

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2008 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors Cheshire (Chairman), Farrall (Vice Chairman), Evans, Wright and Povall. Parish Clerk. Chester City Councillor Weaver. 3 Members of the Public.

Open Forum:

Derek Marshall enquired as to who the main points of contact are within the Police Service in the locality. Following a realignment of Divisions, the Parish is now policed from Winsford. The neighbourhood PCSO's are Emily Benson and Tracy Shaw. Inspector Phil Hodgson heads the division, and is based in Frodsham. These contact points will be listed in a future edition of the Village Newsletter.

Derek Marshall commented on the poor condition of Chester Bus Station. It was advised that the general appearance of the Terminus is the responsibility of First Bus and Arriva. Plans for the major redevelopment of the facility are being held in abeyance pending Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

Cllr. Weaver advised that, under LGR, it is proposed to disband the current structure of Area Committees. They will be replaced by Area Programme Boards (APB's). Consultation Papers will be sent out in the near future seeking views on geographical boundaries and what areas of activity the APB's should become involved with. **Action Point 1 –**

Parish Clerk to circulate the Consultation Paper when received.

Steve Armitage advised that the waste container sited at the side of the Village Hall will shortly be removed due to problems with over-filling.

He asked that the Street Orderly be advised. **Action Point 2 – Cllr.**

Cheshire to advise Harold Withe accordingly.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from City Councillor Jones and County Councillor Moore-Dutton.

2. Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

3. Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 13 May 2008:

The Minutes were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Evans. Seconded by Cllr. Farrall) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

- a) Parish Council Vacancies – The Parish Clerk confirmed that a letter has been distributed to each household in the Parish asking for Volunteers to come forward. The Statutory Notices are now

on display, with the fourteen day notice period expiring on Thursday 24 July 2008. Expressions of interest in joining the Parish Council should be sent in writing to the Parish Clerk. It is the intention to meet Applicants at the time of the next Parish Council Meeting.

- b) Parish Plan Review – Cllr. Cheshire advised that the Review is to be held in abeyance. The recent Meeting of Local Parish Councils (Duddon, Clotton, Hargrave, Huxley and Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall were represented) on 30 June 2008 discussed the creation of a formal Landscape and Preservation Plan for the joint Parishes. This will cover areas of common interest across all aspects of planning, landscaping and land/waterways management. The next Meeting is scheduled for early September 2008. Cllr. Cheshire will again attend, accompanied by either Cllr. Povall or Cllr. Farrall. **Action Point 3 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
- c) Kissing Gate Project for Rights of Way – Steve Armitage apologised for the delays in consulting with a number of Landholders with a view to obtaining their permission to erect the Kissing Gates. He undertook to take matters forward in time for the next Parish Council Meeting. **Action Point 4 – Cllr. Cheshire/Steve Armitage to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
- d) Damage to Lay-By Fences/Warning Signs for High Vehicles – Cllr. Cheshire advised that there have been no further material developments. Warning Signs have been designed and are now awaiting sign-off by Cheshire County Council Highways Department. **Action Point 5 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.** The Bus Stop Lighting has been connected to the power supply and is now in operation.
- e) Dumping of Items of Clothing in the Lay-By Adjacent to the A49 – Cllr. Cheshire advised that there have been no items dumped in the lay-by for several weeks. Due to cost considerations, no application was submitted to the Area South Committee for financial support towards the cost/installation of CCTV equipment. It is understood that Vale Royal Borough Council have a battery powered Camera Unit and, should the problem arise again, contact will be made with a view to hiring the Unit. **Action Point 6 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
- f) Transportation of the Street Orderly – Mr Withe continues to travel to work by Bus and no problems have arisen. Steve Armitage confirmed that the cupboard at the side of the Village Hall will be repaired and a new lock fitted. The recently purchased Gardening Equipment can then be stored centrally.

Action Point 7 – Cllr. Cheshire/Steve Armitage to provide a further update at the next Parish Council Meeting.

- g) Bus Routes - Cllr. Povall advised that she has spoken with Mr Ellis-Jones from Chester City Council regarding the possible re-routing of the 41 Service through Tiverton. Whilst it is understood that the Operating Company has no objections to the proposal, Mr Ellis Jones has promised to return to Cllr. Povall with his thoughts in the near future. **Action Point 8 – Cllr. Povall to provide a further update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

4. Homewatch and Police Report:

Roger Blake was not present, but advised beforehand that there were no issues/messages to pass on. Cllr. Cheshire highlighted a number of issues covered in the Police News Bulletin dated 30 June 2008, primarily relating to suspicious vehicles. This Bulletin will be circulated to Parish Councillors, with a copy held on file.

5. Planning Applications/Issues:

Consultation on Tilstone Bank Conservation Area – the Parish Council has no issues/objections to raise regarding the contents of the Consultation Document. Local Residents have been given the opportunity to provide comments separately.

Consultation Paper on Core Strategy Issues and Options – further to comments made at the previous Meeting, it was confirmed that the Parish Council’s views on the various options outlined were forwarded on to Chester City Council. A copy of the response is held on file.

It was noted that Chester City Council have approved the alterations to the Gate and Entrance to Drumber Castle Cottage, Huxley Lane (App. Ref. 08/00615/FUL).

An Application for a Stable and Equipment Store at Hand Green, Huxley Lane (Applicant Mr and Mrs Vickers) has been received (App. Ref. 08/01035/FUL) and a response sent to Chester City Council. No objections were raised.

6. Correspondence:

- a) ChALC Monthly update for June 2008 and Newsletter for July 2008, including Booking and Motion Forms for AGM at Middlewich Civic Hall on Thursday 23 October 2008.
- b) E-mail dated 26 June 2008 from Cheshire County Council Engineering Services giving details of “Roadworks on-line” and “Highway Faults on-line”. **Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to forward a copy of the e-mail to Cllr. Weaver and to Steve Armitage (for noting in the Village Newsletter).**
- c) Letter dated June 2008 from Cheshire Police Authority giving notice of the next Chester Area Public Meeting on Tuesday 15 July 2008 at Lache Community Centre.

- d) E-mail dated 12 June 2008 from North West Plan Partial Review, including June 2008 Newsletter.
- e) Supply of 41, 41A and X41 Bus Timetables for Public display.
- f) Letter dated 5 June 2008 from Cheshire and Wirral NHS Partnership, enclosing Quarterly “Engage” Newsletter.
- g) “Cheshire Matters” Journal dated June 2008.
- h) Letter from Cheshire Community Action dated 1 July 2008 regarding the Community Pride Competition Awards Evening on Thursday 25 September 2008 at Wilmslow Leisure Centre.
Action Point 10 – Parish Clerk to return the Pro Forma confirming that Cllr. Cheshire and the Parish Clerk will attend.
- i) “The Past Uncovered” Journal dated June 2008.
- j) “Cheshire Volunteer Action” Newsletter dated June 2008.
- k) Copy of a Press Release from Cheshire Fire Service highlighting the new Message Broadcast System. This service alerts residents by text messages of major incidents in their locality. **Action Point 11 – Parish Clerk to send a copy of the Press Release to Steve Armitage for inclusion in the next Village Newsletter.**
- l) E-mail from ChALC seeking expressions of interest from volunteers to take part in Implementation Teams in conjunction with the new Cheshire West and Chester Authority. **Action Point 12 – Parish Clerk to advise ChALC that Cllr. Cheshire will volunteer to assist the Environment Panel.**

7. Financial Report:

The Financial Report dated 8 July 2008 was unanimously accepted (proposed by Cllr. Cheshire. Seconded by Cllr. Wright). The Parish Council currently has a Bank Balance of £7,988.13 Credit. **Action Point 13 – Parish Clerk to prepare a letter for signature asking NatWest Bank to transfer £2,000 from Current account to Deposit Account.** The Internal Audit of the 2007/2008 Accounts has been completed and the Audit Certificate has been forwarded on to the Audit Commissioners.

8. Accounts For Payment: The following payments were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Evans. Seconded by Cllr. Farrall):-

H Withe (July and August 2008 salaries) - £168.00 per month, less Income Tax.

P Sanders (July and August 2008 salaries) - £107.04 per month, less Income Tax.

Armitage Systems Limited (Printing of June 2008 Newsletter) - £28.05.

Allianz Insurance (Renewal of Insurance Policy) - £362.71.

The following payment was approved retrospectively:-

Cllr. Cheshire (Gardening Equipment Costs) - £48.94.

9. Any Other Business:

Cllr. Povall commented on the new Centralised Telephone System currently being operated by Cheshire County Council. She noted that it is taking longer to route calls through than was the case before centralisation.

Cllr. Wright commented that Drivers are using the Red Fox Car Park as a short cut at the the Four Lane Ends Junction, with potentially dangerous results. **Action Point 14 – Cllr. Cheshire to raise the issue with Mr. Jilani.**

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 9 September 2008 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.08pm.