

**MINUTES OF THE TAYNTON PARISH COUNCIL AGM**  
**Held on May 18th 2015 at 7.30p.m. in the Taynton Parish Rooms**

**PRESENT** M Hammond, K. Burry, Keith Marsh, David Sillince, Jason Smerdon, Jane Horne (District Council), Brian Robinson (County Councillor), Hilary Lyon the Village Agent), and 4 parishioners

**APOLOGIES**

**AGM**

**Election of Officers**

Chairman M Hammond, **Proposed KB, Seconded DS carried unanimously**

Vice Chair Jason Smerdon, **Proposed DS, Seconded KM carried unanimously**

Snow Wardens Mr J Griffiths and Mr R Cox. **Proposed KB, Seconded MH, carried unanimously**

**Chairman's Report** The Chairman presented his report for 2014/15. The Chairman thanked the outgoing councillors. During the year the council provided grants to and Huntley PCC, Taynton PCC, Taynton and Tibberton Village Hall, May Hill Village Hall, Taynton Parish Rooms and May Hill Methodist Rooms. 12 Planning applications in the Parish and 1 on the borders were considered with excellent support given by the County Councillor and District Councillor. The most contentious planning meeting concerned the Eco House on May Hill (May Hill Lodge).

**Adoption of Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014**

The minutes were passed unanimously. **Proposed KB, Seconded MH, carried unanimously**

**Annual Subscriptions**

GAPTC £108.34. **Proposed KM, Seconded JS. Carried unanimously**

**Annual Accounts**

The Clerk reported on the accounts for the year prior to submission to the internal auditor. A motion was passed to accept the accounts. **Proposed KB, Seconded DS. Carried unanimously**

**Charity Accounts**

Postponed until the next meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**PLANNING**

**Ballingers Place**

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

**May Hill Lodge**

Going to Appeal. The PC has been advised to lodge their original comments again with any additional comments.

**Other Matters Arising**

**Finance**

**Precept**

**Bank Accounts**

£2,500.00 has been paid by FoDDC  
Proposed new councillors would be signatories.  
**Proposed KB, Seconded MH. Carried unanimously**

**Millennium Fund**

Balances are as the yr end report.

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<b>Insurance</b>	The cost has stayed the same as the previous year at £144.59. <b>Proposed JS, Seconded DS. Carried unanimously</b>
<b>Clerk's Salary</b>	Was agreed to be maintained at the current level <b>Proposed KB, Seconded KM. Carried unanimously</b>
<b>Rural Broadband</b>	<b>MH</b> is registered as the Broadband Champion and up-dated the meeting. The scheme is now called "Fastershire" and is currently being rolled-out in the Forest of Dean using overhead cables rather than buried cables.
<b>Village Link</b>	<b>MH</b> will continue to provide an abbreviated copy to the Link.
<b>Grass Cutting</b>	<b>Hown Hall.</b> Geoff Urch has been retained as the contractor for this year.
<b>War Memorial</b>	This refers to the memorial in Taynton Churchyard. A small amount of funds/grants has been put in place. Estimates from a stone mason are in progress, before referring to the War Memorial Trust.
<b>Highways</b>	<p>Hown Hall junction signs have still not been erected. The County Councillor reported that he has been in contact with Highways to put the signs on the posts that have been erected and will be contacting them again. County Councillor suggested arranging another meeting with B Watkins from Highways.</p> <p>Road at May Hill – the change of contractor was noted and the road has still not been re-surfaced.</p> <p>Windford Bridge between Taynton and Tibberton is due to be re-built and a closure notice is in place.</p>
<b>Telephone Box Renovations</b>	<p>May Hill. The floor has been re-laid and the box repainted.</p> <p>Hown Hall. The floor has been cleaned, roof has been re-painted the total re-painting will have to wait until the door is mended in the summer.</p>
<b>New Matters</b>	
<b>Transparency Code</b>	The clerk gave a short explanation of the requirements of the code. KM suggested that the Taynton website could be the medium for achieving this either with a link to a facebook page or with a separate tab on the site.

**Community Covenant** The meeting discussed the proposed Covenant with the armed forces. The covenant's 2 principles are that:

- the armed forces community should not face disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services
- special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved

