

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2014 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Ibbotson (Chairman), Cheshire (Vice Chairman), Farrall, Byrd, Mould, Hocknell and Turner. Parish Clerk. 3 members of the public.

Open Forum: Jean Toyn advised that the Village Day is set to be held in late June 2015, linking in with “The Big Lunch” initiative. The aim is to create a Fun Day for all of the family. Food and drink will be available, with live music possibly a feature.

Jean Toyn also commented that Malpas has recently become a “Dementia Friendly Village” under the Dementia Friends Initiative. She offered to make a Presentation to the Parish Council on the aims and objectives of the initiative.

Roger Blake thanked the Parish Council for its support in pressing for the recent resurfacing of sections of Huxley Lane and the clearing of blocked drainage channels. He asked whether the Parish Council would approach CWAC Highways to enquire whether a kerb could be added to the same length of roadway. **Action Point 1 – Parish Clerk to approach CWAC Highways.**

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Wright and CWAC Cllr. Jones.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2014:- Were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Mould. Seconded by Cllr. Byrd) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Matters Arising: Advertising Signs at The Gables, Whitchurch Road - CWAC Planning have confirmed that the signs do not conform to current guidelines. They have been removed.

Liaison with Beeston Parish Council following Governance Review - Cllr. Ibbotson has spoken with the Chairman of Beeston Parish Council regarding possible merger of the two Councils in the future. It has been agreed to review matters again after the May 2015 Elections.

Hiring Out of Land at Brassey Green Baptist Chapel – CWAC Planning Enforcement has advised the Pastor (Rev. Willis) that Planning Permission is required for the grounds to be hired out for camping purposes.

Notice Board – Cllr. Mould confirmed that Mr Norris has been asked to manufacture the Board at the agreed price of £916 + VAT. It will have a wooden frame with lockable doors. The words “Parish Notice Board” will be affixed to the top. The back board will be white and magnetic, thus alleviating the need for pins to support display items. **Action Point 2 – Cllr. Mould to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

5. Neighbourhood Plan Update: Cllr. Cheshire advised that Cheshire Community Action (Sarah Baron) has been asked to progress the Plan following receipt of guidance comments from CWAC. They are initially looking at creating a Vision and Objectives Statement and another Household Survey focusing on the future housing requirements of individual families.

Further down the road they will formulate Policy Wordings and help to prepare the Plan itself prior to scrutiny by CWAC.

Any unused Grant Funding (see later comments under s.9 Finance Report) has to be repaid at the end of this year. However, alternative funding sources have emerged to cover any expenditure incurred post 2014.

Action Point 3 – Cllr. Cheshire and the Parish Clerk to continue liaising with Cheshire Community Action to progress the creation of the Plan.

6. Planning Applications: i).14/04194/CAT – felling of Douglas Fir and Norwegian Spruce – Rose Cottage, Huxley Lane. No objections.

ii). 14/03976/PMB – change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house and for associated operational development – Building adjacent to Daisy Bank Cottage, Huxley Lane. Letter of objection lodged with CWAC Planning.

iii). 14/04267/FUL – removal of a window and installation of sliding doors in the garage, new windows and flue for wood burning stove in garage roof – The Clock House, Tilstone Paddocks. No objections.

iv).14/03872/FUL – demolition of outbuildings and construction of new two storey extension. Replacement of front porch and new detached garage and workshop with associated new parking/turning area – Stages Platt, Winterford Lane. No objections.

8. Correspondence to Review:

a). Letter dated 15 October 2014 from CWAC relating to Grant Assistance for Churchyard Grounds Maintenance. A Grant Request is to be submitted in respect of

grounds maintenance at St Judes Church, Tilstone Fearnall. **Action Point 4 – Parish Clerk to apply for a Grant of £240.**

b). Cheshire Community Action – details of AGM on 19 November 2014.

c). Leaflets from CWAC relating to Fostering within the borough.

d). Letter dated 1 October 2014 from CWAC relating to Local Plan (Part 2) Land Allocations and detailed Policies – Sites and Services Survey. **Action Point 5 – Parish Clerk to respond to CWAC stating that, with the Neighbourhood Plan not yet finalised, the Parish Council does not wish to identify any specific sites at this point in time.**

e). Clerks and Councils Direct journal dated November 2014.

9. Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

The Financial Report dated 11 November 2014 was unanimously approved. (Proposed by Cllr. Cheshire. Seconded by Cllr. Turner).

The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £9,445.58 Credit, of which £3,103.34 is held on Deposit Account. £5,221.50 is ring-fenced for Neighbourhood Plan expenditure.

Payments Approved:-

Phil Sanders – Clerks’ Gross Salary - £117.12, for both November and December 2014.

ChALC – Training Courses - £60.00

Phil Sanders – Clerks’ Expenses - £20.76

Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath Donation - £30.00

Quadriga Ltd have confirmed that the current Insurance Cover Level for the War Memorial is adequate.

The Parish Clerk will present a Draft Budget for 2015/6 at the January 2015 Parish Council Meeting. **Action Point 6 – Parish Clerk to prepare Draft Budget for 2015/6**

10. Any Other Business: Cllr. Byrd commented that the junction of the A51 and Tilstone Brook Lane is poorly lit. He wonders whether there is a case for improved street lighting. **Action Point 7 – Parish Clerk to raise the issue with CWAC Highways.**

Additionally, Cllr. Byrd commented on erosion of the verges by large vehicles, specifically Refuse Collection Wagons, on Mill Lane and Tilstone Bank. His view is that the presence of kerbing would help to alleviate the problem. **Action Point 8 – Parish Clerk to raise with CWAC Highways.**

Cllr. Farrell commented that the Public Telephone Box adjacent to the War Memorial is not working and that the Box itself is in need of repair. **Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to refer the situation to BT.**

Cllr. Cheshire commented that the grassed area around the War Memorial is being cut up due to vehicles driving over the land. He has spoken with the local residents, advising that bollards and chain linking will be put in place should matters not improve.

Cllr. Cheshire also commented that the recommendations of the Community Governance Review will come into effect from 1 April 2015. The major impact will see the separate Parishes of Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall merged. Additionally, a small number of outlying properties will switch over to neighbouring Parishes.

Cllr. Mould commented that the Public Bench adjacent to the A49 is in a poor state of repair. This will be repaired and repainted by Cllr. Cheshire in the near future.

Cllr. Mould advised that he recently attended a Police/Fire Service organised “Community Road Safety Event”. Of most relevance to the Tiverton/Tilstone Fearnall Area is a volunteer led initiative aimed at tracking speeds at key locations. Should the Parish Council decide to monitor speeds at specific “hot spots” the equipment/support can be accessed via the PCSO.

Cllr. Farrall advised that the Carol Service will be held at Tiverton Methodist Chapel on the afternoon of 17 December 2014.

11. Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 January 2015 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.