares a conflict of interest in relation to planning application:

21/00200/LBA | Install Bathroom, Replace Window(s), Door(s), Gutters, Stairs, Replace C20 Polystyrene Coving with Handmade Plaster, Repointing, General Masonry, Woodwork Repair and Replacement | Moat Farm Low Street Torworth Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 8NX

**04/0321**

**CRIME REPORT**

2 Crimes reported for January 2021

1x Violence or sexual assault on Blacksmiths Lane

1x Burglary assault on Blacksmiths Lane

**05/0321**

**COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Report

TT reminds every one of the websites, County Council hub and app in relation to referring people to Covid related concerns and issues.

All the Standard grants schemes are still open, more money has been allocated to the Winter Grant scheme which has been used to support children and vulnerable families.

The Vaccine roll out is reported to be going well, with the age 60+ being the next age bracket being addressed.

The Budget has been set at 2.99% council tax raise for Notts County Council. Bassetlaw to have their meeting this week.

A road sweep has been completed by BDC along the Great North Road, sweeping just the curbs. Highways have been out and inspected but report there is still an issue. A further sweep has been performed by NCC. Damage road surface is thought to be the issue and being further inspected.

District Councillor Report

None

**The Integrated Transport Scheme (18/19)** Torworth request that the area/footpath between Barnby Moor and Torworth is repaved due to the ascetics and health and safety associated with the area being in disrepair. This has now been submitted.

A new bid for **2019/20** has submitted for Baulk Lane for a weight limit.

*Action TT to provide update as advised.*

#### **06/0321**

##### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as accurate and as a true record of proceedings.

#### **07/0321**

##### **COUNCILLOR RAISED ITEMS, MATTERS ARISING DURING THE MONTH & ONGOING MATTERS**

**A letter of complaint has been written to BDC** a response from BDC has been receipted and deemed disappointing with many of the questions not being answered. BDC to be wrote to requesting further clarification on points missed, all councillors to send the clerk sections requiring clarification.

*Action ALL/CC*

**A review of the Allotment tenancy agreement.** (JH/CW) the clerk confirms that the tenancy agreements are being countersigned by the PC. The allotment group to be made aware that the boundary hedge needs to be maintained. It is believed that the allotment tenants have been informed that they are not to have structures on site. Following discussion, the PC agree that they don't have issues with temporary structures being placed on site and it recommended a bond paid to cover any costs, the allotment group to be contacted for their input.

*Action: CC*

**Speed limits** (JH) circulates a proposal for all to consider. All to add comments and JH to progress with a formal proposal.

*Action: ALL/JH*

##### **Great North Road Avenue of Trees (RW)**

Ranskill Parish Council have been approached and have agreed to purchase with Torworth PC trees for the Road. CW has liaised with TT/NCC on the best approach.

*Action: CW*

ML raises the issue of parking at the junction of the **North Road/ Separatist and possibility of yellow lines.** TT refers to the planning application response from Highways who had commented in their consultation the recommendation of yellow lines but that BDC planning had not built this into the conditions of the application. TT has liaised with highways direct on the matter and they are happy to evaluate the recommendation after the works are complete.

#### **08/0321 FINANCE**

**Payments presented** and approved for the month were:

Claire Challenger - Jan	£(277.00)
Warden	£(305.20)
NALC Subs	£(77.52)

The clerk passes the Bank Reconciliation to all for review.

#### **9/0321 AMENITIES AND FACILITIES:**

**Playing Field Weeds:** plantain is infesting the playing field a contactor has been engaged and will spray April/May. The park will close for 24hrs whilst this is completed.

CW proposes that the PC purchase a spreader for the mower to tackle weeds and seeding going forward. £125 for a generic version/ John Deere equivalent to also be looked into. Proposed CW/AD. All agree.

*Action: CW*

A member of the public requests a **bench on the Great North Road**. A community grant to be submitted in April 2021 to progress.

*Action: April 2021*

**Shipping Container:** A shipping container, lock box and shelving are to be purchased to secure Parish Council equipment on the playing field. Planning have confirmed a planning application would not be required. Security measures to be considered prior to purchase. The playing field committee to donate monies as they will also use the container for storage - £700 donation agreed, Parish Council to provide the remaining amount. Combes Farms quote agreed on, Grade A or B depending on availability to be purchased. Shelving to be purchased separately.

Circa 6 tonnes of hardcore required for the purpose – 20 to be purchased for pricing, remaining hardcore to be used elsewhere in the playing field.

CW/JH to agree location.

Clerk to purchase planning's and the container.

*Action: CC/CW/JH*

**A Gate on the Playing field** is agreed to be purchased, originally it was agreed to purchase an off the shelf gate but following a further review it is decided that a bespoke gate is to be purchased which should match the other gate/fencing.

*Action: CW/RW/JH*

**The Millennial Sign is in disrepair.** AD to progress.

*Action: AD*

#### **LIS Projects**

The LIS grants have been approved. Quotes are required to call down monies.

2 Quotes have been received for the fence work. £6.5k/£12.5k. A third quote has been requested .

*Action CC/RW/JH*

**Memorial Plaque:** JRN contracts have donated to the Parish a Stone to be used for the memorial. This will be placed and concreted in location and the plaque progressed. A dedication event to be held once appropriate.

CW presents some suggestions to the PC in regard to the wording of the plaque. This is agreed on.

CW suggests adding specific personal details on to the website to record the history and memory of the people who served from the village, all agree this is a good sentiment. CW to progress with a brass plaque, oak backed with black letters.

RW/CW to purchase resin for protecting and securing the rocks in place at £100, proposed AD/DL all in favour.

*Action CW/RW*

**Preservation Orders:** The process being we request a tree preservation order, BDC review the trees and decide whether the criteria are met, a consultation is held and then the order passed.

The PC want to progress with this and require confirmation of costs and whether per tree or per application. BDC have been emailed and have responded: they require trees to be identified. This is discussed and agreed as being the trees on the Great North Road and the Playground. Clerk to progress.

*Action CC*

**The Parish Council are to look at costs for the placement of a portacabin which will act as a village hub on the playing field,** electricity costs, water/sewerage to be looked into and costs for the Portacabin. The installation of the Electricity supply is circa £1k plus additional amounts for a meter and trench works, The Water application /installation quote stands at £800 (Excluding Severn Trent connection fee). JH to contact an electrician for a schedule of works and quote to progress with the Electricity supply

*Action CW/JH/CC*

**Boundary Review:** CW has received an email from BDC which questions whether Torworth and Ranskill have discussed a boundary review in relation to the new development. Following a discussion, the PC agree this should be looked into and progressed. To be discussed at the next meeting.

**200+ bags of litter** have been picked up by the village warden.

**10/0321 PLANNING ISSUES DECLARED BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING**

- 21/00200/LBA | Install Bathroom, Replace Window(s), Door(s), Gutters, Stairs, Replace C20 Polystyrene Coving with Handmade Plaster, Repointing, General Masonry, Woodwork Repair and Replacement | Moat Farm Low Street Torworth Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 8NX - SUPPORT  
(Cllr J. Helliwell is placed in the waiting room whilst the planning application is discussed.)

FCC planning application – no further update.

**Determinations from previous Applications:**

- 20/00022/S36 | Outline Application with All Matters Reserved to Erect a Mix of Semi-Detached and Detached Dwellings | Land to West of Great North Road Torworth Retford Nottinghamshire- DISMISSED at appeal.

19/01653/FUL | Erect 20 Dwellings (A Mix of 3, 4, and 5 Bedroomed Properties) With Associated Parking and Access and the Provision of Communal Open Space | Land South of Ranskill Churchyard Great North Road Ranskill Retford Nottinghamshire

It is noted that Rose and Co were in breach of conditions as they removed hedges on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Within their construction plan it states that the asbestos roof should be removed which still hasn't been completed. BDC to be contacted for clarification of working hours. Concerns over the number of trees to be felled on the Great North road in relation to the development are raised and discussed. Clerk to contact planning to seek clarification on matters.

*Action CC*

**11/0321 – STREET NAME OBSERVATION**

None

**12/0321 CORRESPONDENCE AND CORRESPONDENCE TO BE CIRCULATED:**

- A resident has requested to film dog agility on the playing field. Dogs are currently prohibited from the field and pregnant Sheep are in close proximity. The PC discuss and agree that the request be refused due to Sheep. CW to reply.
- Various distributed throughout the month for review.

**13/0321 UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**

None

**14/0321 INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING & ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**15/0321: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The date of the next ordinary parish Council meeting is Tuesday, 6th April 2021 at 7pm.

Signed as a true record: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, or queries please contact the clerk on the below or a Parish Councillor direct.

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