

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 September 2012 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Ibbotson (Chairman), Cheshire (Vice Chairman), Farrall, Turner and Hocknell. Parish Clerk. 4 Members of the Public.

Open Forum: Steve Armitage referred to an e-mail from Ashlea Morris of Tarporley relating to the poor state of sections of Footpath 26. Ms Morris's e-mail was forwarded on to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC) who responded direct, commenting that the footpath had already received its' annual cutback and that lack of funds prevented a further maintenance visit this financial year. Mr Armitage wished to ensure that the Parish Council was aware of CWAC's response.

Steve Armitage also commented that it is understood that a Landowner may be looking to close part of Footpath 20 in the vicinity of Townfield Lane. Again, the information was noted.

Mr and Mrs John Mrozik wished to thank the Parish Council for its support during their long running Court Case against Mr Houghton. They commented that, in their view, certain aspects of the Court Order made against Mr Houghton were not been fully complied with. These issues have been reported to both the Police and CWAC Enforcement. Furthermore, they feel that Public Footpath 16 has been blocked off by Mr Houghton. **Action Point 1 – Parish Clerk to contact Richard Ankers at CWAC asking him to refer to Mr and Mrs Mrozik direct over the Footpath issue.**

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Byrd and Wright.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2012:- Were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Farrall. Seconded by Cllr. Hocknell) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Matters Arising: Traffic Activated Speed Sign - Parish Clerk re-confirmed that the sign has been agreed by CWAC and that it is earmarked for installation within the current financial year. CWAC will Invoice the Parish Council for £500 at the time of set up. **Action Point 2 – Parish Clerk to contact CWAC Highways prior to next Parish Council Meeting for an update.**

Turning Area at Junction of A49 and Huxley Lane – CWAC Highways have proposed a scheme effectively creating a one-way system through the northern half of

the turning circle, with traffic only allowed to travel in a northerly/upward direction. To augment this traffic will only be allowed to park on the north-eastern/right hand side of the lay-by adjacent to Cedar Bank – lines and signage will be put in place. The Parish Council has agreed to this suggestion and a Traffic Regulatory Order will soon be commenced (Public Consultation being the first step). The whole process should take 8 months maximum. **Action Point 3 - Parish Clerk to contact CWAC Highways prior to next Parish Council Meeting for an update.**

Business Advertising Sign at The Gables, Whitchurch Road – CWAC advise that they have sought permanent removal of the sign. It is still in place. **Action Point 4 – Parish Clerk to advise CWAC Planning Enforcement.**

Business Being Operated from Tiverton Hall Farm – CWAC advise that they are monitoring the situation. Technically there may have been breaches of planning permission with regard to the collecting and dropping off of vehicles, although this might be considered ancilliary to the approved office use. It was agreed to leave the issue with CWAC for further monitoring.

New Code of Conduct – the previously circulated revised Code of Conduct was adopted by the Parish Council (Proposed by Cllr. Ibbotson. Seconded by Cllr. Cheshire). Notification of Interest Forms are required within the next three weeks from all Parish Councillors . **Action Point 5 – Parish Councillors to forward completed Notification of Interest Forms to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.** **Action Point 6 - Parish Clerk to forward completed Notification of Interests Forms to ChALC when all to hand.**

Delivery of CWAC Produced Newspapers/Information Material - CWAC have advised that both Villages are now included on delivery routes. No Councillors can recall receiving any materials since the last Parish Council Meeting. **Action Point 7 – Parish Clerk to advise Selina Simpson at CWAC accordingly.**

5. Village/Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Cheshire advised that talks are still ongoing with neighbouring villages regarding the possible creation of a combined Neighbourhood Plan - the next Meeting is scheduled for 19 September 2012. At the next Parish Council Meeting Councillors will decide how they wish to proceed on this issue – collaborate on a Joint Plan, or stand alone. In any event a Resolution will require passing confirming that the Parish Council wishes to apply to CWAC for a Neighbourhood Plan Area to be agreed. Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will also need to be formally agreed. **Action Point 8 – Parish Clerk to include on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.**

The Parish Clerk advised that CWAC have published a Consultation Document entitled Local Plan: Preferred Policy Directions. This sets out the subject areas that CWAC feel should be included in the CWAC Local Plan, which is intended for adoption in 2014. Feedback is sought on this Document by 12 November 2012. **Action Point 9 – all Councillors to review the Consultation Document with feedback to CWAC, if appropriate, agreed in advance of the next Parish Council Meeting.**

6. Planning Applications: 12/03280/FUL – Fairhaven, Huxley Lane, Tiverton – Raise roof height to create first floor accommodation and extensions. No objections. Notice of Approval subsequently received.

