

# TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL

## PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Parish Councillors Ibbotson (Chairman), Mould (Vice Chairman), Byrd, Hocknell, Turner and Thompson. Parish Clerk. 6 Members of the Public.

**1. Discussion with PCSO re Local Issues:-** Due to unforeseen circumstances the outgoing PCSO, Gerrard Gigg, and his replacement, PCSO Jen Gilbert, were unable to attend the Meeting. Cllr. Mould will invite them to the May Parish Council Meeting.

**2. Open Forum:** Angie Mills sought the Parish Councils' support in reducing Speed Limits on the A51 in Tilstone Fearnall and in seeking improvements to the road surface. She was advised that the Parish Council will discuss these issues later in the Meeting (see item 8).

Derek Marshall suggested that a review of Speed Limit Signs on Huxley Lane is required to eliminate potential confusion. **Action Point 1 – Parish Clerk to refer the matter to CWAC Highways.** Mr Marshall also suggested that the Left Turn Sign adjacent to Gardenhurst needs re-instating. **Action Point 2 – Parish Clerk to refer the matter to CWAC Highways.**

Jean Toyn advised that the Village Society is looking to hold 4 events this year – a Quiz Evening this coming weekend; the Village Day on 18 June; a further event in the Autumn; a Christmas Party. Details of the events will be included in future Newsletters.

Roger Blake enquired whether roadside kerbing can be extended along Huxley Lane in an effort to clearly delineate the road and reduce damage to grass verges. **Action Point 3 – Parish Clerk to refer the matter to CWAC Highways.**

### **3. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr. Cheshire (illness). CWAC Cllr. Jones.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2016:**

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

## **5. Matters Arising, other than covered elsewhere on the Agenda:**

Details of Bus Services passing through the Parish – The Parish Clerk has a list of services that pass through the Parish and has requested copies of current Timetables. These will be placed on the Notice Board and summarised in the next Parish Newsletter.

Footpath to the rear of Cedar Bank – the dilapidated Fence Panels were reported to CWAC and have been attended to.

Defibrillator Placement – Cllr. Thompson, apologising for the delays, advised that the Village Hall Management Committee has approved placement of the machine adjacent to the front door. It will be fitted in the near future. Cllr. Thompson will also arrange training in the use of the machine for those who have volunteered. **Action Point 4 – Cllr. Thompson to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Notice Board – Cllr. Mould advised that he continues to liaise with Peter Norris regarding repairs to the Board/Lock. **Action Point 5 – Cllr. Mould to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Community Homes Bonus – in spite of concerted opposition, CWAC have confirmed that the Payments will no longer be forthcoming due to budget cuts.

Flooding in the Vicinity of Sunnyside Farm/Cottage and Brassey Green Chapel – this issue was reported to CWAC highways who have since confirmed that remedial work was undertaken. However, the problem is still persisting after recent heavy rainfall.

**Action Point 6 - Parish Clerk to refer the matter to CWAC Highways.**

## **6. Planning Issues:**

i). 16/00245/LBC – Old Post Office Cottage, Huxley Lane – demolition of existing garage and workshop/store and construction of single storey building to provide living space accommodation. Objected to on the grounds that it would create a self-contained unit within the grounds of an existing property.

ii). 16/00598/CAT – Bank House, Mill Lane – pruning of 3 sycamore trees. No objections.

iii). 15/04683/FUL – Rose Cottage, Mill Lane – replacement dwelling and new garage. Notice received from CWAC confirming Permission Granted

## **7. Neighbourhood Plan Update:**

Cllr. Cheshire continues to liaise with Richard Thresh at Cheshire Community Action and it is hoped that a Draft Neighbourhood Plan, including Policy Statements, will be to hand within the next 3/4 weeks. Further Public Consultation will then follow.

**Action Point 7 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

## **8. Highways Issues:**

**a). Request, from CWAC, to partially fund new Traffic Signs on the A51 in Tilstone Fearnall:** This issue was held over from the January 2016 Parish Council Meeting. 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. Given concerns over the level of limit reduction proposed, it is felt appropriate to ask the Police if they can arrange a review of recorded speeds within the length of road in question. The data can then be studied to decide whether the proposed reduction is sufficient, or whether a lower limit would be more prudent. **Action Point 8 – Cllr. Mould to request input from the Police regarding speed recording. Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to advise CWAC Highways that a decision whether to contribute to signage costs will not be made until the result of speed recordings is known. Action Point 10 – Parish Clerk to ask CWAC Highways to review the road surface quality through Tilstone Fearnall.**

**b). Red Fox Junction:** CWAC highways have advised that the installation of a Pedestrian Phase on the Traffic Lights would cost in the region of £100k, well outside Budget particularly given the small number of pedestrians in the vicinity. CWAC have offered to undertake an Assessment to determine the level of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians. It is not felt that such an Assessment would be worthwhile.

#### **9. Correspondence Received Requiring Discussion:**

- a). Various Freedom of Information and Subject Access Requests from Robert Arthur Pickthall. A combined response will be posted out shortly. **Action Point 11 – Cllr. Ibbotson to process.**
- b). Cheque from CWAC for £240, representing Annual Churchyard Maintenance Grant to St Judes Church. Handed to Cllr. Byrd for onward transmission.

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

The Financial Report dated 4 March 2016 was unanimously approved. (Proposed by Cllr. Ibbotson. Seconded by Cllr. Mould).

The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £4,600.33 Credit, of which £3,105.18 is held on Deposit Account.

Payments Approved:-

Phil Sanders – Clerks’ Gross Salary - £88.11 for March 2016 (22 days only).

Phil Sanders – Clerk’s Expenses - £9.00.

Armitage Systems Limited – Newsletter Printing - £26.04

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

#### **11. Reports from Councillors and the Parish Clerk:**

Cllr. Ibbotson confirmed that the Parish Clerk has resigned his post - last working day, allowing for accrued holiday entitlement, will be Monday 14 March 2016. Cllrs.

Ibbotson, Cheshire and Mould will vet all Applications and arrange interviews with short-listed candidates. Cllr. Ibbotson thanked the Parish Clerk for his support over the last few years.

**12. Agree Date & Time of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 10 May 2016 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting will also be held at that time.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.34pm.