

# TIVERTON AND TILSTONE FEARNALL

## PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2009 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

### **Present:**

Parish Councillors Farrall (Chairman), Ibbotson (Vice Chairman), Byrd, Evans and Povall. Cheshire West and Chester Shadow Authority (CWAC) Member Cllr. Ritchie. Parish Clerk. 2 Members of the Public.

**Open Forum:** Jean Toyn commented that residents are confused as to which Bus Services currently operate to and from the Village and surrounding areas. Cllr. Povall advised that she is in the process of obtaining a supply of Timetables that she will post through letter boxes. Additionally, it was agreed to include details of all services in the next edition of the Village Newsletter and to ask Steve Armitage to add the details to the Village Web Site. **Action Point 1 – Cllr. Farrall to provide details of Bus Routes to Steve Armitage for inclusion in the next Village Newsletter. Action Point 2 – Parish Clerk to ask Steve Armitage to include Bus Timetables on the Village Web Site.**

Roger Blake commented that the Hedges and Bracken along Townfield Lane were becoming very dense and require trimming. **Action Point 3 – Parish Clerk to enquire whether CWAC can arrange for appropriate action to be undertaken.**

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Cheshire and Wright and CWAC Cllrs. Jones and Wright.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest made.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 July 2009:** The Minutes were unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Ibbotson and Seconded by Cllr. Povall) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising:- Cheshire Hunt/Townfield Lane –** The Parish Clerk advised that CWAC have been contacted regarding the points raised. It has been confirmed that Townfield Lane is a Public Footpath and, unless otherwise agreed by the Landowner, is only accessible to the Public on foot. As to ownership of the Land, CWAC are unable to advise who is the Freeholder. They comment that Farm Land is often handed down from generation to generation and is usually Unregistered. If the land is Unregistered it is likely that Townfield Lane is owned, on a 50:50 basis, by the adjacent land owners, who also have responsibility for the maintenance of any hedges. It was agreed to write to The Cheshire Hunt pointing out that Townfield Lane is a

Public Footpath and that riding Horses at speed is a potential danger to pedestrians.

**Action Point 4 – Parish Clerk to write to The Secretary of The Cheshire Hunt.**

BT Telephone Box adjacent to the War Memorial – The Parish Clerk confirmed that he had asked BT to inspect the road to the side of the Telephone Box with a view to levelling off the surface. This work has now been completed.

Proposed Erection of Village Sign – Cllr. Povall advised that no further meaningful discussions have taken place since the last Parish Council Meeting. **Action Point 5 – Cllr. Povall to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Village Entry Signs – The Parish Clerk advised that he had consulted with CWAC regarding the probable cost of new Village Entry Signs. These are £300/400 per sign if new posts are required and £200 without posts. In Cllr. Cheshire's absence it was agreed to defer this matter until the next Parish Council Meeting, when Locations and Costings can be further discussed. **Action Point 6 – Cllr. Cheshire to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

Boundary Commission Review – The Parish Clerk advised that a copy of CWAC's submission to the Boundary Commission has been received. As expected Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall are included within the Eddisbury Ward, which will have three Councillors. Cllr. Ibbotson confirmed that the Parish Council's views have already been forwarded on to the Boundary Commissioner. No further action is required at this time.

Meeting with Nicola McKeand from CWAC held before this Parish Council Meeting - The Parish Clerk confirmed that the following issues were discussed with Miss McKeand – Ongoing Repayment of Street Orderly Salary by CWAC; continued provision of Grant Funding by CWAC to assist with Ground Maintenance at St Judes Churchyard; the possibility of General Insurance being arranged via a CWAC Block Policy; day to day support on such specific issues as Legal Guidance and Financial Management; the need for more direct lines of communication with front-line CWAC Officers. Miss McKeand will reply direct to the Parish Clerk on the Local Issues. An authority-wide Parish Council Meeting is to be arranged in the Autumn (provisionally 14 October 2009) when reference will be made to the more general issues. **Action Point 7 – Parish Clerk to monitor receipt of reply from Miss McKeand.**

**5. Homewatch and Police Report:** Roger Blake advised that there were no specific issues to highlight at present.

**6. Planning Issues:** The Parish Clerk advised that The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed the Appeal against the decision not to allow Planning Permission for the erection of a separate dwelling within Maybeck House, Gardenhurst.

09/10908/FUL – Replacement of Agricultural Building at Tilstone Bank Farm, Tilstone Fearnall. Notice of Approval has been received.

Cllr. Evans commented that a new entrance to land adjacent to Lodge Lane has been created by the Landowner, Mr Rowlands. It was suggested that clarification be sought from CWAC as to whether Lodge Lane is regarded as Unclassified as this affects the

need for Planning Permission to be in place prior to any alterations. **Action Point 8 – Parish Clerk to write to CWAC seeking clarification.**

## **7. Correspondence:**

- a. ChALC monthly e-mail update for July.
- b. Various Police Newsletters and Grapevine Journals dated July and August 2009.
- c. E-mail dated 28 August 2009 from Unlock Democracy relating to the Sustainable Communities Act.
- d. E-mail dated 31 July 2009 from ChALC relating to Participatory Budgeting and seeking an expression of local interest. **Action Point 9 – Parish Clerk to contact ChALC confirming the Parish Councils' wish to receive further information.**
- e. Letter dated 1 August 2009 from BT inviting the Parish Council to adopt the local Red Telephone Box for £1. No action required.
- f. Partnerships West Journal dated July 2009. This Journal advises that the next Rural West Area Partnership Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13 October 2009. **Action Point 10 – Parish Clerk to obtain further details and advise Cllrs. Farrall and Povall accordingly.**
- g. Letter dated 12 August 2009 from Cheshire Local Access Forum seeking nominations from individuals wishing to participate in the Forum.
- h. Notice of Western Police Area Meeting at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall on Tuesday 22 September 2009.
- i. Information Sheet from the Ministry of Justice outlining the roles and aims of the Cheshire Probation Service.
- j. Various e-mails relating to the revised Electoral Registration Process for the Broxton Ward.
- k. E-mail from CWAC dated 24 August 2009 relating to the West Cheshire Community Strategy. The note also advises that the next West Cheshire Together LSP Network Conference will be held on Friday 20 November (fuller details to follow).
- l. VRDS Newsletter dated September 2009.
- m. Invitation to NWDA Annual Conference and AGM at BT Conference Centre, Liverpool on 15 October 2009.
- n. ChALC Newsletter dated September 2009.
- o. Booking Form for ChALC Annual Meeting at Middlewich Civic Hall on 22 October 2009. Cllr. Povall's intention to attend has already been advised to ChALC.
- p. Notice of Community Select Panel Meeting at Tarporley High School on Monday 21 September 2009.
- q. E-mail dated 7 September 2009 from Wirral and Chester Branch of Living Streets highlighting the current On-Line survey of pedestrians views.

**8. Financial Report and Accounts for Payment:** The Financial Report dated 8 September 2009 was unanimously approved (Proposed by Cllr. Ibbotson. Seconded by Cllr. Evans). The Parish Council currently has cash balances totalling £7,290.41 Credit. £4,076.05 of this sum is held on an immediate access interest bearing account. There are no budgetary concerns arising.

The following Payments were authorised:

Harold Withe – September and October 2009 Salary £215.25 per month and £172.20 per month respectively, less Income Tax.

Phil Sanders – September and October 2009 Salary £112.25 per month, less Income Tax.

The following payment was authorised retrospectively:

Allianz Insurance – Annual Insurance Premium - £378.42.

In the absence of Cllr. Cheshire it was not possible to complete the revised Bank Mandate, including Cllr. Ibbotson as an additional signatory **Action Point 11 – Parish Clerk to bring the appropriate paperwork to the next Parish Council meeting.**

**9. Any Other Business:** The Parish Clerk advised that Mrs Elizabeth Scott has approached the Parish Council seeking permission for work to be undertaken on Smithy Green, thus enabling improvements to be carried out to the Septic Tank/Soakaway for The Old Smithy. The Parish Council unanimously agreed (Proposed by Cllr. Ibbotson. Seconded by Cllr. Evans) that the work should be carried out subject to the Green being made good after the groundwork has been completed. Additionally, Mrs Scott is to be asked to refer back to the Parish Council should further issues arise in the future. **Action Point 12 – Parish Clerk to advise Mrs Scott accordingly.**

Cllr. Farrall commented that there has been further damage to the posts and grassed areas adjacent to the Lorry Turning Circle at the junction of the A49 and Huxley Lane. It was agreed to discuss this issue more fully at the next Parish Council Meeting. **Action Point 13 – Parish Clerk to include on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.**

**10. Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 17 November 2009 at Tiverton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting Closed at 9.22pm.