

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 March 2007 at Tiverton Village Hall, Tiverton.

Present: Parish Councillors Cheshire (Chairman), Turner, Evans, Povall, Wright and Farrall. Chester City Councillors Jones and Haynes. Parish Clerk. 2 Members of the Public.

Open Forum:

Steve Armitage asked whether the Parish Council wished to continue funding the Parish Web Site, the £30 Annual Domain Fee being due for payment shortly. The Parish Council, recognising the value of the site, unanimously agreed to pay the renewal fee.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from County Councillor Moore-Dutton. The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Brewin had submitted a letter of resignation dated 20 February 2007. Councillor Pilgrim has also verbally confirmed his resignation, to be confirmed in writing in due course. The Council wished to place on record its' thanks to Councillors Brewin and Pilgrim for their contributions to the Parish Council in recent years.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Councillors Cheshire and Turner confirmed an interest in Planning Application 07/00150/FUL (see Minutes 7.4) and retired from the meeting whilst this issue was discussed. The Declaration of Interests Register was annotated.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 January 2007:** The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1. **Huxley Lane T-Junction Turning Point** – Councillor Turner confirmed that Cheshire County Council have re-affirmed their commitment to renew the existing road signs. Work is scheduled to commence during the week beginning 12 March 2006.
 - 4.2. **Bus Stop Shelters** – The Parish Clerk read a letter from Cheshire County Council dated 8 January 2007 advising that upgrade of the existing Bus Stops at the Red Fox is scheduled for 2007/8.
 - 4.3. **Conservation Areas** – The Parish Clerk read a letter sent to Chester City Council, dated 18 January 2007, asking for conservation issues to be recognised when future Planning Applications are being considered. Special reference was made to Daisy Bank Cottage.
 - 4.4. **British Waterways (Mooring Rights)** – The Parish Clerk gave details of correspondence with British Waterways which confirmed that the Canal Boat permanently moored on the Shropshire Union Canal has been granted “end of garden mooring rights”.
 - 4.5. **Damage to Lay-By Fences** – Councillor Evans advised that Beeston Reclamation is seeking payment for the stones earmarked as possible road side markers adjacent to the Huxley Lane T-Junction. It was decided to defer any action until the effect of the new road signs (see 4.1) can be gauged. **Action 1 – Councillor Cheshire to speak with Cheshire County Council Highways regarding repairs to the existing wooden marker posts.**

4.6. Speeding Checks – It was agreed to look to utilise the Speed Indicator Device at the previously approved location of Huxley Lane (Telegraph Pole Verge adjacent to The Dale) during April/May. Councillors Cheshire and Turner volunteered to operate the equipment. **Action 2 – Parish Clerk to liaise with Trevor Clibery at Chester City Council to book the Equipment.**

Additionally, it was agreed to undertake weekend checks with the Radar Gun at the approved location on the A49 Junction with Huxley Lane. **Action 3 – Parish Clerk to liaise with Trevor Clibery regarding booking the Equipment and Training.**

4.7. Speed Limits on A49 – The Parish Clerk advised that Cheshire County Council is introducing a new Speed Limit Review Panel in the near future. This panel will review Speed Limits along the length of the A49. It was agreed to write to Richard Nickson at Cheshire County Council to request that the panel consider the implementation of a 30mph limit throughout Tiverton. **Action 4 – Parish Clerk please forward letter.**

5. **Beeston Area Transport Needs Assessment (BATNA):** The Chairman advised that Derek Marshall had commented that the campaign is now being scaled down in view of the lack of headway with Local Government/Rail Operators. Councillor Haynes confirmed this course of action, but commented that, albeit at a reduced level, awareness of the issue will still be maintained. The Parish Council wished to place on record its' thanks to Derek Marshall and Councillor Haynes for their hard work during the campaign. The Parish Council reiterated its' ongoing support for the reopening of Tarporley and Beeston Castle Railway Station.
6. **Homewatch and Police Report:** Councillor Haynes advised that PC Evans, the Local Community Police Officer, was moving location. To date no replacement has been appointed. Councillor Povall advised the theft of a garden ornament from her own property. The item has since been recovered and the thief caught.
7. **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1. 06/02301/FUL. Tiverton Hall Farm, Huxley Lane. Replacement of existing vehicle store and workshop. Chester City Council has confirmed that Permission has been Granted. It was commented that the work to date has been completed to a high standard, although minor concerns were expressed regarding mud on the local roadways during the construction period. **Action 5 – Councillor Cheshire to monitor the position.**
 - 7.2. 07/00249/FUL. Copper Beeches, Limes Lane, Tiverton. Mr P Wright. Erection of 4 stables to house 4 donkeys and change of use of land to allow for donkey grazing. No objections raised.
 - 7.3. 07/00143/FUL. Marl House. Pudding Lane, Tiverton. Mr & Mrs Burrows. Conservatory and Garden Store. No objections raised.
 - 7.4. 07/00150/FUL. Gardenhurst Cottage, Gardenhurst, Tiverton. Mr & Mrs A Mottram. Extension to first floor, part ground floor and garage. No objections raised.
8. **Correspondence:**
 - 8.1. Letter from Chester City Council enclosing a Grant Cheque for £240 to cover the maintenance of the grounds of St Judes Church. The Grant will be passed on, in full, to the Church.

- 8.2.** Letter from Audit Commission, dated 9 February 2007, confirming the re-appointment of Messrs Hacker Young as External Auditors for the year 2006/7.
- 8.3.** Letter, dated 22 January 2007, from Communities and Local Government regarding “Revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members”. Comments were invited. No action required.
- 8.4.** Notice from Cheshire County Council dated 8 March 2007 regarding Temporary Road Restrictions on the A49 at Calveley.
- 8.5.** Letter, dated 7 February 2007, from Cheshire County Council regarding “Kissing Gate Project for Public Rights of Way”. **Action 6 – Steve Armitage to consider possible suitable locations and advise Councillor Cheshire.**
- 8.6.** Undated letter from Chester City Council regarding Applications for Payments from Rural South Area Committee Budget 2007/8. **Action 7 – Councillor Cheshire to peruse.**
- 8.7.** Notice, dated 6 March 2007, from Cheshire Community Council regarding Spring Members Evening on Thursday 26 April 2007 at Byley Village Hall, commencing at 7pm. **Action 8 – All Councillors to check availability with a view to representing the Parish Council. Parish Clerk to be advised of attendance. Action 9 – Parish Clerk to return attendance slip in due course.**
- 8.8.** Poster for Public Display “How to Contact Cheshire Police”.
- 8.9.** Cheshire County Council Booklet “Transforming Cheshire” and accompanying Leaflets.
- 8.10.** Rural South Area Committee Meeting Agenda and supporting papers. Meeting is at Dodleston Village Hall on Thursday 29 March 2007, commencing at 7.30pm. **Action 10 – Councillor Povall to attend.**
- 8.11.** ChALC Newsletter dated March 2007.
- 8.12.** Enjoy St Georges Day Booklet.
9. **Financial Report:** The Parish Clerk presented the Financial Report dated 13 March 2007. This was approved unanimously by the Council (Proposed by Cllr Wright, Seconded by Cllr Povall).
The Parish Clerk confirmed that, as at 1 March 2007, the Bank Balance in the Councils’ Books was £4,375.90 Credit and that Budget Targets were being met. It was agreed to Transfer £2,000 to a NatWest Community Reserve Account.
Action 11 – Parish Clerk to attend to appropriate paperwork.
10. **Accounts for Payment:**
The following Payments were authorised:-
H Withe (March and April Salaries) - £162.40 and £203.00, less PAYE.
P Sanders (March and April Salaries) - £100.00 per month, less PAYE.
ChALC (Affiliation Fees) - £94.17
Cheshire Community Council (Annual Fees) - £15.00
11. **Community Pride Best Kept Village Competition 2007:** Councillor Cheshire confirmed that The Parish Council had submitted an entry for this years Competition. Councillors were provided with a copy of the Judging Criteria.
Action 12 – Parish Clerk to ensure issue is raised at next Parish Council Meeting.
12. **Any Other Business:** Councillor Evans brought to the Councils attention a letter, dated 11 March 2007, from Mr J Mrozik of Fields Cottage, Moss Lane, Tiverton. This letter outlined concerns regarding the activities of a neighbour,

Mr J Houghton, specifically the rearing of Chickens on a commercial basis. Primary areas of concern are closeness to adjoining property and various health and safety issues. It was agreed to refer Mr Mrozik's letter to The Planning Enforcement Office (Mr L Smith) at Chester City Council. **Action 13 – Parish Clerk please write to Mr Smith enclosing a copy of Mr Mrozik's letter. Copy to go to Mr Mrozik.**

13. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 8 May 2007 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting was closed at 9.05pm.