

# TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL

## PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 July 2010 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

### **Present:**

Parish Councillors Ibbotson (Chairman), Cheshire (Vice Chairman), Farrall, Evans, Boyd and Wright. Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Councillor Wright. Parish Clerk. 6 Members of the Public.

**Open Forum:** Cllr. Ibbotson commented on an e-mail received from Paul Davies of Daisy Cottage, Huxley Lane, Tiverton. Mr Davies outlines the problems being caused by large lorries and trucks passing along Huxley Lane, often at speeds in excess of the 30mph speed limit. Mr Davies has also e-mailed CWAC Highways, stating that the ongoing vibration from large vehicles is causing structural problems at his property. He proposes the resurfacing of Huxley Lane to reduce the effects of vibration and the introduction of a mandatory 20mph speed limit.

Other residents present commented on the poor state of the road surface on Huxley Lane and the fact that vehicles are seen travelling in excess of the 30mph speed limit. It was also commented that concealed driveways do not aid driver visibility at a number of locations along Huxley Lane. A suggestion that Community Speed Checks be revisited is to be taken forward. **Action Point 1 – Parish Clerk to draft a letter to Kieron Collins at CWAC pointing out the poor state of the road surface on Huxley Lane and the structural problems being experienced by a number of residents. Action Point 2 – Parish Clerk to liaise with Derek Bowker regarding future use of SID and Speed Gun.**

It was also commented that the speed limit on the A49 has not been reduced to 30mph as originally planned. Cllr. Cheshire outlined the reasons given by CWAC in January 2010 for the retention of the current limit of 40mph – lack of evidence of serious accident risk and the low number of properties adjacent to the road within the village. The Parish Councils' opposition to this stance has been recorded with CWAC.

It was noted that the new entry sign into Tiverton on the northbound A49 bears the legend Tiverton, with no mention made of the hamlet of Beeston Brook. Similarly there is no signage to depict the start of Brassey Green when heading westward on Huxley Lane. **Action Point 3 – Cllr. Cheshire to take forward these two issues with Jamie Barron at CWAC.**

Comment was made that the traffic lights at the Four Lane End junction do not include a pedestrian phase. This makes crossing the roads on foot hazardous. Additionally, it is thought that the current phasing allows insufficient time to clear traffic turning right from both directions on the A51. **Action Point 4 – Parish Clerk to contact Kieron Collins at CWAC on this issue.**

It was noted that some of the lettering on the Tiverton War Memorial is now fading. **Action Point 5 – Parish Clerk to liaise with War Memorials Trust to apply for funding and to source a suitable contractor.**

It was noted that the verges along Townfield Lane are becoming overgrown. **Action Point 6 – Parish Clerk to enquire of Jamie Barron at CWAC when the next scheduled cut is anticipated.**

The re-boarding of the Village Hall loft storage has now been completed and the Parish Council records have been re-sited within the storage area. There remains additional space for the storage of further records.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from CWAC Cllrs. Jones and Ritchie.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest made.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 May 2010:-** Were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Cheshire. Seconded by Cllr. Evans) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising: Planning Application 10/11227/FUL in respect of 2 Townfield Lane** – The usual Planning Application papers were obtained from CWAC prior to a site visit on 21 May 2010. The only change to the original Application concerns a technicality regarding the use of the old foundations. The property itself is as per the Permission already in place. At the request of CWAC Cllr. Jones the Application was referred to the CWAC Planning Board, which met on 22 June 2010 and approved the Application with conditions attached (written details, when received from CWAC, will be held on file). On a separate matter it was noted that there is currently water leaking from just inside the boundary of the property and spilling out onto adjacent roads. **Action Point 7 – Parish Clerk to advise CWAC Planning/United Utilities of the situation.**

Proposed Erection of Village Sign – Cllr. Cheshire advised that he has obtained quotations of broadly £2,500/3,000 for the manufacture of an engraved metal sign depicting local landmarks. As this is in excess of the previously anticipated figure of £2,000, Cllr. Cheshire will make enquiries as to the availability of Grant Funding,

including National Lottery and WREN. **Action Point 8 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Village Entry Signs – The Parish Clerk advised that contact had been made with Jamie Barron at CWAC Highways regarding the location of one of the signs on the entry to Tilstone Fearnall. A subsequent site inspection concluded that the sign is correctly positioned and that it is not a hazard to traffic.

