

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2015 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Ibbotson (Chairman), Cheshire (Vice Chairman), Farrall, Byrd and Turner. Parish Clerk. CWAC Cllr. Mike Jones. 1 member of the public.

1. Open Forum:

Steve Armitage advised that the footpath adjacent to the A49, in the vicinity of Gardenhurst, is highly slippery at present – cut grass and leaves require removal.

Action Point 1 – the Parish Clerk will ask CWAC Highways to undertake a sweep.

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs. Mould, Hocknell and Wright. No Declarations of Interest were made.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2014:

Were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Farrall. Seconded by Cllr. Cheshire) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Matters Arising, other than covered elsewhere on the Agenda:

Provision of Kerbing on Huxley Lane – CWAC were asked if they would consider adding kerbing to the recently resurfaced areas of Huxley Lane. They have responded commenting that kerbs are usually only added when there is a footway behind, for safety reasons or there is a localised drainage issue. They have offered to look at any specific location where it is felt the provision of a kerb would be beneficial.

Additionally, they have agreed to look at adding “edge of carriageway” lines if this would help to clearly delineate the road edges.

Notice Board – an update will be sought from the manufacturer, Mr Norris. It was agreed that the new Board will be put in place in Spring, once the weather has improved. **Action Point 2 – Parish Clerk to seek an update from Mr Norris.**

Churchyard Grant for St Judes Church – following application, CWAC have approved a Grant of £240 and a cheque has been forwarded on to the Parish Clerk. **Action Point 3 – Parish Clerk to forward the Cheque on to the Church.**

Lighting at Junction of A51 and Tilstone Brook Lane – CWAC were asked if they would consider installing additional lighting at the junction. They have replied stating that at present there is no budget for such works. However, they have added that the request will be kept on file and considered as and when funds are available.

Verge Damage on Mill Lane and Tilstone Bank – CWAC were asked to consider kerbing to help reduce verge damage by large vehicles. This was declined as the primary problem is road width – adding a kerb would not help to make passing points more manageable.

Public Telephone Box on Huxley Lane – following a phone request for an engineer visit, the line is now operative and the box itself has been tidied.

5. Planning Issues:

i).14/04983/FUL – single storey rear extension and single storey side extension including new garage (demolition of existing side extension) – Rose Cottage, Huxley Lane. No objections.

ii). 14/05139/LBC - single storey rear extension and single storey side extension including new garage (demolition of existing side extension) – Rose Cottage, Huxley Lane. No objections.

iii). 14/04194/CAT – felling of Douglas Fir and Norwegian Spruce – Rose Cottage, Huxley Lane. Application Approved.

iv). 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. Application Approved.

v).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. Application Approved.

vi). 14/04652/LBC – replace top end lock gates with traditional planked and framed timber lock gates – Tilstone Fearnall Lock, Tilstone Bank Road. Application Approved.

Cllr. Cheshire referred to the fact that the new homes on the former Beeston Castle Hotel site are much closer to the A49 than was previously indicated when Outline Planning Permission was granted. As a result he queried whether Air Quality Levels need to be checked. **Action Point 4 – Cllr. Cheshire to take forward with CWAC Environmental Health.**

6. Neighbourhood Plan Update:

Cllr. Cheshire and the Parish Clerk advised that Cheshire Community Action have now provided a Draft Vision Statement and a Draft Household Survey Form. The revised Vision Statement is excellent and will be included in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Subject to one minor amendment the Household Survey will shortly be ready for printing. Once to hand it will be distributed to every household across the three villages. Every effort will be made to ensure that the number of completed Surveys is as high as possible.

Unused Grant Funding, totalling £3,293.10 has to be repaid by the end of this financial year. However, alternative funding sources will shortly be announced to cover any expenditure incurred post 2014.

The Parish Clerk is to meet with Cheshire Wildlife Trust to see what information they can provide to support Environmental aspects of the Plan.

7. Correspondence Received Requiring Discussion:

- a). Letter dated 4 December 2014 from CWAC confirming that a New Homes Bonus of £64 is payable for the Financial Year 2014/5. This has been paid directly into the Bank Account.
- b). Cheshire Community Action – details of Best Kept Village competition in 2015.
- c). Leaflets from Chester RSPB Group relating to forthcoming Meetings.
- d). Tarporley War Memorial Hospital Newsletter Christmas 2014.
- e). Clerks and Councils Direct Journal dated January 2015.
- f). Cheshire Archives Newsletter dated Autumn 2014.
- g). Letter dated 6 January 2015 from the Police and Crime Commissioner relating to a Meeting with Town and Parish Councils at Weaverham on Tuesday 27 January 2015.

8. Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

The Financial Report dated 13 January 2015 was unanimously approved. (Proposed by Cllr. Cheshire. Seconded by Cllr. Ibbotson).

The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £7,236.44 Credit, of which £3,103.50 is held on Deposit Account. £3,293.10 is ring-fenced for Neighbourhood Plan expenditure and will be repaid by the end of the current Financial Year (see Section 6).

It was agreed to increase the Clerks Hourly Rate of Pay from £9.009 per hour to £9.551 per hour with immediate effect. A Lump Sum Payment of £8 is also due. This increase/payment is in line with the recommendations issued by the National Association of Local Councils.

The Draft Budget for 2015/6 was reviewed and agreed. This will see Precept funding increase from £3,000 to £3,050 (1.7%). **Action Point 4 – Parish Clerk to send the Precept Request Form back to CWAC by the end of January.**

Payments Approved:-

Phil Sanders – Clerks' Gross Salary - £132.16 for January 2015 and £124.16 for February 2015.

Cheshire Community Action – Neighbourhood Plan Support - £1,928.40.

Phil Sanders – Clerks' Expenses – £15.36

9. Reports from Councillors and the Parish Clerk:

The Parish Clerk advised that the Boundary Changes and merger of the two civil Parishes, as outlined in the Community Governance Review, will come into place from 1 April 2015. Effect on the Parish Population is negligible and there are no assets to transfer.

Cllr. Ibbotson commented on the increased level of litter around the village and Cllr. Cheshire added that grass verges are not cut as often as previously indicated. **Action Point 5 – the Parish Clerk will refer the problems to CWAC Streetscene.**

Cllr. Cheshire commented that the proposed 30mph on the A49, through the centre of the village, has not yet been implemented. **Action Point 6 – the Parish Clerk will seek an update from CWAC Highways.**

Cllrs. Ibbotson, Farrall and Byrd wish to be nominated to attend the Queen's Garden Party. **Action Point 7 – Parish Clerk to put nominations forward to ChALC.**

Cllr. Ibbotson commented that the requested levelling of land in the vicinity of the Beeston Fuel Tanks has not been undertaken. CWAC Cllr. Jones will take this forward with CWAC Planning Enforcement.

Cllr. Turner commented that the owner of The Red Fox regularly parks his vehicle on the pavement adjacent to the premises. This causes an obstruction for pedestrians. **Action Point 8 – the Parish Clerk will refer the matter to CWAC.**

Cllr. Farrall commented on the poor state of the Water Supply Pipes on Huxley Lane from the village boundary to Brassey Green. **Action Point 9 – the Parish Clerk will refer the matter to United Utilities.**

10. Agree Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 10 March 2015 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.24pm.