

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2008 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors Cheshire (Acting Chairman), Evans, Farrall and Povall.
Parish Clerk. 3 Members of the Public.

Open Forum:

- Roger Blake wished to place on record his thanks for the support proffered by the Parish Council in connection with the Planning Application relating to 2 Townfield Lane, Tiverton. In this connection the Parish Clerk read out a letter sent to the Inspector chairing the pending Appeal against the refusal of Planning permission. This letter re-iterates the Parish Council's objections to the Application on the grounds of access, drainage, landscaping and vehicle movement.
- Steve Armitage advised that the £30.00 Renewal Fee for the Parish Web Site Domain Address will be due shortly. He will pay this on behalf of the Parish Council and add the amount to his own Invoice covering Newsletter Production Costs.
- Steve Armitage advised that the next edition of the Newsletter will be produced and distributed during April. **Action Point 1 – Cllr. Turner to provide the usual Chairman's Article for inclusion.**
- Steve Armitage advised that he has acquired a refurbished Computer and proposed that it be used to replace the existing one owned by the Parish Council. He will transfer all files on to the replacement Computer before scrapping the old unit. The Parish Council confirmed this course of action and thanked Mr Armitage for his assistance.
- Derek Marshall commented on the continuing problem of Dog Faeces on the Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club Grounds, this in spite of warnings being issued in the Parish Newsletter. It is understood that the Hockey Club no longer allow free access to their land due to the ongoing problems.
- Derek Marshall asked that efforts be continued to bring together a meeting of the Parish Plan Working Group. **Action Point 2 – Cllr. Cheshire to speak with interested parties and arrange a convenient date. Action Point 3 – Parish Clerk to attend the meeting prior to liaising with Angela Loftus at Chester City Council regarding key areas highlighted for attention.**

1. Apologies for Absence:

Parish Councillors Turner and Wright. Chester City Councillor Weaver.

2. Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

3. Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 15 January 2008:

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

4. Matters Arising:

- a) **Damage to Lay-By Fences/Warning Signs for High Vehicles** –Cllr. Cheshire advised that Cllr. Turner is still in dialogue with Jamie Barron and Helena Crawford at Cheshire County Council. **Action Point 4 – Cllr. Turner to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
- b) **Kissing Gate Project for Public Rights of Way** – Cllr. Cheshire advised that all but two Landowners have now been approached for permission to erect the Kissing Gates. A small number of objections have been raised from Farmers concerned about having the gates opening on to public roads. **Action Point 5 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.** Cllr. Povall commented on the poor state of the surface on parts of the Sandstone Trail – Farm Vehicles have reduced the path to deep mud in a number of locations. **Action Point 6 – Cllr. Povall to raise the issue with Simon Lammond at Chester City Council.**
- c) **Community Pride Awards** – The Parish Clerk confirmed that the entry for this year's competition has been submitted.
- d) **Churchyard Grant for St Judes** – No further information has been provided. **Action Point 7 – Cllr. Povall to continue liaising with Simon Lammond, advising the Parish Clerk of progress.**
- e) **Parish Council Notice Board** – The Parish Clerk advised that Messrs. Inprint of Crewe have provided the lettering for the Notice Board at St Judes Church. Cllr. Turner will apply the lettering once the Board has been suitably prepared.
- f) **Dumping of Items in the Lay-By adjacent to the A49** – Cllr. Cheshire advised that the problem still continues unabated. He wrote to Barry Davies at Chester City Council highlighting the problem and asking whether video surveillance could be commenced. In response Mr Davies agreed to send out a Cleansing Team to tidy the lay-by and promised to refer the situation to the Community Wardens.

5. Homewatch and Police Report:

Roger Blake re-iterated the need for vigilance when dealing with Cold-Callers, specifically Window Cleaners and People selling Power Cleaners. He also commented on the ongoing thefts of lead from premises throughout the County. A plea was made on behalf of the Police for sightings of a White Transit Van Registration Number PF 03 DNY.

Mr Blake advised that Messrs Hewdens Plant Hire currently have scheme in place whereby they will provide free equipment hire for environment related voluntary work.

6. Planning Applications/Issues:

07/02399/FUL – Extension and Improvements to Existing Café, forming A1 Shop Unit. Lock Gate Café, Whitchurch Road, Tiverton. Mr. Rowlands. Approval Granted.

07/02325/FUL – First Floor Extension and Detached Garage. Hilly Bank, Huxley Lane, Tiverton. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron. This Application has been withdrawn and a new Application submitted. The new Application mirrors the original, but no longer includes the Rear Verandah (the main area of contention for the occupiers of the adjacent property). It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond to Chester City Council noting the amendments, but repeating the previous objections relating to reductions in natural light sources, increased vehicle activity and the fact that the resultant enlarged property will be out of keeping with others in the locality. **Action Point 8 – Cllr. Evans to reply to Chester City Council as outlined above.**

Cllr. Evans confirmed that Mr. Houghtons Appeal against the Enforcement Notice relating to the housing of Chickens in wooden buildings on land at Moss Lane, Tiverton Heath has been dismissed (written advice previously circulated amongst Parish Councillors).

7. Correspondence:

- a) Letter dated 9 March 2008 from the Chairman of Huxley Parish Council seeking the Parish Councils views on the amalgamation of local Parish Councils and the establishment of a joint Landscape Plan. **Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to respond advising that the Parish Council sees no grounds for amalgamation, but is happy to meet to discuss the feasibility of creating a Joint Landscape Plan.**
- b) Letter dated 7 March 2008 from Chester City Council seeking support in the request for feedback on proposed changes to Waste Collection Services.
- c) Letter dated 7 March 2008 from Chester City Council re Annual Rough Sleepers Head Count. **Action Point 10 – Parish Clerk to return.**
- d) Letter dated 3 March 2008 from Cheshire County Council regarding Roadworks on the A534 Wrexham Road, Burland.
- e) ChALC – February Monthly Update.
- f) Letter dated 14 February 2008 from Chester City Council re Chester in Bloom.
- g) E-mail dated 22 February 2008 from Cheshire County Council advising that, with effect from 25 February 2008, all Vale Royal Area Highways calls will be routed to the Customer Access Centre at Middlewich (tel – 0845 002 0666).
- h) Making the LINK in Cheshire Newsletter dated February 2008.
- i) Letter dated 27 February 2008 from Cheshire County Council advising Adoption of the Cheshire Replacement Waste Local Plan. A copy of the Plan document is provided for retention.

- j) Notice from Chester City Council advising Refuse Collection Arrangements for Easter 2008.
- k) Cheshire Constabulary Grapevine Newsletter (Chester Area) dated February 2008.
- l) Notice of Rural South Area Committee Meeting at War Memorial Hall, Tilson on Thursday 27 March 2008. Agenda and Supporting Papers provided. Cllr. Povall to attend if available.
- m) Sundry Notices issued by Cheshire Training Partnership and ChALC.
- n) ChALC Newsletter dated March 2008.
- o) Supply of Revised Timetables for the 41, 41A and X41 Bus Services.
- p) The Past Uncovered Journal dated February 2008.
- q) Enjoy St Georges Day Journal.
- r) Cheshire Matters Journal dated February 2008.
- s) Letter dated 18 February 2008 from Mencap seeking a financial donation.

8. Financial Report:

The Financial Report dated 18 March 2008 was unanimously accepted (proposed by Cllr. Farrall. Seconded by Cllr. Evans). The Parish Council currently has a Bank Balance of £6,150.69 credit.

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

H Withe (March and April 2008 salaries) - £210.00 and £168.00 respectively per month, less Income Tax.

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

P Sanders (Expenses) - £6.07.

Inprint Colour (Notice Board Lettering) - £70.50.

10. Any Other Business:

- Cllr. Povall referred to the recent request in the Chester Chronicle by Tarporley Town Council seeking comments on the operation of the R41 Bus Service. Cllr. Povall commented that the Parish Council could put forward the view that the Service should include a stop in Tiverton, rather than only passing through outlying lanes. As the Bus rests in Tarporley for ten minutes, impact on Timetabling should be minimal. This view was supported by other Parish Council Members. **Action Point 11 – Parish Clerk to write to Tarporley Town Council as outlined.**
- Cllr. Cheshire advised that, due to demands on his own time, he can no longer transport the Street Orderly to and from the Village on a regular basis. It was agreed to seek volunteers to attend to Mr Withe's transport needs as often as possible. A request for support will be included in the next Village Newsletter (offers to be made via Cllr. Cheshire).
- It was agreed to purchase a Fork, a Rake, a Spade and a Wheelbarrow for use by the Street Orderly. **Action Point 12 – Cllr. Cheshire to arrange the Purchases.** The equipment is to be stored in the Village

Hall Boiler Room. This will necessitate the repair/replacement of the Boiler Room Door and Lock. Steve Armitage will attend to these issues, the Parish Council having agreed expenditure up to a maximum of £250.00, including the copying of the new key (five keys to be in circulation).

- Cllr. Evans expressed a wish to attend the forthcoming Cheshire Planning Forum Meeting at Wyvern House, Winsford. **Action Point 13 – Parish Clerk to attend to Registration.**

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 13 May 2008 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.04pm.