12/03386/FUL – The Gables, Whitchurch Road, Beeston – first floor extension over existing buildings. No objections.

12/03375/FUL – The Coach House, Tilstone Paddocks, Tilstone Bank Road, Tilstone Fearnall – install roof light to rear. No objections.

12/01914/FUL – Shady Oak, Bates Mill Lane, Chester – change of use of the land as a camp site/caravan site. Notice of Approval received.

Beeston Castle Public House Proposed Development – the Parish Council has been made aware of this development. To date no Planning Application has been referred by CWAC for comment.

Beeston Fuel Depot Proposed Development – an initial meeting including representatives from Beeston and Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Councils, along with the Developers Agent, has been arranged for 27 September 2012. It is hoped that CWAC Cllr. Mike Jones will also be able to attend. Further details of any proposed development will be known following this meeting.

7. Correspondence:

a). E-mail dated 21 August 2012 from Graham Marsden relating to Homewatch messages.

b). E-mail dated 21 August 2012 from Ashlea Rogers relating to the poor condition of FP26 around the vicinity of Birch Heath. This e-mail was referred direct to CWAC who responded direct to Ms. Rogers. See comments under Open Forum.

c). Letter dated 29 August 2012 from Audit Commission confirming that BDO LLP will become External Auditors for five years from 2012/3.

d). ChALC Newsletter dated August 2012.

e). CWAC Partnerships West Journals dated July, August and September 2012.

f). CWAC Bulletin for Local Councils dated August 2012.

g). E-mail dated 10 September from CWAC including Notes of Partnerships Network Event held at Ellesmere Port on 26 July 2012.

h). Engage – Issue 16/2012.

i). Clerks and Councils Direct Journal - September 2012.

j). Leaflet detailing Chester RSPB Events in Autumn 2012.

k). ChALC Survey regarding Land Use over the Next 20 Years.

8. Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

The Financial Report dated 24 September 2012 was unanimously approved. (Proposed by Cllr. Cheshire. Seconded by Cllr. Farrall).

The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £4,440.76 Credit, of which £4,080.27 is held on Deposit Account. £500 is to be transferred from Deposit Account

to Current Account to aid cash flow. **Action Point 10 – Parish Clerk to prepare letter for signing and posting on to Bank.**

There are no issues of concern as regards budgetary targets being met.

Previously approved expenditure, totalling £1,100, for the Vehicle Activated Sign and towards Village Hall Refurbishment Costs will be met from Reserves.

The Audit Commission returned the Annual Audit Papers without comment.

Accounts for Payment:-

Phil Sanders – Clerks’ Gross Salary - £113.37, for both September and October 2012.

Phil Sanders – Clerks’ Expenses - £21.85.

Armitage Systems Limited – Newsletter Printing - £26.04.

Audit Commission – Annual Audit Fee - £60.00

Retrospective:-

Broker Network Limited – Insurance Renewal Premium - £386.01

9. Any Other Business

Cllrs. Ibbotson and Cheshire highlighted the fact that the new Waste/Recycling Collection System becomes operative on 8 October 2012. It would appear that information packs explaining the system in detail have not been received by some households. Any queries relating to the new system, including issues relating to pick up points, should be directed to CWAC Streetscene via enquiries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or by calling 0300 123 7 026.

Cllr. Farrall commented that the Public Seat on Pudding Lane has been restored and is now looking in better condition than for many years and is fully serviceable.

Cllr. Ibbotson commented that Broadband Speeds in the Brassey Green area have improved markedly in recent weeks due to a neighbour investing in new technology, independent of the BT landline network. An increase in speeds within the village was also noted.

10. Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 November 2012 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting Closed at 9.02pm.