Consultation Documents in respect of “Chester Central – A New Business Quarter for a World Class City” – Cllr. Cheshire advised that he had read the Documents and felt that no comments were necessary from the Parish Council

**5. Homewatch and Police Report:** Roger Blake gave a report focusing on trailer thefts, scrap metal thefts, badger baiting and various scams targeted at home owners to extract either money or personal financial details. A copy of the written report is held on file.

**6. Planning Applications:** 10/11341/FUL – Entrance porch to front, single-story garden room extension to rear and alterations – Laurel Bank, Whitchurch Road, Beeston. No objections raised. Notice of Permission to proceed subsequently received. 10/11310/FUL – Brook House. Notice of Permission to proceed received.

#### **7. Correspondence:**

- a) Various Homewatch Bulletins dated June and July 2010.
- b) E-mail dated 25 June 2010 from CWAC relating to the Cheshire West and Chester Affordable Warmth Strategy 2010-2013: Draft for Information and Consultation. **Action Point 9 – Cllr. Ibbotson to review and provide any appropriate feedback to CWAC.**
- c) E-mail dated 29 June 2010 from CWAC relating to the Run England Initiative.
- d) Details of Representatives to The Parish Council Area Programme Board in the CWAC Authority Area.
- e) Circular from ChALC relating to Rural Women’s Day on 18 October 2010.
- f) Note from ChALC relating to Motions raised at the 2009 Annual Meeting.
- g) E-mail from CWAC dated 1 July 2010 relating to Consultation on the “CWAC 10 Year Capital Vision”. Includes details of a Launch Event scheduled for 8.45pm on 21 July 2010 at CWAC HQ Building, 58 Nicholas Street, Chester. Cllr. Ibbotson will attend.
- h) E-mail from CPRE relating to an “Evening with David Bellamy” at Eaton Hall on Tuesday 14 September 2010.
- i) CWAC Overview and Scrutiny Committee “Lion’s Roar” Journal Issue 2.
- j) VRDS Disability Newsletter dated July 2010.
- k) Letter dated 7 June 2010 from CWAC relating to Concessionary Travel. Leaflet for display also enclosed.
- l) ChALC Newsletter dated July 2010.

**8 and 9. Financial Report and Accounts for Payment:** The Financial Report dated 13 July 2010 was unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Farrall. Seconded by Cllr. Evans). The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £4,565.95 Credit. £4,077.68 of this sum is held on an immediate access interest bearing account. There are no budgetary concerns arising.

The following Payments were authorised:

Harold Withe – July and August 2010 - £174.44, less Income Tax.

Phil Sanders – July and August 2010 - £113.37, less Income Tax.

Cheshire Community Action (Subscription) - £20.00.

Audit Commission – Audit Fee - £141.00.

Armitage Systems Ltd – Newsletter Printing - £25.50.

Phil Sanders – Expenses - £20.38.

£1,000.00 is to be transferred from Deposit Account to Current Account.

The Audit Commissioner has returned the Annual Return without comment.

**10. Any Other Business:** Cllr. Cheshire enquired whether the Parish Council would add its' support to a proposal to stage a Barn Dance in the Village Hall towards the end of Summer. Councillors agreed to help publicise the event and to sell tickets, but every effort should be made to ensure that costs be contained in line with the affordable ticket price so as to at least break-even. Councillors also asked whether the Village Society may help with up front funding and off-setting any losses that may result. **Action Point 10 – Cllr. Cheshire to update Councillors as and when arrangements have been finalised.**

**11. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 14 September 2010 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Advance apologies received from Cllr. Wright.

The Meeting Closed at 8.57pm.