

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Ibbotson (Chairman), Turner and Thompson. Parish Clerk. CWAC Cllr. Jones. 2 Members of the Public.

1. Open Forum: CWAC Cllr. Jones advised that the new Water Pump recently installed by United Utilities at Brassey Green is designed to even out water pressure in the vicinity. It is felt that uneven pressure flows are the reason behind many of the leaks experienced of late. The new pump is set to be brought into service within the next few weeks. United Utilities acknowledge that, in time, new pipes are required along Huxley Lane – the new pump is a temporary measure aimed at alleviating recent supply issues.

Derek Marshall asked whether the Parish Council could ask CWAC Highways to consider the addition of a pedestrian phase to the Traffic Lights at the junction of the A49/A51. As an alternative he suggested a pedestrian crossing on the A51 north of the Red Fox Car Park. **Action Point 1 – Parish Clerk to raise the issue with CWAC Highways.**

Derek Marshall asked for confirmation of which Bus Services operate in the Parish and when. **Action Point 2 – Parish Clerk to seek guidance from CWAC Highways.** Mr Marshall commented that the On Demand Shuttle Service is often pre-booked well in advance, thus sometimes rendering it unavailable to those looking to use it at short notice.

Steve Armitage commented that Footpath 3, to the rear of Cedar Bank, is in danger of becoming blocked by sagging fence panels. **Action Point 3 – Parish Clerk to refer the matter to the Footpaths Officer at CWAC.**

Steve Armitage asked whether a Parish Council Representative could take over responsibility for payments to the Web Site Host. The Parish Clerk confirmed that he would do so.

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs. Byrd, Cheshire, Hocknell and Mould.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2015:

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

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

Defibrillator Location – Cllr. Thompson confirmed that the Equipment is now, subject to final agreement on positioning by the Village Hall Management Group, ready to be fixed to the exterior wall of the Village Hall. The purchase of the Equipment included a Training Package on how to use the equipment for up to 10 people. A Flyer will be put up on the Notice Board seeking Community Volunteers, the aim being to have a workable number of trained operators on hand throughout the village. **Action Point 4 - Cllr. Thompson to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Gulley Clearance – the Parish Clerk confirmed that he has asked for the Gulleys within the A49 Turning Circle to be cleared when a wagon is next in the vicinity.

Workplace Pension – the Parish Clerk, who does not wish to participate in the scheme, confirmed that an account has been opened with NEST and registered with The Pension Regulator.

Visibility at Junction of Tilstone Bank Lane and the A51 – the Parish Clerk confirmed that he has asked CWAC to cut back overhanging trees and repaint the Stop Line.

Overheight Vehicle Warning Sign on the A49 – the Parish Clerk confirmed that he reported the faulty activation of the sign. This was quickly attended to.

Notice Board – Cllr. Mould has written to the manufacturer pointing out a number of faults in need of attention. A site meeting is planned for week commencing 18 January 2016 to discuss repairs. The manufacturer is aware that no Invoice will be paid until the defects have been attended to. **Action Point 5 – Cllr. Mould to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

5. Planning Issues:

i). 15/04431/LBC – Whartons Lock 10, Bates Mill Lane – installation of a steel fender to bottom of timber lock gates. Notice received from CWAC confirming Permission Granted

ii). 15/04625/FUL – The Crest, Whitchurch Road, Beeston Brook – extensions to first floor balcony. No objections. Notice subsequently received from CWAC confirming Permission Granted.

iii). 15/04683/FUL – Rose Cottage, Mill Lane – replacement dwelling and new garage. No objections.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Update:

Cllr. Cheshire, Beeston PC Chair Cllr. Weedall and the Parish Clerk met with Richard Thresh from CCA on Wednesday 2 December 2015. Concern was expressed at the further delays experienced in progressing the Draft Plan. Mr Thresh apologised on behalf of CCA.

Following successful legal challenges to a number of Neighbourhood Plans, updated guidelines have been issued in relation to supporting evidence behind Policy Statements included in Neighbourhood Plans. As a result we need to revisit the Policy Statements, reword a small number and reconsider the supporting evidence – this exercise is currently underway and, it is hoped, will be completed within the next 2/4 weeks. The Draft Plan can then be finalised in readiness for a desk top overview by CWAC Planning, prior to the final Public Consultation Exercise. The Parish Clerk confirmed that he is currently finalising a Grant Application (£1,370) with Locality for further financial support (to 31 March 2016) to cover Plan creation costs.

7. Request, from CWAC, to partially fund new Traffic Signs on the A51 in Tilstone Fearnall:

A Speed Limit Review of the A51 has recommended that the Limit be lowered to 50mph from the Borough Boundary near Alraham to 150 yards north of the Red Fox Crossroads. CWAC Highways estimate that the cost of new signage will be in the region of £4,000 and have asked the Parish Council to pay 50% of the costs. This method of funding is now standard practice. Initial concerns over both the principle of the payment request and affordability have been passed on to CWAC.

In view of the lack of Councillors present it was agreed to hold over a decision on this matter to the next Parish Council Meeting. **Action Point 6 – Parish Clerk to include the item on the Agenda for the March 2016 Parish Council Meeting.**

8. Correspondence Received Requiring Discussion:

- a). E-mail dated 10 December 2015 from ChALC relating to a Planning Training Session on 2 February 2016 at Crewe YMCA. Steve Armitage agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action Point 7 – Parish Clerk to process the booking with ChALC.**
- b). E-mail dated 18 December 2015 from ChALC relating to the Appointment of a Parish Representative to the CWAC Standards Board. Subsequently bio-pics of the Candidates and a Voting Sheet were received. The Voting Sheet was completed. **Action Point 8 – Parish Clerk to post on to ChALC.**
- c). Letter dated 1 December 2015 from CWAC relating to Grant Assistance for Grounds Maintenance (Churchyards and Burial Grounds). It was agreed to again submit an Application on behalf of St Judes Church in the sum of £240. **Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to attend to the paperwork.**
- e). Letter dated 13 November 2015 relating to the possible discontinuation of the New Homes Community Fund. It was agreed to write to CWAC expressing concern at the possible closure of the Fund. **Action Point 10 – Parish Clerk to send an appropriately worded letter.**
- f). E-mail dated 7 January 2016 from ChALC relating to Planning Training Sessions on 23 February 2016. Cllrs. Ibbotson and Thompson will attend the evening session. **Action Point 11 – Parish Clerk to process the booking with ChALC.**

g). Letter dated 11 January 2016 from the Police and Crime Commissioner re Meeting with Town and Parish Councils at Frodsham on 9 February 2016. Noted.

9. Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

The Financial Report dated 12 January 2015 was unanimously approved. (Proposed by Cllr. Turner. Seconded by Cllr. Thompson).

The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £4,748.23 Credit, of which £3,105.06 is held on Deposit Account.

Payments Approved:-

Phil Sanders – Clerks’ Gross Salary - £124.16 for January and February 2016.

Phil Sanders – Clerk’s Expenses - £15.48.

S Armitage – Web Site Expenses - £8.38.

Action Point 12 – Parish Clerk to process the above payments.

The Budget for 2016/7 was approved by Councillors. This will see the Precept remain at £3,050. **Action Point 13 – Parish Clerk to forward the Precept Request to CWAC.**

10. Reports from Councillors and the Parish Clerk:

Cllr. Ibbotson commented that recent heavy rains have seen parts of Huxley Lane – in the vicinity of Sunnyside Cottage/Farm and Brassey Green Chapel – flooded. **Action Point 14 – Parish Clerk to bring to the attention of CWAC Highways.**

11. Agree Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 8 March 2016 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.53pm.