

Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 September 2006 in Tiverton Village Hall

1) **Present:** Councillors Cheshire, Turner, Povall, Evans, Farrall. 3 Members of the Public.

Apologies were received from Councillors Brewin, Pilgrim and Wright, City Councillors Jones and Haynes and County Councillor Moore-Dutton.

2) **Acceptance of Minutes** of 11 July 2006: The minutes were approved and signed.

3) **Open Forum.**

3.1 A site meeting at the new building next to Meadow Cottage has resulted in a revised plan for a lower building which would be acceptable to all parties.

The Applicants are submitting a revised application.

3.2 There was nothing to report from the Homewatch coordinator.

4) **Matters Arising:**

4.1 **Clerk Vacancy.** Councillor Cheshire reported that he had received 2 applications for the Parish Clerk post. One of the applicants has now withdrawn as he was willing to help only if no other applicant could be found. The second applicant will be interviewed by Councillors Cheshire and Povall on 13 September.

4.2 **A51 Bus Stops.** Councillor Turner had been informed that Andy Nixon is handling this matter. They will meet when Andy Nixon returns from leave.

4.3 **Lorry Turning.** Councillor Turner has spoken to Helena Crawford at County Highways. Following discussion Councillor Turner agreed to discuss with Highways the possibility of Yellow Lines along part of the lay by north of Huxley Lane.

4.4 **Overheight Signs.** Councillor Turner has arranged a site meeting with Rob Welch of Cheshire County Highways to discuss the options for location of Overheight Vehicle signs.

Councillor Turner will report progress on the above 3 items at the next meeting.

4.2 **Councillor Vacancy.** After a discussion it was agreed that the Council would continue with the present number of 8 Councillors.

4.3 **Bus Literature.** This had been passed to Mr Armitage and would be included with the September Newsletter.

4.4 **Speed Limit Signs.** Continues as **Action 1)** Councillor Pilgrim to discuss Speed limit signs with Helena Crawford, Cheshire County Council.

5) **Beeston Area Transport Needs Assessment.** The recent survey undertaken by contractors to the County Council was presented to all the interested bodies at a meeting in Tilstone Fearnall Church Hall on 6 September. About 30 people, the majority representing Parish Councils and interested bodies attended.

Mr Marshall summarised the presentation for the Council. The conclusion of the report, a full copy of which will be available in about 2 weeks time, was that the proposal does not meet the criteria laid down by Network Rail and DefRA in terms of the required return on investment.

It was felt by many at the presentation that a) the criteria set by Network Rail are far too severe and not flexible enough for the many varied scenarios which may apply to different areas and b) the costings applied were unrealistic.

As Chairman of the Transport Needs Group Mr Marshall will be writing to the relevant local MPs to seek their support. Councillor Cheshire commented that this was only the beginning of the campaign to reopen the station. Changes in economic and environmental considerations would at some point in the future make greater use of the rail network and hence the need for more stations a necessity. Since there is great local support for the reopening of Beeston station the Parish Council should position itself to be ready to apply pressure. One suggestion made was that a temporary station structure could be erected and if the numbers of passengers proved the social/economic need this could be made permanent.

6) Planning Applications.

6.1 Woodlands Cottage, Tilstone Fearnall, Extension. No objections

6.2 April Cottage, Huxley Lane, Extension. No objection but request that roof lights overlooking neighbour should be of obscured glass.

6.3 The Stables Cottage, Huxley Lane, Extension. This application has been called before the Planning Board Meeting on 13 September and the Planning Dept have recommended Permission. The Parish Council had not objected to the application and had no further comments.

6.4 Tiverton Hall, Huxley Lane, Extension and use of Barn for Office and Cottage. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposed modifications but will enquire as to the nature of the Business which is to be carried out at the premises. **Action 2** Councillor Evans to enquire as to the nature of the Business to be carried out at Tiverton Hall.

7) Accounts.

7.1 The Parish Council Insurance Policy is due for renewal and following a recommendation by the External Auditor Councillor Evans proposed that the Fidelity Guarantee be increased from £2000 to £10000. Councillor Farrall seconded the proposal and it was agreed. The Policy will be renewed at a cost of £346.63.

Action 3. Councillor Cheshire to renew Parish Council Insurance policy.

7.2 H Withe, July Salary, £158.24, Cheque, 10/8/06.

7.3 Inland Revenue, July, £44.76, Cheque, 10/8/06.

7.4 Armitage Systems, Newsletter, £26.38, Cheque, 10/8/06.

7.5 ChalC Training Course, M Turner, £20.00, Cheque, 3/9/06.

7.6 Tarporley Talk, Clerk Advertisement x 2, £60.00, 3/9/06.

7.7 H With, August Salary, £126.76, Cheque, 3/9/06.

7.8 Inland Revenue, August, £35.64.

Councillor Cheshire gave an update of the Financial Statement which showed that the Council was within Budget and as at 30 August the total funds held were £7246.82.

The new Bank Account at Natwest Tarporley was opened at the beginning of August. Barclays Bank have been requested to close both accounts held with them and transfer the balance after any outstanding charges to the new account at Natwest.

The 2005/6 Return has been cleared by the Internal Auditor and advertised in accordance with statutory requirements for a period of 30 days. It has been presented to the External Auditor who has asked for a minor modification to the method of showing receipts. Following resolution of that request the Audit should be completed.

In view of the considerable time and effort which Mrs Thompson has spent compiling the Accounts and returns since September 2006 Councillor Cheshire proposed and Councillor Povall seconded that Mrs Thompson be awarded an Honorarium of £200.00 from Council funds. Councillor Turner declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion. The proposal was agreed.

Action 4 Councillor Cheshire to arrange payment of Honorarium to Mrs Thompson.

8) Correspondence

8.1 A training session on Chairmanship is to be held by Chalc on 13/9/06.

Councillor Turner will attend. Cost to be paid by the Parish Council.

8.2 A meeting will take place at St Judes Church Hall on 26 September 2006 to discuss the future of the Church.

Action 4. Councillor Povall to attend St Judes Church Meeting, 26 September and report to the Parish Council.

8.3 A recent presentation concerning the new Waste Collection contract took place at the Town Hall. Councillor Cheshire attended and reported that the three options presented were all based on collection of domestic waste residue on a 2 weekly basis. There was completely inadequate justification given and no cost comparisons made. Councillor Cheshire had exchanged correspondence with City Councillor Jones. Councillors and members of the Public are urged to comment to the City Council.

9) Date of Next Meeting: 21 November 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.