

# TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL

## PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 May 2012 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Parish Councillors Ibbotson (Chairman), Farrall, Byrd, Turner, Hocknell and Wright. Parish Clerk. 4 members of the Public.

**Open Forum:** Alan Mottram asked whether a Memorial Stone, commemorating the life of his late Wife, could be placed in the garden area at the front of the Village Hall. Steve Armitage, speaking as a Village Hall Management Committee Member, confirmed that he would place the request before the Committee at its next meeting in July.

Aubrey Lee enquired whether the Parish Council had been approached regarding his offer to fund a Traffic Activated Speed Sign on the A49. The Parish Clerk confirmed that Cllr. Cheshire had been liaising with CWAC Highways on the matter. See further comments under Section 7.

Aubrey Lee also commented that the Tiverton village entry sign approaching Four Lane Ends from Eaton has been vandalised with paint. **Action Point 1 – Parish Clerk to report to CWAC Highways.**

Phyllis Armitage advised that she has registered the Village under the AA's Nationwide Litter Pick Scheme. A Registered Survey will be undertaken in the near future.

Steve Armitage gave an update on possible improvements to the Village Hall costing £26,000. This will cover refurbishments both indoor and outdoor. The Village Hall Management Committee has funding available and has outline agreement from WREN for substantial support. One of WREN's support conditions will be to have c. £2,600 of funding available from third parties. Accordingly, Mr Armitage enquired whether the Parish Council would consider contributing towards the funding. See later comments under Any Other Business.

Steve Armitage enquired whether the Parish Council was aware of the proposed Development in Beeston for 28 low-cost homes on the site of the Beeston Castle Hotel. The Parish Clerk confirmed that Members are aware of the proposals but that, as yet, the Parish Council has not received a Planning Application to comment upon. Steve Armitage, supported by Cllr. Ibbotson, passed on details of anticipated Broadband upgrades outlined in a meeting earlier today at Malpas. There are various initiatives currently underway designed to ensure that Broadband Speeds increase dramatically in rural areas. More details are to follow, but some improvements are planned within the next twelve months. National and Local Government funding is in place to bring about the proposed improvements.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Cheshire.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. Farrall, as a Village Hall Management Committee member, declared a non-fiduciary interest in any discussions relating to funding for Village Hall Improvements.

**3. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:** Cllr. Ibbotson was elected as Chairman for the year 2012/13 (Proposed by Cllr. Byrd. Seconded by Cllr. Farrall). Cllr. Cheshire was elected as Vice Chairman for the year 2012/13 (Proposed by Cllr. Ibbotson. Seconded by Cllr. Hocknell). A new Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr. Ibbotson. A similar Document will be held over for Cllr. Cheshire to sign at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2012:-** Were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Farrall. Seconded by Cllr. Turner) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**5. Matters Arising:** 2 Townfield Lane – The Parish Clerk confirmed that the request for Planning Permission has again been referred to the Parish Council, following resubmission by the Applicant. The CWAC Planning Officer handling the case, Liz Snead, has verbally confirmed that the boundary issue has been satisfactorily addressed. Written confirmation of this has been sought. The Parish Council has again stated its views on other aspects of the Application, including siting of the driveway entrance; removal of verges on Townfield Lane, with knock-on effects on parking in the vicinity; removal of trees and hedges; replacement of boundary wall. No formal response has yet been passed down from CWAC Planning Department.

Business Advertising Sign at The Gables, Whitchurch Road – The Parish Clerk confirmed that CWAC Planning Enforcement have acknowledged receipt of the letter dated 21 March 2012. A response is promised within three months. **Action Point 2 – Parish Clerk to monitor receipt of feedback from CWAC.**

Business Being Operated from Tiverton Hall Farm – The Parish Clerk confirmed that CWAC Planning Enforcement have acknowledged receipt of the letter dated 21 March 2012. A response is promised within three months. **Action Point 3 – Parish Clerk to monitor receipt of feedback from CWAC.**

Broxton Wards Parish Conference – Cllrs. Farrall and Byrd attended the Meeting held at Tattenhall on 29 March 2012. Main focus was on Neighbourhood Plans.

West Cheshire Together LSP Network Event – The Parish Clerk attended the Meeting at Winsford on 19 April 2012. The event focused on the Altogether Better Programme. A report, accompanied by handouts, is held on file.

Mr & Mrs J Mrozik – Land at Moss Farm, Tiverton Heath – Since the last Parish Council Meeting the Mroziks have won their High Court Case and Mr Houghton will be ordered to pull down the temporary agricultural buildings he has used as part of his

Chicken Farm. Cllr. Ibbotson, as Chairman, wrote to the Mroziks commenting that the Parish Council will support any action required to ensure that the wishes of the Court are fully enforced. Correspondence also covered the role of former Parish Councillor Peter Evans during his time on the Parish Council, specifically as a member of the Planning Committee. It was stressed that the Parish Council, as a body, has been fully supportive of the Mroziks throughout their efforts to have the unlawful buildings removed.

