



# Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter November 2017

## What's On

Remembrance Day Service – War Memorial, 11 am, 11 <sup>th</sup> November.
Tiverton Village Society Christmas Party – Village Hall, Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December from 6.30 pm. (Jean Toyn 730739)
Christmas Carol Service – Methodist Chapel, Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.00 pm.
Tiverton Village Society Evening Event (details yet to be decided) -Village Hall, 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Jean)
Tiverton Village Society Village Day – Hockey Club, 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 (Jean)

## Chairman's Notes

Since the last Newsletter in June there have been two Parish Council Meetings (in July and September), but very little local news.

It has been a relatively quiet period over the last few months, but two events are worth highlighting. Firstly, the Beeston, Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Neighbourhood Development Plan is now complete and will be going to referendum on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please make the effort to vote and approve

this. An awful lot of effort – especially by Cllr Cheshire - has gone into producing this document and it is important that the Parish gives it the overwhelming approval it deserves.

Secondly there have been a number of incidents reported, relating to damage to property and the grass verges facing onto Huxley Lane. Whilst the actual cause of the property damage cannot be proven, the damage to the grass verges has been caused by large tractors going onto the verge to avoid oncoming vehicles. Having spoken to local farmers it would appear that the situation is quite complex in that many of these tractors belong to farms outside the parish. Concerns have also been expressed regarding the speed of some of these tractors through the village with resultant danger to pedestrians, the noise nuisance for people living in houses close to the road and damage to road surfaces.

A meeting was requested with Ms Helena Crawford of Cheshire Highways Department and set up at very short notice for 10am on 31<sup>st</sup> October at Tiverton Village Hall. I tried as far as possible to invite people who had voiced their concerns about the points above to the meeting and we had a good turnout of about 15 people including several farmers. I apologise to those people who were not made aware of this meeting but I was keen to take the opportunity when it was offered.

All the issues were thoroughly discussed and, on the core “tractor issue”, there was much understanding and recognition of the problems on both sides of the argument. For the future a lot depends on more-considerate behaviour by both tractor drivers and the public. We live in an area that has been dairy-farmed from earliest times when both farms and our villages were much smaller and horse-drawn transport and then much smaller tractors prevailed. It was agreed that we would work with local farmers to see if we can identify a way to address the concerns of the public.

On the issue of potholes (or for that matter any highways related issue) we were advised to report them via the CWaC Highways Reporting system: <https://maps.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cwac/faultreporting/> or if you prefer call 030 123 7036. Anyone can do this, it doesn't have to be a member of the Parish Council, although the Parish Clerk will assist with this if required. One specific large pothole on Huxley Lane near the Chestnut Tree was highlighted and Ms Crawford agreed to look into this as a priority.

With regard to damage to grass verges we were advised that the CWaC would consider, where damage was significant, installing plastic posts onto the grass verge. Individuals were warned against putting their own defences up; for example, rocks or wooden posts, as the householder would be liable for any damage caused to vehicles or for that matter individuals. Further painting of white lines to highlight the edge of the road was also discussed and will be considered by Highways.

Speed calming on Huxley Lane was also discussed. For speed calming measures to be introduced it will be necessary to have sufficient evidence from the Community Speedwatch Team that there is a significant issue.

It was clear that Highways are constrained by regulations and funding and even some of the very limited improvements that Highways have indicated might be possible may need partial funding from the public or the Parish Council.

We will however continue to work with Highways to address the concerns of our parishioners regarding road issues in the parish. Watch this space!

### **Tiverton Village Society Beer, Bangers and Bingo**

Jean Toyn writes; We had a fun evening on October 21<sup>st</sup>, when over 40 people attended and it was especially nice to see new faces at the event. The bingo callers included Louise and Claire from the society committee, along with Claire's husband Matt and her two lovely boys William and George, who did a fantastic job of calling the numbers.

Much ale and wine was consumed along with fab sausages from Rose Farm in Utkinton. The ale came from the Weetwood brewery in Kelsall and we were served Eastgate ale (which was brewed for the centenary of Chester's famous Eastgate clock) and Chester's favourite blond ale Cheshire Cat.

Our next event is of course our Christmas party on Saturday 16th December, which always has a very special guest popping in to see the children. **Everyone is welcome so please come and join us.**

We are hoping to have a quiz night in March/April, date to be confirmed. If anyone has any idea for future events, please contact me on 01829 730739 /or email me on toyn277@btinternet.com

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Claire. Heather, Lesley, Louise, Pauline and Paula who help make all the events such a success.

## **Tiverton Village Society Village Day 1st July 2017**

It seems a long time ago now, but we had another great afternoon and the weather stayed fine. Great cakes were made and enjoyed by all, Tiverton Garden Club ran a stall and, as always, the children enjoyed free Cheshire Farm Ice creams and the bouncy castle.

The highlight was, of course, the fun dog show at which many dog owners brought their family favourite along, and this year we had more dogs than ever taking part. The dogs were well behaved but some of their owners could have done better.

I would like to thank the Hockey Club Committee for their support and in allowing us to use their club and the grounds. Please join us next year at the Hockey club on Saturday 30th June 2018.

### **Boundary Changes**

I am sure you have all avidly followed the Boundary Commission proposals and associated public consultation regarding changes to both Ward and Parliamentary Constituency boundaries. But, in case you have not, here is a quick summary. Tattenhall Ward will keep virtually the same boundaries and its single councillor – there was a proposal to revert to 3 or maybe 2 councillors to improve accessibility, but that was rejected.

The original proposal for parliamentary constituencies was to split the area covered by the present Eddisbury and Weaver Vale constituencies into two long South West to North East constituencies, but with the Western one strangely named Weaver Vale and the Eastern one named Eddisbury and Northwich. So, we would be in Weaver Vale, along with much of Delamere Forest, Frodsham and Daresbury. However, after public objections the latest proposals have reverted to the old North-South split with boundaries only marginally changed from the current ones, chopping off bits near Chester and bigger chunks near Crewe and Nantwich.

The main objective of all this is to ensure that wards and constituencies respectively are all of a similar size in terms of electorate (in the case of constituencies between 71,031 and 78,507 i.e. 74,769 plus or minus 5%). In addition, the number of constituencies is being reduced from 650 to 600.

