

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 December 2008 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors Cheshire (Chairman), Farrall (Vice Chairman), Byrd, Evans, Ibbotson and Povall. Cheshire West and Chester Shadow Authority Member Ann Wright. Parish Clerk. 2 Members of the Public.

Open Forum:

Steve Armitage, on behalf of Phyllis Armitage, confirmed that the recently established role of Parish Recycling Champion has been highlighted in the last issue of the Newsletter, along with the overall importance of recycling in general. The next issue of the Newsletter will mention Furniture Recycling/Collection options for residents.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Chester City Councillor Weaver.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest made.
- 3. Welcome to Councillors Boyd and Ibbotson:** Both Bernard Byrd and Gordon Ibbotson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Compliance with the Code of Conduct. Councillor Cheshire formally welcomed both to the Council.
Action Point 1 – Parish Clerk to advise Chester City Council that Cllrs. Boyd and Ibbotson have been co-opted to the Parish Council. Action Point 2 – Parish Clerk to update Parish Councillor Contact Details Sheet and distribute with next Circulation File. Action Point 3 – Cllrs. Byrd and Ibbotson to advise the Parish Clerk should they wish to attend any ChALC Introductory Training Sessions
- 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 October 2008:-** The Minutes were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Evans. Seconded by Cllr. Farrall) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 5. Matters Arising:**
Joint Parishes Landscape and Preservation Plan – Cllr. Cheshire advised that following a meeting on 16 November 2008 a Draft Landscape and Preservation Plan has been created. This lists the characteristics of the area – Canalside; Footpaths; Wells; Hedges; Conservation Areas; Communal Facilities – and focuses on the need to maintain them. Mention is also made of the need for new developments to be sympathetic to the existing local environment and heritage. The Plan Group is meeting again in mid-January to finalise the wording of the Plan Document. **Action Point 4 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
Kissing Gate Project – Cllr. Cheshire and Steve Armitage confirmed that all Landowners have now been approached and permission granted, where appropriate,

for the Gates to be erected. **Action Point 5 – Cllr. Cheshire to take forward with Amy Rushton at Cheshire County Council.**

Warning Signs for High Vehicles – Cllr. Cheshire advised that the illuminated sign has now been resited.

Secure Storage of Street Orderly's Gardening Equipment – Cllr. Cheshire will attend to the purchase of the Storage Unit in the near future. **Action Point 6 - Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

BT Telephone Box Adjacent to the War Memorial – The Parish Clerk confirmed that he had spoken with BT recommending that the Box be withdrawn from use. However, BT advised that they do not take recommendations from Parish Councils and that they do their own research on whether Kiosks remain viable. At present BT have no plans to remove the Kiosk, which is Listed. However, they have promised to review the situation and, if considered appropriate, undertake remedial repairs to the kiosk.

Action Point 7 – Parish Clerk to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Burial Ground Grants for St Judes Church – The Parish Clerk confirmed that Cheshire West and Chester Shadow Authority have advised that the Grant will continue for 2009/2010.

6. Homewatch and Police Report: Roger Blake provided a Report to the Council. Main issues were Speeding, Bogus Cold Callers and E-mail/Telephone Scams, a Stolen Pony and Thefts from nearby properties. A Written Copy of the Report is held on file.

7. Planning Issues: Application 08/01721/FUL in respect of an additional dwelling on land adjacent to Maybeck House, Gardenhurst has subsequently been withdrawn by the Applicant.

The Application for the creation of a Caravan Site at the Shady Oak Public House, discussed at the last Parish Council Meeting, has also been withdrawn by the Applicants. A further Application without any static caravans, and with only twelve tourers, has been submitted, including more suitable surfacing to the site access roads. Cllr. Cheshire has resubmitted the Parish Council's previous comments as this will be treated as a new Application.

Cllr. Evans advised that permission has been granted for the creation of a permanent driveway on Land to the East Side of The Fields, Tiverton Heath.

8. Correspondence:

- a) Letter dated 19 November 2008 from A Rigby, Secretary of Tiverton and District Bridge Club referring to potholes at the side of the roadway near the Village Hall and also to the fact that overhanging tree branches reduce the effect of the street lighting. Both issues were referred to Cheshire County Council Highways and the pothole has now been filled in and the tree branches cut back.
- b) Cheshire Local Transport Plan Progress Report 2006-2008 Summary.
- c) Minutes of the Rural Area South Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2 October 2008.
- d) ChALC Newsletter dated November 2008.
- e) ChALC November e-mail update.

- f) Letter dated November 2008 enclosing details of Winter 2008/9 Gritting Routes.
- g) Flyer from Chester RSPB Group detailing Indoor Meetings in early 2009.
- h) Cheshire Matters Journal dated November 2008.
- i) What's On in Chester and Cheshire Journals dated November 2008 and December 2008.
- j) Homewatch Updates dated 5 November 2008, 17 November 2008, 24 November 2008 and 1 December 2008.
- k) Letter dated 28 November 2008 from Cheshire West and Chester Shadow Authority in respect of Parish Issues Log and the continuation (for 2009/2010) of Local Funding Arrangements that are already in place.
- l) Letter dated 27 November 2008 from Cheshire West and Chester Shadow Authority in respect of Local Funding Arrangements and Area Partnership Boards.
- m) CPRE Fieldwork Journal dated December 2008.
- n) Letter dated 5 December 2009 from Cheshire County Council in respect of Public Transport Services.
- o) E-mail dated 5 December 2008, with accompanying Newsletter from Cheshire County Council in respect of Speed Limit Review of A and B Roads in the County.
- p) Together Journal dated Winter 2008/9.
- q) Letter dated November 2008 from the Information Commissioners Office asking the Parish Council to outline how information relating to Council activities is made available to the Public. **Action Point 8 – Cllr. Cheshire and Parish Clerk to take forward.**

9. Financial Report and Accounts for Payment: The Financial Report dated 9 December 2008 was unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Evans. Seconded by Cllr. Povall). The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £6,981.94 Credit. £4,063.25 of this sum is held in an immediate access interest bearing account. The following Payments were authorised:

Harold Withe – December 2008 Salary £208.22 (includes back pay following pay increase agreement), less Income Tax. January 2009 Salary £172.20, less Income Tax.

Phil Sanders – December 2008 Salary £130.64 (includes back pay following pay increase agreement), less Income Tax. January 2009 Salary £109.66, less Income Tax.

Audit Commission - £141.00 in respect of External Audit Fee.

Phil Sanders - £14.81 in respect of Expenses.

The following payments were authorised retrospectively:

J Spencer - £57.00 in respect of Treatment of the Village Green.

Armitage Systems Ltd - £25.50 in respect of printing the November Village Newsletter.

Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to draw up Draft Budget for 2009/2010 for presentation at the next Parish Council Meeting.

10. Any Other Business: Cllr. Cheshire referred to the increasingly poor state of the landscaping adjacent to the War Memorial – the grass surface, which is Parish Council Land, is regularly being cut up by vehicular movements. It was unanimously agreed (Proposed by Cllr. Povall. Seconded by Cllr. Evans) to arrange

for the purchase and placement of Bollards and Chain Link to cordon off the areas most vulnerable to damage. Expenditure was authorised to a maximum of £1,500.

Action Point 10 – Cllr. Cheshire to undertake further costings for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr. Cheshire proposed the erection of a Village Sign. The sign, to be mounted at the top of a broad pole, is to depict an aspect of Tiverton Village and will be sited in a prominent location. It was agreed that the idea would be outlined in the next Village Newsletter with suggestions sought as to the design. Additionally, a local Artist, Peter Willis, is to be approached for his thoughts. **Action Point 11 – Cllr. Cheshire to undertake further costings for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting. Action Point 12 – Parish Clerk to contact Cheshire County Council Highways and ascertain the cost of Signs highlighting entry to the Village.**

Cllr. Byrd made reference to the surface water, caused by a blocked drain, that has recently caused problems in the vicinity of Tilstone Bank Lane. Cheshire County Council Highways have confirmed that remedial action is planned.

Cllr. Ibbotson commented on the number of pot holes in local roadways. It was reiterated that such issues can be reported directly to Cheshire County Council Highways via www.cheshire.gov.uk , or by calling 0845 002 0666.

11.Date & time of next two meetings: Tuesday 20 January 2009 and Tuesday 10 March 2009 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting Closed at 9.10pm.