

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.30 pm in Tiverton Village Hall.

Present:

Councillor Ibbotson (in the Chair)
Cllrs Byrd, Cheshire, Mould, Thomson, Turner
Ward Councillor Mike Jones

1) 043/16/17 – Discussion with PC /PCSO re Local Issues

PCSO Jon Hurst attended the meeting. He reported that he was covering the area temporarily as the current PCSO was on maternity leave. A new PCSO should be in place by end of November. He also explained that officers now start their duties from Police HQ at Blacon.

Operation Shield: Malpas has now been completed with a very good take up rate. Other villages in the area are due to be completed shortly

Homewatch: there had been a break-in at Deeside Ramblers hockey club. Although someone was apprehended there was insufficient evidence to link him to the crime.

Highways Matters. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) had been in operation on Huxley Lane. The Police were also monitoring speeding on the A49 and A51.

2) 044/16/17 – Open Forum

Mr Armitage pointed out that the grant to the Village Hall which pays for room hire for PC meetings had not yet been paid

Action Point 1: Clerk to raise cheque and remit

Mr Armitage confirmed that all information that had been sent to him was on the website

3) 045/16/17 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Hocknell who had work commitments.

4) 046/16/17 - Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

5) 047/16/17 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th September were unanimously agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6th October were unanimously agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

6) 048/16/17 - Matters Arising Other Than Covered on This Agenda

Highways Matters: Cllr Mould reported on the matters he had followed up:

A49 speed limits and monitoring

30mph roundels have now been painted onto the road surface at either end of the 30mph zone.

The existing 40mph indicator sign (about 100yds prior to the 30mph zone) has now been removed.

The installation of a new 30mph indicator sign is in progress and is scheduled to take place on 10th November.

Further speed assessment is planned for the Beeston Brook area of the A49 a couple of months after the new 30mph indicator sign is installed. Data will then be used to determine whether driver behaviour has changed and if further action is required.

The suggestion that the current 40 mph zone (around the Gardenhurst junction) was reduced to 30 mph was declined by CWaC because the 12 houses that form Gardenhurst do not front directly onto the road. The Parish Council considers that this would have had the knock on benefit of making the right hand turn from the A49 into Huxley Lane safer.

Red Fox Junction

A request to make the right hand lanes on the A49/A51 right turns only and to provide a pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights was turned down mainly on cost i.e. an estimated £100k civil cost. It was accepted by CWaC following a traffic count that it would not materially affect traffic flow.

Community Speed Watch

A Community Speed Watch team of 7 people has been set up for Tiverton. Training on the SID was given and an initial deployment on Huxley Lane at the junction with Townfield Lane was carried out for a week from Friday 21st October 2016.

Further training for the use of a speed gun is being organised.

This process provides data that can be used to escalate the matter if speeding is found to be a real issue.

Next Actions

To ensure that the follow up speed assessment on the A49 at Beeston Brook is carried out and the results acted upon.

To continue to monitor and lobby for improvements to the Red Fox junction.

To continue to monitor and lobby for an extension of the 30mph zone on the A49 away from Huxley Lane to beyond the Gardenhurst junction..

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Mould for the work that he had carried out.

Defibrillator – The Clerk had been in touch with Tattenhall First Responders who were willing to carry out training. Cllr Thomson also had equipment to carry out a training sessions. It was agreed that Cllr Thomson liaise with the First Responders and that a training session be carried out on Thursday 8th December at Tiverton Village Hall.

Action Point 2: Cllr Thomson to arrange a training session with Tattenhall First Responders

Tidying of Millennium Area – Some further works had been carried out

Cheshire Association of Local Councils: Cllr Ibbotson had attended the ChALC AGM and reported that it had been a good meeting.

Cedar Bank: The fence is still broken and the hedge overhanging the footpath

Action Point 3. Clerk to write to the owners

7) 049/16/17 – Planning

The Chairman reported that the planning committee had met and proposed the following comments:

16/03317/FUL - Two storey extension. Gisbon, Huxley Lane. (Reconsideration). Cheshire West Planning officers recommended that the garage should be moved to the North-West corner of the plot instead of the North-East. Cllr Ibbotson met the owner and local residents on site and they took the view that the original location was better all round. The planning committee agreed and that recommendation was accepted by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

16/007765/FUL – Extension and Alterations to Existing Garage / Outbuilding Lake Cottage, Nantwich Road, Tilstone Fearnall. No objections were raised.

16/04623/FUL – Agricultural Livestock Building - Redhill Farm, Moss Lane, Tiverton Heath.

Following a complaint / query from a local resident this had been passed on to Cheshire West and Chester Planning Department.

Following a detailed submission from Cllr Mike Jones which raised an even longer list of queries and correction, the Planning Committee simply endorses Cllr Jones comments.

The following decisions were noted:

16/02874/FUL - The Old Post Office Cottage, Huxley Lane – Demolition of Existing Garage and Construction of a Single Storey Building to Provide Living Space Accommodation **Approval**

16/03317/FUL – Gisbon, Huxley Lane – Creation of First Floor; Two Storey Rear Extension, Porch to Front and Erection of Garage **- Approval**

8) 050/16/17 - Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cheshire reported that the Regulation 14 Consultation Period had finished. Several comments had been received and were now being incorporated into the document. Once this had been completed the document would be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council for the Regulation 15 Publicity Period. It was hoped that this would take place around the end of November.

Resolved - That once the steering group had completed the document it be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council

9) 051/16/17 – Highways Matters

No further Highways matters were reported

10) 052/16/17 – Correspondence Received Requiring Discussion

The following correspondence required no response but was noted:

Email from Anoinette Sandbach MP about the latest improvements to Superfast Broadband Came & Co. (Insurers) newsletter

Action Point 4. Clerk to monitor and circulate if it contains pertinent information

Consultations:

CW&C / ChALC Proposed Planning Protocol

Proposed Chester Canal Conservation Area Designation

Action Point 5. Clerk to collate Cllrs responses to the above and submit

Cheshire West Special Expenses Scheme – due by 11/1/17

Action Point 6. Comments to be submitted to the Clerk for consideration at the January meeting

11) 53/16/17 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

The balances at the Bank on 30th September were as follows:

Business Reserve Account £3,106.22 This included 13 pence interest

Current Account £1,627.68

The balances at the bank on 31st October had not been received at the time of the meeting:

The Clerk updated members on the revised pay scales for clerks and informed them of her pay rate and that there was some back pay owing

Resolved - That the above be paid as per the 16/17 payscales

Cheques paid in October:

Mrs C Weaver – Clerks Salary for September £125.00

Mr R Mould- Oak Polish for Notice Board £21.94

Cheques to be paid in November were as follows:

Mrs C Weaver- Clerks Salary October & Backpay £307.70

Mrs C Weaver – Expenses £36.48

Tiverton Village Hall – Grant in Lieu of room rental £100.00

Resolved - that the above accounts be paid

Audit of Accounts:

The Clerk reported that the accounts had been checked by the Internal Auditor and had been sent to BDO

Budget Figures

Budget figures to the end of September had been circulated

Resolved – That the budget figures to the end of September be approved

NatWest

The Clerk reported that the bank were still sending correspondence in the name of the former clerk.

Action Item 7 Clerk to follow this up again

Transparency Funding

Discussion was held as to what was required to fulfil this. Mr Armitage was asked to get costings for a website and an email address for the Clerk

A working group would look at this in the Spring once all the information had been gathered

12) 54/16/17 – Reports from Councillors and the Parish Clerk

Update on Operation Shield – provided by PCSO during Open Forum

Proposal to Renovate the Bench and Notice Board – Cllr Mould had purchased some polish and this matter was in hand

Parish Council Governance – A working party would be set up in the Spring to look at this

13 55/16/17 – Parish Council Vacancies

There had been two vacancies on the Council since the last election. It was agreed to advertise these.

Action Point 8 Clerk to put notices on the notice board. Cllr Ibbotson to include an item in the next newsletter

14 56/16/17 – Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th November at 7.30 in Tiverton Village Hall

Following Parish Council meetings will take place on:

Tuesday 10th January 2017

Tuesday 14th March 2017

Tuesday 9th May 2017 (inc Annual Parish meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Tuesday 11th July 2017

Tuesday 12th September 2017

The Chairman then closed the public part of the meeting at 8.40 pm

Part 2 Item

A query had been raised about the amount charged on an invoice that had been received. Following discussions it was agreed that the Chairman would discuss the matter with the supplier. When a figure had been agreed it would be passed to the Clerk for payment

Action Point 9 – Chairman to agree an amount with the supplier. Clerk to then raise a cheque

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm