

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28 November 2006 at St Judes Church Hall, Tilstone Fearnall.

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

Open Forum: No issues were raised by the Public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Councillors Pilgrem, Brewin, Povall, Wright and County Councillor Moore-Dutton.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Farrall declared a personal interest in the Grant to Tiverton Village Hall (see item 10). The Register was duly signed.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2006:** The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1. **Clerk Vacancy** - the Council unanimously approved the appointment of Mr Philip Sanders as Parish Clerk as recommended by Councillors Cheshire and Povall.
 - 4.2. **Huxley Lane T-Junction Turning Point** – Councillor Turner advised that Cheshire County Council (CCC) have agreed in principal to placing yellow lines on the road adjacent to the Junction (subject to Parish Council confirmation). It was agreed that improved signage be suggested advising Trucks to "keep going left" at the turning point as this is the easier option in terms of turning circles.
Action 1 – Councillor Turner to liaise with CCC on these issues.
 - 4.3. **Signposting** – Following site meetings with Jamie Barron C.C.C. Traffic and Transport Dept. Councillor Turner reported that a number of proposals had been agreed a) Erect an additional sign for the overheight vehicles turning area on A49 underneath the existing directional sign for Tiverton/Huxley. b) Move the existing 'Overheight vehicles turning point 200 yards ahead' sign, to underneath the existing vehicle activated sign, to help prevent motorist from turning into adjacent properties rather than the designated area. c) Consideration be given to the possibility of improving the clarity of existing directional signs on A51, to give drivers better warning of height restriction ahead.
 - 4.4. **Bottle Bank** – Councillor Turner reported that after a number of phone calls, Cheshire Waste have agreed their responsibility and have recently emptied the previously overflowing bottle containers in the Red Fox Car Park.
 - 4.5. **Bus Stop Shelters** – Councillor Turner reported that Andy Nixon at CCC had confirmed that 'Adsell' have no interest in the siting of Bus Stop Shelters on both sides of the road adjacent to the Red Fox Public House. However Mr. Nixon did say that C.C.C. would consider this request but advised that this years budget had already been allocated and therefore we are talking 2007/8.
Action 2 - Councillor Turner to advise the Parish Clerk of Mr Nixon's contact details.
- Action 3 – Parish Clerk to write to Andy Nixon requesting that consideration is given to funding the A51 Bus Stop Shelters from the 2007/8 Budget.**

4.6. Commercial Vehicle Overnight Parking in Lay-By – a number of complaints have been received from residents on this subject, including the parking of Refrigerated Trailers without Tractor Units. It was agreed to ask local residents to note Registration Numbers and details of the Haulage Companies in question with a view to writing letters to the Companies asking them to cease the practice.

Action 4 – Parish Clerk to ascertain the Legal Position on Lay-By parking from VOSA.

5. **Report on the future of St Judes Church, Tilstone Fearnall** – Councillor Cheshire advised the Council that the future of the Church is still under consideration; merger with Bunbury Parish Church (and the closure of St Judes) appearing the most likely outcome. If this scenario proceeds the question of the maintenance of the Church Graveyards will need to be addressed.

Action 5 – Councillor Cheshire to contact Alan James at Chester City Council (Tel 402272) to seek some clarification re St Judes Churchyard.

6. **Beeston Area Transport Needs Assessment (BATNA)– Update:** Councillor Cheshire commented on the recent letter from BATNA to Stephen O'Brien MP in support of the re-opening of Beeston Station and also read excerpts of a letter from the DfT to Stephen O'Brien MP. Summarising the letters, at present the DfT is not able to support any plans to re-open the Station, although they commented that the 5km maximum radius stated by Scott Wilson Rail is not a maximum and any reasonable and justified area could be used. Additionally, Arriva Trains Wales have commented that the addition of a 2/3 minute stop at Beeston would increase pressure on Crewe Station. BATNA has requested that the radial area be extended to 15 minutes drive time given that Crewe and Chester Railway Stations are 26 miles apart. BATNA also believes that revenue streams will be greater than envisaged by DfT and Arriva Trains Wales due to the unaccounted for traffic from tourism. The next meeting of BATNA will be held at Tiverton Village Hall on Tuesday 12 November 2006 – this will determine the future course of action of the group.

7. Homewatch and Police Report: Roger Blake advised, i). that the probable perpetrators of recent arson attacks were arrested last week, ii). details of a Post Code Engraving Kit that can be obtained from David Owens, the Community Briefing Safety Network Officer, iii). information on a number of Fraudulent Scams, iv). the fact that Chester City Council has an agreement in place to make one additional, free special rubbish collection per household per annum. All of these issues will be covered in the next Village Newsletter.

8. Planning Applications:

8.1. Application 06/0121/FUL – Keeley – Firs Farm – the Appeal has been withdrawn.

8.2. Application 06/01968/TPO/PM – Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club – Crown Reduction to Oak Trees – no objections.

9. Correspondence:

9.1. Letter from Mary Thompson thanking the Parish Council for £200 Honorarium. The Parish Council wished to place on record it's thanks to Mary Thompson for her support.

9.2. E-mail from Phyllis Armitage confirming that the recent Litter Pick found little to collect.

- 9.3. Letter from Countryside Alliance asking for support for rural Post Offices – no action required in view of the lack of a Post Office in the Parish.
- 9.4.** Letter from CCC regarding Carriageway Resurfacing at Hampton Heath on A41. Contents noted.
- 9.5. Agenda for Rural South Area Committee Meeting on Thursday 30 November 2006. Councillor Cheshire will attend.
- 9.6.** Consultation Papers from Chester City Council relating to Draft Supplementary Planning Documents for a) Re-use of Rural Buildings and b) Telecommunications Development. Whilst Councillors had reservations on a number of issues raised, it was decided not to forward a response.
- 10. Financial Report:** The Parish Clerk presented the Financial Report dated 28 November 2006. This was approved unanimously by the Council (Proposed by Councillor Farrall, Seconded by Councillor Turner).
The Parish Clerk confirmed that, as at 31 October 2006, the Bank Balance in the Councils' Books was £5,934.98 Credit and that Budget Targets were being met.
- 11. Accounts for Payment:**
Payments processed since the last meeting, and given retrospective approval, are as follows:-
Allianz Cornhill (Insurance Premium Renewal) - £346.63
M. Thompson (Honorarium) - £200.00
Armitage Systems Ltd (Newsletter Printing) - £26.38
Harold Withe (September Salary) - £126.54
Inland Revenue (September PAYE) - £35.86
Harold Withe (October Salary) - £158.34
Inland Revenue (Oct PAYE) - £44.66
Phil Sanders (Salary half of September and October) - £117.00
ChALC (Training Fees) - £20.00
The following payments were also approved:
Harold Withe (November Salary) - £126.54
Phil Sanders (November Salary) - £78.00
Inland Revenue (November PAYE) - £90.86
Tiverton Village Hall (Grant for Steps) - £200.00
Action 6 – Councillor Cheshire and Parish Clerk to liaise re completion of Parish Council Budget for 2007/8 – to be presented for approval at next Parish Council Meeting
- 12. Any Other Business:**
New Notice Board, St Judes – The Parish Council unanimously approved (Proposed by Councillor Evans. Seconded by Councillor Farrall) that a sum not exceeding £150 be spent to cover the erection of the Board.
Action 7 – Councillor Cheshire to arrange erection of Notice Board at St Judes.
- 13. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 9 January 2007 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting was closed at 9.10pm.