

# TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 September 2007 at Tiverton Village Hall, Tiverton.

**Present:** Parish Councillors Turner (Chairman), Cheshire, Evans, Povall and Farrall. Cheshire County Councillor Moore-Dutton. Parish Clerk. 1 Member of the Public.

## **Open Forum:**

Steve Armitage confirmed that the next Parish Newsletter is due for delivery in early October. **Action Point 1 – Cllr. Turner to forward Chairman’s Notes by 30 September.** Steve Armitage commented that a Barbed Wire Fence has been erected adjacent to The Fields at Tiverton Heath, thus preventing access to the Public Footpath. Mr Armitage has reported the matter to Chester City Council. Linked to this, Cllr. Evans advised that the Landowner, Mr Houghton, has appealed against the Enforcement Order issued by Chester City Council in July – this Order sought to prevent him from continuing his Poultry Farming Activities on the land. This Appeal effectively allows Mr Houghton to continue his operation until the Appeal is heard (by January 2008 at the latest).

Steve Armitage commented that building work is currently being undertaken at Hilly Bank, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, including what appears to be the conversion of an outbuilding into a residential unit. Mr Armitage asked that the Parish Council review the situation with regard to Planning Permission being sought/required. **Action Point 2 – Cllr. Evans to visit the property and review the building work, liaising with the Landowner and Chester City Council as appropriate.**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Wright. City Councillors Jones and Weaver.
  2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest made.
  3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2007:** The Minutes were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Evans. Seconded by Cllr. Farrall) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
  4. **Matters Arising:**
    - 4.1. **Damage to Lay By Fences/Warning Signs for High Vehicles** – The Parish Clerk confirmed that City Councillor Jones had referred these issues to Cheshire Highways. Their suggestion was for Stone Boulders to be strategically placed to prevent damage to the existing fencing. They also commented that recent changes to the location of the “Low Bridge” warning signs should help to prevent vehicles from approaching the area in error. The Parish Council felt that Cheshire Highways response did not take into account the seriousness of the issue and that a site visit to discuss the situation is the best way forward. **Action Point 3 – Parish Clerk to liaise with Jamie Barron at Cheshire County Council to arrange a site visit.**
    - 4.2. **Speeding Checks** – Cllrs. Povall and Farrall, plus the Parish Clerk, are now trained to use the Radar Gun. Due to the Radar Gun supplied being faulty, initial opportunities to take readings have been limited. However, Derek Bowker at Cheshire Community Council has confirmed that the Radar Gun can be requested at regular intervals in the future. **Action Point 4 – Parish Clerk to contact Derek Bowker to book the Radar Gun for October and November.**
- Action Point 5 – Cllr. Turner to include a further request for additional**

**Volunteer Operators in the next Parish Newsletter article.**

**4.3. Kissing Gate Project for Public Rights of Way** – Cllr. Cheshire advised that the list of possible sites is still in course of preparation. As and when suitable sites are being identified, Landowners are being consulted for their consent to place the Gates. **Action Point 6 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

**4.4. Mr Kaiser** – Cllr. Povall advised that there was nothing further to report.

**4.5. Allery House, Huxley Lane** – The Parish Clerk advised that Chester City Council had confirmed that the building work currently being undertaken is covered by Planning Permission granted some years ago.

**4.6. Grass Cutting at Four Lane Ends and Verge Rebuilding at Gardenhurst** – The Parish Clerk outlined arrangements for the cutting of Grass Verges as advised by Cheshire County Council – these cuts have taken place at the appropriate intervals. Cheshire County Council has promised to look at rebuilding the verge at Gardenhurst, subject to manpower/funds being available.

**4.7. Community Pride Awards Evening on Thursday 4 October 2007** – Cllr. Turner is no longer able to attend and the Parish Clerk will deputise. **Action Point 7 – Parish Clerk to advise Cheshire Community Council accordingly.**

**4.8. Rural South Area Committee Meeting of 19 July 2007** – Cllr Povall attended on behalf of the Council. Main issues discussed were Fire and Safety, with specific emphasis placed on safe driving – a DVD is to be passed onto High Schools for showing to pupils; Fly Tipping along the A49 where a number of culprits have been identified and Fined/Warned. The Parish Council agreed that tipping is a growing problem with both domestic and commercial waste being dumped in lay bys in increasing quantities. County Councillor Moore-Dutton offered to highlight the matter to the appropriate bodies.

5. **Homewatch and Police Report:** Cllr Cheshire referred to the recent Police Report from Inspector Hodgson of Cheshire Police – copy held on file. Primary issues included a request for sightings of a Peugeot 106, registration A 5 HHY (seen in suspicious circumstances in Farndon); a request for information on two Asian Males seen acting suspiciously in Tattenhall, stating that they were opening an OAP Home in the area; a request for sightings of a Renault Clio, registration PE 53 OMU, being driven erratically and at speed in Waverton. Cllr. Povall also advised that the individual who stole a Statue from her Garden has been caught, charged and found guilty of several thefts. Sentencing is imminent.

6. **Planning Applications:**

07/01421/FUL – Jenkins – Drumber Castle Cottage, Huxley Lane – Move Stables within existing boundaries. No Objections raised.

07/01641/FUL – Buckley – Vale Mount, Vale Road, Tilstone Fearnall – Extension to form new entrance hall, home office/study, utility, porch and 1<sup>st</sup> floor bedroom. **Action Point 8 – Cllr Evans to review the Application and respond as appropriate to Chester City Council.**

07/01199/LDC – Jilani - Red Fox Public House – Change to Indian Takeaway. Certificate of Lawful Use on Development issued.

07/01279/FUL – Fairholme, Nantwich Road – Construction of detached garage. Notice of Approval received.

7. **Code of Conduct:** The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt with immediate effect Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (Proposed by Cllr. Cheshire. Seconded by Cllr. Povall). **Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to write to both Chester City Council and the Standards Board for England confirming adoption.** It was also unanimously agreed (Proposed by Cllr. Povall. Seconded by Cllr. Turner) to amend the Parish Councils’ Standing Orders to allow Councillors with a Prejudicial Interest to make representations at a Council Meeting prior to leaving the room whilst voting takes place. **Action Point 10 – Parish Clerk to amend Standing Orders as appropriate.**
8. **Correspondence:**
- 8.1. Citizens Advice Bureau Laminated Posters detailing Local Surgeries.
  - 8.2. ChALC Newsletter dated September 2007.
  - 8.3. Cheshire Constabulary “On the Grapevine – Chester” dated August 2007.
  - 8.4. ChALC – Notice of Annual Meeting on Thursday 18 October 2007 at Middlewich Civic Hall.
  - 8.5. Note from Cheshire County Council regarding Repairs to United Utilities Manhole Covers.
  - 8.6. Cheshire Matters dated August 2007.
  - 8.7. Cheshire County Council Annual Corporate Performance Report 2006/7.
  - 8.8. Letter, and Poster, from Chester City Council outlining the New National Concessionary Bus Pass Scheme which comes into force from 1 April 2008.
9. **Financial Report:** The Parish Clerk presented the Financial Report dated 11 September 2007. This was approved unanimously by the Council (Proposed by Cllr. Turner, Seconded by Cllr. Farrall). The Parish Clerk confirmed that, as at 20 August 2007, the Bank Balance in the Councils’ Books was £6,076.28 Credit, including £2,000 now standing on an immediate access interest bearing account. The Internal Audit has been completed with all relevant Paperwork passed on to Messrs Hacker Young. To date no response has been received.
10. **Accounts for Payment:**  
The following Payments were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Evans. Seconded by Cllr. Farrall):-  
H Withe (September and October) - £203.00 and £162.40 respectively per month, less PAYE.  
P Sanders (September and October Salaries) - £100.00 per month, less PAYE.  
P Sanders (Expenses) - £52.25  
Cllr. Turner (Re-imburement of Gift to Internal Auditor) - £33.98  
Cllr. Cheshire (Re-imburement for Tilstone Fearnall Notice Board improvements) - £12.40  
Retrospectively agreed:-  
S Armitage (Newsletter Copying) - £25.50
11. **Any Other Business:**
- 11.1. Cllr. Cheshire advised that the cost of Weed and Feed Treatment for the Village Green will be £88.00. It was unanimously agreed (Proposed by

Cllr. Evans. Seconded by Cllr. Povall) to authorise the expenditure, with the Treatment to be applied in the near future.

11.2. Cllr. Povall advised that the Village Society has arranged Dance Evenings at the Village Hall for the first Friday in October, November and December plus New Years Eve.

11.3. Cllr. Turner raised the issue of the “Village Day” and suggested that a Meeting be held to discuss planning for the 2008 Event. The Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 October 2007 and will be publicised in the forthcoming Village Newsletter.

**12. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 20 November 2007 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting was closed at 8.55pm.