

Dates for your Diary

Tue 7 Aug	Garden Club: Summer visit to STONYFORD COTTAGE, OAKMERE Entrance £6 , 7pm Mr and Mrs Tony and Janet Overland's garden
Thurs 30 Aug	Coffee Morning, Tiverton Village Hall 11:00am
Sat 1 Sept	Garden Club Autumn Show, Tiverton Village Hall
Tues 18 Sept	Parish Council Meeting, Tiverton Village Hall, 7:30pm

If you would like to have your event listed here, please send details to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk

Another pub to be razed—Beeston Castle Hotel to go

Continuing the trend in parishes around us, our nearest pub has gone. The Beeston Castle Hotel has been bought by developers, Steppingstones, who are proposing to demolish the attractive building and replace it with 24 houses, no garages but 2 parking spaces to each house. Their token concession to the community is a green space adjacent to the A49, which they claim will enhance the appeal of the development. The increase in housing stock in the village through this development would be in excess of 20%, a huge increase for a small community like Tiverton with very limited facilities to absorb it.

Steppingstones has launched their project with no consultation with the village, despite our invitations and offer to host their presentation.

At the moment there is an outline planning application, ref 12/02981/OUT, that devotes a lot of pages to justifying the noise levels that the new residents would have to face. We are left with turning to web-based information on the CWaC planning site in an attempt to understand what is being planned for us.

Needless to say our Parish Council is taking a strong interest in the proceedings in conjunction with Beeston Parish Council who, although little affected by the development, are the statutory consultees.

Please send any items for the next edition to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk or to any Parish Councillor, by mid Oct 2012

Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter

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Chairman's Annual Report - June 2012

The most important issue on your Council's agenda at the moment is the revision of the 2005 Parish Plan, which needs up-dating to reflect the changing political scene and also any changes in your views about housing, development, transport and the general environment of our two villages. More on how you can help us with this later.

This is a prelude to the emerging need for a Neighbourhood Development Plan, under the Government's Localism Act, which will be the vehicle through which we will seek to influence the type of development in the villages over the next 10-15 years. As we gradually learn how planning and development will work in the future it is highly likely that the level of housing development will be decided by Cheshire West and Chester and included in their Local Plan, following guide-lines from the Government about meeting the national housing shortage. Early indications are that CWaC envisage only a modest level of new development in Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall in the future.

We have established a Parish Plan working party and we have already held two exploratory meetings, at which it was decided to re-issue the 2005 questionnaire, with some minor modifications, to establish your views on key issues. However, an important requirement for any Neighbourhood Development Plan is that it must not be prepared simply by the Parish Council – other individuals, groups, organisations, businesses etc. must be involved, as appropriate. We have prepared a hand-bill setting out what is involved in a little more detail, that is on display in the village hall and is also included later in this newsletter. We do need your help to take this forward.

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Annual Report (contd from page 1)

Turning to other matters, the year has seen the very successful renovation of the War Memorial, the preservation of kissing gates that CWaC had removed against our expressed wishes and the strengthening of the Home Watch scheme under Councillor Mike Turner, including the placing of more Home Watch signs.

At a recent meeting of the Council we approved a small grant towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall and another towards the installation of a traffic-activated sign for the A49 in a further attempt to reduce traffic speeds.

Many of you responded to the Council's circular about a planned caravan site in open countryside on Huxley lane, as a result of which planning permission was refused. Also the strongly-expressed views of residents finally resulted in the refusal of planning permission for a second entrance to 2, Townfield Lane, which would have impinged on access and parking for the many users of the public footpath, as well as on the visual amenities of local residents.

Steve Armitage has taken over the responsibility of being our "Digital Champion" to liaise with CWaC's "Connecting Cheshire" initiative and ensure that we make the most of any opportunities to improve our currently snail-pace Broad Band speeds. I am delighted that our former Parish Clerk, Phil Sanders, has re-joined us after a short absence. Our thanks go to Roger Cheshire for holding the fort in the meantime, alongside his many other contributions to the work of the Parish Council.

Finally my thanks go to all my fellow Councillors who have not only contributed strongly to Parish Council Meetings but also attended many other events and meetings to support our main role of serving the community. I have been elected to serve as Chairman of the Council for another year and I will do all that I can to further the interests of the local parishes and deal with residents' issues, so please do not hesitate to contact me or other members of the Council with your concerns.

Gordon Ibbotson, Chairman

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council is embarking on a "Neighbourhood Development Plan" for Tiverton and . This reflects the Government's renewed emphasis on planning at local level.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a new way of helping local communities influence the development of the area in which they live and work.

Our aims are to:

Develop a shared neighbourhood vision

Influence the scale, design & siting of new build

Identify and protect our local green spaces

Protect and improve village infrastructure

Consider transport, road safety & security issues

A crucial part of this will be to involve and consult the wider village community in developing the plan. To this end the Parish Council will be re-issuing the 2004 Household Survey Questionnaire, suitably up-dated with any relevant new issues such as "broadband access".

The Parish Council will be forming three working sub-groups;

Housing and Development

Transport, Road Safety and Security

Community and Environment

If you would like to get involved in shaping the future of your villages contact: 01829 732059 or 01829 730221 or any council member.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE