

## Chairman's Notes (contd)

Cheshire Police are setting up a new scheme called Rural Watch which is more aimed at the farming community and at reducing thefts of livestock and expensive farming machinery. If any of the farming community would like to get involved with this, please contact Ray.

Gordon Ibbotson, Chairman.

## Village Hall News

The Village Hall Management Committee held their AGM in November and reported on a very good year for the hall with users very much on the increase. Despite some difficult one-off repairs like a partial reroofing, the balance sheet remains in a very healthy situation. But like other institutions, we are running on borrowed time with the Committee where the youngest members are close to 70 years old. With 3 vacancies on the committee and no sign of any younger members of the community becoming interested in taking on one of the very few remaining community assets, there is a good chance the hall could founder for lack of management resource, not for lack of finance. Now is good time to get involved whilst things are running smoothly and there is a good support organisation in place.

More information is available by contacting [villagehall@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk)

## Dates for your Diary

Tues 8 March	Parish Council Meeting, Tiverton Village Hall, 7:30pm
Sat 12 March	Village Quiz Night: 7:30pm in Tiverton Village Hall, Tickets £10 to include wine and refreshments, from Jean 730739 or Pauline 733508
Thurs 31 March	Coffee Morning, Tiverton Village Hall 11:00am
Sat 18 June	Village Day on Deeside Hockey Club grounds - more details coming soon

If you would like to have your event listed here, please send details to [info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk](mailto:info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk)

# Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter

March 2016

## Chairman's Notes

### Village Facilities

A de-fibrillator is being installed outside the Village Hall. It has been largely funded by the British Heart Foundation but with significant contributions from Ward Councillor Mike Jones, Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club and your Parish Council. We appreciate the co-operation of the Village Hall in siting the equipment and the initiative of Cllr. Thompson who first proposed the installation and then managed the whole process of funding and installation. The monies received also cover training in how to use the equipment and we will be providing you with more information in due course.

You may have noticed our new Parish Notice Board. The old one was in a poor state of repair and no longer big enough for all the notices that have to be displayed. In this instance I must thank Cllr. Mould who has been responsible for seeing this project through to completion, and to Cllr. Cheshire who helped us with the site work. If anyone has notices that they would like to put on the notice board please contact Cllr. Mould, who has a key. In clearing up the site we uncovered and cleared a much bigger paved area between the telephone box and the notice board, which has made the site a lot tidier and safer.

On her own initiative former councillor Janice Farrall has re-furbished the bench on the village green, so thanks to Janice for that.

### Traffic Issues

The Parish Council continues to seek satisfactory solutions to your requests for a reduced speed limit on the A51 and a pedestrian crossing at the Red Fox crossroads, but under new policies proposed by CWaC the Parish Council would have to stand part of the cost, even if CWaC agreed the proposals. The indicated cost of the Red Fox crossing is prohibitive but, on the A51 speed limit, we continue to liaise with our parishioners and will be discussing the issue further at our next meeting in March.

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## **Chairman's Notes (contd)**

### **Parish Clerk**

Our long-serving Clerk to the Parish Council has had to give his notice due to ill health. I would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in filling the position, which entails an average of four hours per week on average, with pay being governed by local authority guidelines.

The Clerk is the official point of contact for the Council and is responsible for carrying out the Council's instructions, dealing with all correspondence (mainly e-mail plus some telephone and post), managing the council's finances and keeping the books of account. The current budget is just in excess of £3,000 per year and the finances are quite simple and straightforward.

The Clerk will work from home, apart from attending the six Council meetings per year. Applicants will need their own computer and would ideally have relevant previous experience, but full training can be given. Pay is at the approved rates commensurate with experience, and expenses are reimbursed in full.

Contact Gordon Ibbotson on 01829730221.

### **Broadband and Mobile Phone Coverage**

Contact details for Antoinette Sandbach, our new Member of Parliament, are on the notice board. Antoinette has been very quickly and forcibly appraised of the dire broadband and mobile situation in our villages. She has asked the Parish Council to help publicise and promote her campaign for improvements. If you want to see improvements in our telecommunication service please do your bit. She has launched an on-line survey, which takes 10 minutes to complete, and can be found on either;

[www.antoinettesandbach.org.uk](http://www.antoinettesandbach.org.uk) or [www.surveymonkey.com/s/T9HHNSX](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T9HHNSX)

She has also set up a petition calling on the government to improve connectivity in Eddisbury at: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/106314>

### **Parish/Village Newsletter**

My thanks are also due to Steve Armitage, who has been responsible for editorship and production of this newsletter for many years, but who has signalled his intention to pass on the baton. So this is his last edition, with future productions in the hands of myself and our Parish Clerk. We will need to be kept

informed of village events, other than Council news, especially as I live in Brasseley Green at the remote Western edge of our parish, so I will be e-mailing various people for news items and will be happy to receive news from anyone in the know. We will also be reviewing the newsletter delivery requirements as I know that we need an extra "postman" for Tilstone Fearnall and maybe one for central Tiverton.

### **Tiverton, Tilstone Fearnall & Beeston Neighbourhood Plan**

Cheshire Community Action is in the process of putting the final touches to the latest Draft Neighbourhood Plan and we expect to be able to circulate it to our respective Parish Councillors in March. Following that, the Plan will be sent for Peer Review by CWAC and be the subject of a screening exercise for environmental impact. Once that is complete the next stage in the formal process will be the publication of the document for the statutory six-week Public Consultation required under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan (General) Regulations 2012. The Plan will then be the subject of an Independent Examination prior to a Referendum being held. If that Referendum results in a simple majority in favour, then the Plan will be 'made' and its policies must be considered in future neighbourhood developments.

### **Police & Home Watch Matters**

In 2015 there was a root and branch review of Cheshire police which resulted in a major re-organisation. This has resulted in the establishment of 8 Local Policing Units across Cheshire. Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall is covered by the Chester Policing Unit and within that there is a named PC (Police Constable) and PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) covering our area.

Cheshire Police remains committed to Neighbourhood Policing but is realistic to understand that it cannot be successful in its objectives without support from the community. For that reason it is important that the broader community is vigilant and reports suspicious activity to the police by calling the non-emergency phone number 101. This will ensure that potentially criminal activity is logged and acted upon. If there is a serious issue or a good chance that a perpetrator would get caught then call 999.

There is an existing Home Watch scheme in Tiverton village. Ray Mould is the Co-ordinator and he can be contacted by email at [homewatch@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk](mailto:homewatch@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk) or by phone on 01829 733508.

For further and more up-to-date information on the Parish, please see our website at [www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk](http://www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk)