

# TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 July 2007 at Tiverton Village Hall, Tiverton.

**Present:** Parish Councillors Turner (Chairman), Cheshire, Evans, Povall, Wright and Farrall. Chester City Councillor Jones. Parish Clerk. 3 Members of the Public.

## **Open Forum:**

Steve Armitage advised that he is attending a series of Seminars aimed at reinvigorating Parish Plans. Once he has been to all four Seminars he will report back in more detail to the Parish Council.

Steve Armitage suggested that the Village Newsletter be published on an agreed timescale rather than ad hoc as at present. It was agreed to produce in January, April, July and October. Cllr. Cheshire asked Doug Haynes, in his role as Clerk to Beeston Parish Council, if he was aware of a Planning Application in respect of Lock Gate Café. Mr Haynes confirmed that, to date, no Application had been received. A copy will be forwarded on Cllr. Cheshire should Beeston PC receive an Application for overview.

Cllr. Turner, on behalf of the Parish Council, presented Doug Haynes with an inscribed Silver Salver to mark his thirty years service as a City Councillor for Tiverton.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** City Councillor Carol Weaver.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest made.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 May 2007:** The Minutes were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Cheshire. Seconded by Cllr. Evans) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 4. Matters Arising:**
  - 4.1. Planning Application 07/00579/FUL – Land to the East Side of The Fields, Tiverton Heath** – Cllr. Evans advised that this Application has been refused by Chester City Council. Furthermore an Enforcement Order is due to be signed on Friday 13 July 2007 preventing Mr. Houghton from continuing to develop his Poultry Farming Activities, including new buildings. Mr. Houghton will have three weeks to comply with the Order, which will be served during the week commencing 16 July 2007, or all unauthorised buildings will be taken down and Poultry Stock removed. The City Council's Enforcement Officer, Mr. Les Smith, has commented that he expects to have to enforce the Order as Mr. Houghton has not been co-operative to date. An Appeal against the Order is possible, but is not anticipated. **Action Point 1 – Cllr. Evans to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
  - 4.2. Damage to Lay-By Fences** – Cllr. Cheshire reported that the Rural Area South Committee had declined the request for funding of £11k towards the cost of repairing the existing wooden marker posts. City Cllr. Mike Jones agreed to take up the issue on behalf of the Parish Council, including more appropriate signage. **Action Point 2 – Parish Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Jones as appropriate.**
  - 4.3. Speeding Checks** – Cllr. Cheshire confirmed that the SID was operative in Tiverton between 11 May 2007 and 16 May 2007. Whilst a small number of vehicles were seen to be in excess of 40mph, the majority were within acceptable parameters. Average speed across the week was 32.4mph, suggesting

that no further action is required.

The volunteers who have operated the Speed Gun in the past are no longer available to support a new initiative. However, Cllrs. Povall and Farrall volunteered to undergo the Training Programme, as did Steve Armitage.

Additionally, an appeal for additional Volunteers will be included in the next edition of the Village Newsletter. **Action Point 3 – Parish Clerk to liaise with Derek Bowker at Cheshire Community Council to arrange Training and Approval of the preferred site at the junction of the A49 and Huxley Lane.**

**4.4. Kissing Gate Project for Public Rights of Way** – Cllr. Cheshire confirmed that matters were still ongoing. **Action Point 4 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

**4.5. Tiverton Village Hall Chairs** – Steve Armitage confirmed that the Rural Area South Committee have agreed a grant of £1,800 to cover the cost of 60 new chairs.

**4.6. Local Government Review** – The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's support for the East/West split option had been forwarded on the Communities Department by e-mail. City Cllr. Jones advised that there remains no consensus amongst Authorities within Cheshire as to the best option. An announcement from Central Government is anticipated in late July 2007, although this may be subject to Judicial Review following High Court Petitions having been raised by several Local Authorities in Northern England.

**4.7. Revised Code of Conduct** – The Parish Clerk advised that, on the recommendation of ChALC, the new Code is not to be adopted until Councillors have been briefed on the changes to the Code. It was agreed that a Parish Councillor should attend a Training Session at the earliest available opportunity (see correspondence item d) and report back to the Parish Council. Additionally, the Parish Clerk will also obtain advice prior to the next Parish Council Meeting. **Action Point 5 – Parish Clerk to seek advice on the new Code and ensure the issue is on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.**

**4.8. Damaged Fir Tree on Huxley Lane** – it was reported that both Cheshire County Council and The Leverhulme Estate have inspected the Tree and found no problems.

**4.9. Mr Kaiser** – Cllr. Povall reported that the proposed meeting with Andrew Evans from Chester City Council Planning Department has not yet taken place. This meeting will focus on Horses being sighted in Mr. Kaiser's Barn and Domestic Planting within a Field Designated for Horses. **Action Point 6 – Cllr. Povall to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

**5. Homewatch and Police Report:** Roger Blake reported that Cheshire Police are keen to interview the Drivers/Occupants of five Vans all of which have been seen offering various services in the vicinity recently. Registration Numbers are Y541GFT, M895WUM, J942RBL, N51DJL and PN07GUM.

Additionally, Trading Standards have requested details of all Cold Calling in the area, in particular anyone representing EEC of St Helens, a bogus company that claims to sell Alarms on behalf of the Police. Trading Standards will respond promptly to any calls made on 0845 1132500.

A recent burglary on Huxley Lane was also noted, thieves having stolen a Lawn Mower.

## **6. Planning Applications:**

07/00973/COU – Change of use of land to storage in association with builders yard – The Old Coal Yard, Whitchurch Road, Beeston (neighbouring Parish) – Denovale Ltd and Ashledge Ltd. A number of issues relating to access to, and movement within, the site for commercial vehicles were raised.

07/00968/LDC – Use as a single dwelling - The Old Coal Yard, Whitchurch Road, Beeston (neighbouring Parish) – Denovale Ltd and Ashledge Ltd. No objections raised.

07/00972/COU – Change of use to allow for the making of furniture and restoration of antique furniture - The Old Coal Yard, Whitchurch Road, Beeston (neighbouring Parish) – Denovale Ltd and Ashledge Ltd. No objections raised.

07/01101/FUL – Two storey side extension and new driveway – 2 Woodbine Cottages, Birch Heath, Tarporley – Mr and Mrs Parry. Permission was refused by Chester City Council on the grounds of size.

07/01199/LDC – Indian takeaway facility within existing building, operating between 12 noon and 11pm daily. – The Red Fox, Whitchurch Road, Tiverton – Mr A Jilani. No objections, subject to two car park access points being retained if the layout is to remain as at present, or one access point if the car parks are joined to form one larger area. **Action Point 7 – Parish Clerk to forward a suitable reply to Chester City Council Planning Dept.**

Notice has been received that the following Applications have been granted –

07/00755/FUL (Fields Cottage, Limes Lane), 07/00808/FUL (5 Railway Cottages, Beeston Brook) and 7/00850/FUL (Newtown Cottages, Lodge Lane).

Following dialogue with Chester City Council Planning Department it was reported that the renovation work currently being carried out at Tiverton Hall does not require specific Planning Approval.

It was noted that work has recently commenced on improvements to Allery House, Huxley Lane, Tiverton. It is known that Planning Permission was granted for amendments to the property many years ago. A number of residents have questioned whether the Planning Permission is still in place given the amount of time that has elapsed. **Action Point 8 – Parish Clerk to take up the issue with Chester City Council Planning Department.**

## **7. Correspondence:**

a). Copy of E-mail dated 11 June 2007 from Cllr. Carol Weaver to Chris Garner at CCC re Grass Cutting at Four Lane Ends Junction and Verge Rebuilding at Gardenhurst. **Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Weaver as appropriate.**

b). Letter dated 14 June 2007 from Chester City Council re New Model Code of Conduct – copy of Code suitable for Parish Councils and reminder of the need for adoption by 1 October 2007.

c). Letter dated 21 June 2007 from Chester City Council re New Model Code of Conduct – exemptions from including sensitive information on Councillors' Register of Interest Form.

d). Letter dated 26 June 2007 from Chester City Council advising dates of Parish Council Code of Conduct Awareness Sessions. **Cllrs. Wright and Farrall to attend on 1 August 2007. Action Point 10 – Parish Clerk to book places.**

- e). Letter from Cheshire Community Council dated 2 July 2007 including an Invitation to the Community Pride Awards Evening at Congleton Town Hall on Tuesday 4 October 2007. **Cllrs. Turner and Cheshire to attend. Action Point 11 – Parish Clerk to book places.**
- f). Letter from Cheshire Police Authority regarding on the ongoing review of Police Forums throughout the County – final outcome of the review will be made public in January 2008.
- g). Notice from ChALC re Cheshire Rural Women’s Day on 15 October 2007.
- h). ChALC Newsletter dated July 2007.
- i). E-mail dated 27 June 2007 from Cheshire County Council advising roadworks on Hoofield Lane, Huxley for 1 week commencing 9 July 2007.
- j). Letter dated 22 June 2007 from Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council advising publication of “The Sustainability Appraisal Report of the Core Strategy” (on web site) and seeking comments.
- k). ChALC June Monthly update.
- l). Cheshire Matters Journal dated June 2007.
- m). Rural South Area Committee Agenda and Papers – Meeting on 19 July 2007 at Eccleston Village Hall. **Action Point 12 – Cllrs. Povall and Farrall to attend and advise items of interest at next Parish Council Meeting.**
- n). Letter dated 4 July 2007 from Cheshire County Council enclosing the County Council’s Supplementary Response to Communities and Local Government confirming the case for a single devolved unitary council for Cheshire.
- o). Cheshire County Council Booklet “Building a Sustainable Future”.
- p). Letter dated 28 June 2007 from Cheshire County Council advising Youth Opportunities Funding Grants and future application timescales.

**8. Financial Report:** The Parish Clerk presented the Financial Report dated 10 July 2007. This was approved unanimously by the Council (Proposed by Cllr. Cheshire, Seconded by Cllr. Farrall). The Parish Clerk confirmed that, as at 30 June 2007, the Bank Balance in the Councils’ Books was £7,014.77 Credit.

The Internal Audit has been delayed, but is promised within the next few days. **Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Turner over completion. Paperwork can then be signed and sent to Messrs. Hacker Young.**

Earlier this year a written request was sent to NatWest Bank to open an Interest Bearing Account utilising £2k of Credit balances. This Account has never been opened. **Action Point 10 - Parish Clerk to recommence formalities with NatWest Bank.**

**9. Accounts for Payment:**

The following Payments were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Turner. Seconded by Cllr. Cheshire):-

- H Withe (July and August Salaries) - £162.40 per month, less PAYE.
  - P Sanders (July and August Salaries) - £100.00 per month, less PAYE.
  - Cllr. Farrall (Silver Salver Purchase and Engraving) - £40.25
  - Cllr. Cheshire (R&R Materials) - £30.45
  - Office Essentials (underpayment of earlier Invoice – see below) - £3.32
  - Allianz Insurance (Premium for 12 months commencing 13 September 2007 - £348.31
- Retrospectively agreed:-
- St Judes Church (Grant) - £240.00
  - S Armitage (Newsletter Copying) - £25.50

Office Essentials (Files for 2007/8 Records) - £18.99

**10. Any Other Business:**

Cllr. Evans advised that Guerdon Cottage is no longer being used for inner city re-housing. The Company that ran the Scheme, Sedgemore Ltd, is no longer trading.

Cllr. Wright commented that the filter on the Traffic Lights at the junction of the A49 and A51 does not always activate. This is due to sensors being placed after the white line and there needing to be more than one car queuing to trigger the sensor.

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 11 September 2007 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting was closed at 9.28pm.