**6. Village/Neighbourhood Plan:** First meeting of the Working Group has been arranged for 22 May 2012.

**7. Vehicle Activated Speed Sign on A49:** As previously noted an unnamed local individual has offered to cover the cost of placing a Vehicle Activated Sign on the A49 in the vicinity of the junction with Huxley Lane (travelling towards Beeston). Cllr. Cheshire has met with Kay Parry (KP) from CWAC Highways and been advised that the total cost of the sign, including installation is £5,000. KP has asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute £500 towards the overall costs. After discussion it was agreed (Proposed by Cllr. Ibbotson. Seconded by Cllr. Byrd) to support to the level of £500. **Action Point 4 – Parish Clerk to advise KP at CWAC Highways of the financial contribution agreed.**

**8. Planning Applications:** 11/05752/FUL – 2 Townfield Lane, Tiverton – see comments in Section 4 Matters Arising.

12/00621/FUL – Two storey rear extension (demolition of existing lean to extension), internal alterations, alterations to windows/doors and reinstatement of previous driveway and creation of new parking area to front – Ferney Lees Farm, Pudding Lane, Tiverton. No objections. Permission subsequently granted.

12/01094/FUL – Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian and construction of stable – Land opposite Marl House, Pudding Lane, Tiverton. No objections. Permission subsequently granted.

12/01914/FUL – Change of use of the land as a campsite/caravan site – Shady Oak, Bates Mill Lane, Tiverton. **Action Point 5 – Planning Committee to review the Application and respond to CWAC.**

12/00514/EXT – Extension of time to 09/10580/FUL (single storey garden room extension and first floor extension) – Sequoia, Gardenhurst, Tiverton. Permission granted.

12/00795/FUL – Part demolition of existing redundant farmhouse with new two storey rear extension – Oaktree Cottage, Nantwich Road, Tarporley. Permission granted.

## **9. Correspondence:**

a). E-mail dated 25 April 2012 from ChALC relating to updated Code of Conduct. It was agreed to adopt the following Resolution as regards the pending new Code of Conduct. “In principle, with effect from the date of coming into force of Section 27 of

the Localism Act 2011, the Council resolves that the Code of Conduct adopted by Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council be adopted as this Council's Code of Conduct, on the basis that references in the Code to Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council's register are to this Council's register".

b). Letter dated 1 May 2012 from Bunbury Parochial Charities seeking a Trustee.

**Action Point 6 – Cllr. Ibbotson to pass the letter on to Cllr. Byrd, who had left the meeting by the time the letter was discussed.**

c). E-mail dated 25 April 2012 from ChALC seeking support for an Early Day House of Commons motion seeking the right for Town and Parish Councils to appeal Planning Decisions. A letter supporting the motion has been sent to S O'Brien MP.

d). Various CWAC Members Briefings.

e). Clerk and Councils Direct Journal May 2012.

f). Altogether Better Weekly Update 7. Future updates are now available via CWAC Web Site only.

## **10. Financial Report and Accounts for Payment**

The Financial Report dated 15 May 2012 was unanimously approved. (Proposed by Cllr. Ibbotson. Seconded by Cllr. Turner).

The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £5,583.71 Credit, of which £2,580.01 is held on Deposit Account. There are no issues of concern as regards budgetary targets being met.

Gordon Forsyth has completed the Annual Internal Audit and no concerns have been highlighted. The Annual Report to the Audit Commission, which is not currently to hand, will be signed as appropriate, including the Governance Statement, and posted on.

Accounts for Payment:-

Phil Sanders – Clerks' Gross Salary - £113.37, for both May and June 2012.

Phil Sanders – Clerks' Expenses - £43.97.

ChALC – Annual Subscription - £130.50.

Cheshire Community Action – Annual Subscription - £20.00.

Armitage Systems – Newsletter Printing - £26.04.

Steve Armitage - Web Site Hosting Fees - £35.99.

Moulton Parish Council – Share of Stationery costs - £4.25.

## **11. Any Other Business**

It was agreed (Proposed by Cllr. Ibbotson. Seconded by Cllr. Wright) to make a Donation of £600 towards the proposed refurbishments at the Village Hall (as outlined earlier in the Open Forum). Additionally, it was agreed to approach CWAC Cllr. Jones to see if he has funds available from his Local Budget to further support. **Action Point 7 – Cllr. Ibbotson to liaise with Cllr. Jones.**

It was noted that there has been further damage to the fence adjacent to the vehicle turning area at the junction of the A49 and Huxley Lane. Cllr. Cheshire has reported

this latest incident to CWAC Cllr. Jones and CWAC Highways Department and a response is awaited.

Cllr. Wright commented that Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday this year and suggested that the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony be held on Saturday 10 November 2012. This was agreed.

Cllr. Farrall advised that she has arranged for the village to take delivery of 60 young trees as part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Discussions are to follow as to the placement of the saplings around the village.

**12. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 17 July 2012 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting Closed at 9.13pm.