

TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 October 2008 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors Cheshire (Chairman), Farrall (Vice Chairman) and Evans. Parish Clerk. 5 Members of the Public.

Open Forum:

Steve Armitage referred to the Planning Application (Ref:- 08/01706/FUL) submitted by Trust Inns in respect of the creation of a Caravan Park at the Shady Oak Public House, Bates Mill Lane. Whilst generally supportive of the Application he suggested that the Roadways within the site did not blend in with the local environment; that there was no provision for separate Toilet and WC facilities; much of the work has already been undertaken without Planning permission being in place. Cllr. Cheshire also read out a letter from Mr and Mrs J Clauson of Bates Mill Cottage which covered the same issues and made reference to the level of noise that regularly emanates from the Childrens' Play Area, in particular the inflatable Bouncy Castle. The Managers of the Shady Oak, Alun Skittlen and David Hughes, were present and acknowledged the points raised, confirming their desire to work with Local Residents in producing a Facility that was acceptable for all parties. Cllr. Cheshire commented that he had canvassed opinion from several Residents and felt that most Villagers were generally supportive of the Application, subject to the issues mentioned above being addressed. (See later comments under Planning Applications.)

Steve Armitage asked that the Chairman's Article for the next edition of the Village Newsletter be submitted. **Action Point 1 – Cllr. Cheshire to liaise with Steve Armitage as appropriate.**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Councillors Evans and Povall and Chester City Councillors Jones and Weaver.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest made.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 July 2008:** The Minutes were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Farrall. Seconded by Cllr. Wright) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Joint Parishes Landscape and Preservation Plan – Cllr. Cheshire advised that the proposed Meeting to further discuss the creation of the Joint Plan has been rescheduled for 16 November 2008 at Huxley Village Hall. **Action Point 2 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
 - b) Kissing Gate Project – Steve Armitage advised that, with one exception, permission to erect the Gates has now been received from all Land Owners. As such the Gates can

now be ordered from Cheshire County Council and arrangements made for their installation. Whilst the County Council will cover the cost of the Gates, the Parish Council, as previously agreed, will have to cover installation costs. This will be approximately £700 plus VAT. **Action Point 3 – Cllr. Cheshire to take matters forward with Cheshire County Council.**

- c) Damage to Lay-By Fences and Warning Signs for High Vehicles – Cllr. Cheshire advised that there have been no further developments regarding the placement of the new Warning Signs. **Action Point 3 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
- d) Dumping of Items of Clothing in the Lay-By adjacent to the A49 – Cllr. Cheshire advised that, other than a couple of minor instances, the dumping of items has ceased.
- e) Secure Storage of the Street Orderley's Gardening Equipment – Arrangements are in hand to purchase a suitably sized lockable cupboard for siting at the side of the Village Hall. **Action Point 4 – Cllr. Cheshire/Steve Armitage to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
- f) Bus Routes – Cllr. Cheshire advised that Chester City Council have agreed in principal to the re-routing of the 41 Service through Tiverton. Arrangements are being finalised with the Bus Company to implement the revised route.
- g) Use of Red Fox Car Park as a Short Cut at Four Lane Ends Junction – Cllr. Cheshire confirmed that he has raised the subject with Mr. Jilani and a barrier is to be erected in the near future preventing traffic using the Car Park as a short cut to circumvent the Junction/Traffic Lights.

5. Homewatch & Police Report: There was no Report to hand. However, the Parish Clerk advised that a number of Homewatch/Police Reports have been received since the last Parish Council Meeting. These will be circulated amongst Councillors.

6. Parish Council Vacancies: The Parish Clerk advised that Chester City Council have confirmed that two new Parish Councillors may be appointed via Co-Option. Two applications have been received, from Bernard Byrd of Tilstone Bank and Dr. Gordon Ibbotson of Brassey Bank. After discussing the Applications the Parish Council unanimously agreed (Proposed by Cllr. Cheshire. Seconded by Cllr. Wright) to invite both Applicants to join the Parish Council as co-opted Members. **Action Point 5 - Parish Clerk to attend to all appropriate Documentation, including supplying a list of ChALC Training Courses, in readiness for the next Parish Council Meeting.**

7. Planning Issues: Chester City Council have confirmed Approval of the following:-
08/01270/LBC – Lock 12 Beeston Stone Lock – Cill Hazard Warning Sign;
08/01215/LBC – Lock 13 Tilstone Fearnall Lock – Cill Hazard Warning Sign;
08/01268/LBC – Wharton Lock 10 – Cill Hazard Warning Sign;
08/01384/FUL – The Firs Farm – Alterations and Extensions to property and erection of Detached Double Garage (amendments to previous Consent).
Vale Royal Borough Council has issued a Supplementary Planning Document in respect of the Historic Built Environment. As a Parish neighbouring the Borough the Council is invited to make comments as part of the consultation process. **Action Point 6 – Parish Clerk to circulate the Document amongst Members, ensuring that any**

comments are with Vale Royal Borough Council by the 26 November 2008 deadline.

Without the General Public being present the Parish Council discussed the Planning Application for the proposed Caravan Site at the Shady Oak Public House, Bates Mill Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council would confirm support for the Application, subject to, a) the internal roadways being of a material and colour sympathetic to the local environment, b) the creation of a separate Toilet/WC facility solely for use by Caravan Site Residents, c) the current Bouncy Castle being moved to a different location to reduce noise levels and, d) the stipulation that any lighting is to be at floor level, with no lamp standards erected. **Action Point 7 – Cllr. Cheshire to forward comments in writing to Chester City Council.**

8. Correspondence:

- a) Letter dated 4 September 2008 from Chester City Council enclosing four Invitations to the Annual Parish Reception on Wednesday 29 October 2008 at the Guildhall, Chester. **Action Point 8 – Parish Clerk to confirm that Cllrs. Cheshire, Wright, Farrall and Povey will attend.**
- b) Letter dated 27 August 2008 from The Communities and Local Government Department enclosing the Consultation Booklet “The making and enforcement of bye-laws”.
- c) Various Items relating to the Parish Issues Log for Cheshire West and Chester.
- d) Letter dated 10 September 2008 from Cheshire County Council relating to “Parish Council Recycling Champions”. **Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to return Pro Forma advising that Phyllis Armitage has volunteered to act as Parish Council Recycling Champion. Action Point 10 – Parish Clerk to forward copies of all relevant explanatory notes to Phyllis Armitage.**
- e) Minutes of the Rural South Area Committee Meeting held at the War Memorial Hall, Farndon on Thursday 26 June 2008.
- f) E-mail from Cheshire Police Authority confirming a “Have your say Meeting” at the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall on Tuesday 14 October 2008.
- g) Cheshire Police Western Rural Area “Grapevine” dated September 2008 and News Bulletins dated 8, 22 and 29 September 2008.
- h) E-mail dated 18 September 2008 from ChALC including feedback from the LGR Facilitation Consultation Event at The Fourways on 16 September 2008.
- i) ChALC Newsletters dated September 2008.
- j) ChALC September Monthly Update.
- k) Agenda for ChALC Chester Area Meeting at County Hall, Chester on Wednesday 15 October 2008.
- l) Cheshire Matters Journals dated September and October 2008.
- m) Poster from RSPB notifying the dates of Chester Group Meetings throughout Autumn 2008.
- n) Letter from Chester City Council dated 22 September 2008 relating to Parish Councillor Interests.
- o) Letter dated 28 September 2008 from Stuart Younger highlighting his services as a “Local Freelance Community Project Manager”.
- p) Supply of Revised Bus Timetables for Services 41, 41A and 41B.

- q) Letter from the Government Office for the North West advising that “The North West of England Plan Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021” has now been published.
- r) Notice from Cheshire Police Authority, enclosing Agenda for Chester Area Meeting on 14 October 2008 and a Questionnaire for completion. **Action Point 10 – Cllr. Cheshire to complete and return the Questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council.**
- s) Letter dated 6 October 2008 from Cheshire Community Action giving feedback on the Community Pride Competition Entry. The Village was ranked 8th of 9 in its’ population grouping. This ranking was not aided by the fact that many of the items that the Judges mark are not applicable to the Village – this detrimentally affects the marking score. Against this background it was agreed not to enter the competition in 2009.

9. Financial Report: The Financial Report dated 14 October 2008 was unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Farrall. Seconded by Cllr. Wright). The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £7,832.66 Credit. £4,044.39 of this sum is held in an immediate access interest bearing account.

10. Accounts for Payment: The following payments were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Cheshire. Seconded by Cllr. Farrall) :-

Harold Withe – Salary for October and November 2008 - £168.00 and £210.00 per month.

Phil Sanders – Salary for October and November 2008 - £107.04 per month.

Cheshire Community Action - Membership Fees - £20.00.

Royal British Legion – Wreath for War Memorial - £25.00.

Tiverton Village Hall - Donation - £100.00.

Tarporley Hospital – Donation - £50.00.

Retrospective:

Harold Withe – Salary for September 2008 - £210.00.

Phil Sanders – Salary for September 2008 - £107.04.

11. Any Other Business:

Issues discussed at the Rural South Area Committee Meeting on 2 October 2008 – It was advised that Parish Councils wishing to keep old style Red Telephone Boxes, similar to the one located next to the War Memorial, will be asked to pay BT £500 per annum as a Maintenance Fee. It was unanimously agreed to ask BT to remove the Box as it is in poor condition and of minimal benefit. **Action Point 11 – Parish Clerk to liaise with BT accordingly.** It was noted that whilst St Judes Church is located within the new Chester and West Cheshire boundary, it is administered from St Boniface in Bunbury, which will be in East Cheshire. Sally Buttifant at Chester City Council has promised to enquire as to how this will affect the future payment of Burial Ground Grants. **Action Point 12 – Cllr. Povall to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Cllr. Cheshire advised that CREAM, of whom Derek Marshall is a member, is currently looking at Draft Proposals for the creation of a new Main Line Railway Station on the outskirts of Crewe, adjacent to the A500 By-Pass. Mr. Marshall had

made comment concerning access, parking and bus routing. More details will follow in due course

12.Date & time of next meeting: Tuesday 9 December 2008 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm.