

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.30 in Tiverton Village Hall.

Present:

Councillor Mould (in the Chair)

Cllrs: R Cheshire, J Hocknell, G Ibbotson, H Lightfoot, J Revill, M Turner, L Vimalachandran

5 members of the public

United Utilities

The meeting opened with a presentation by Michael Rooney, Network Delivery and Neil Hancocks, Network Performance, from United Utilities. They apologised for the water supply problems there had been particularly on Huxley Lane and the resulting poor performance. And they reported that there were various monitoring criteria they had to fulfil to satisfy the regulator.

Part of the problem on Huxley Lane was that the pipes were in a variety of different materials with a higher percentage than average being asbestos. They reported that there had been 16 leaks on Huxley Lane since May 2014, this was partly because the water had been going through the pipe at 6.5 Bar and so in order to protect the main this had now been reduced to 2.3 Bar.

They explained some of the background to other works that had taken place which may have impacted Huxley Lane, and they spoke about the process of evaluating an area for water main replacement. It is estimated that the cost will be in the region of £230,000 as an open trench which will be dug deeper than the current main will be required to install the new line. Currently the valve which was recently installed is performing well and taking all into consideration it was envisaged that the works will take place in 2020.

Letters and discretionary payments have been made to those worst affected and they asked that the Parish Council contact them in the Spring, to take part in, or make a compensatory payment to, a community project.

Residents asked why the valve hadn't been installed sooner. Mr Rooney apologised again and stated that now it had it appeared to be working well.

A resident queried reinstatement works. Mr Rooney said that all repairs are inspected by a Highways officer

A resident asked about a valve/tap which had been positioned on the verge very close to his gate without his knowledge or permission. Mr Rooney would contact him direct to discuss.

A resident expressed concern that the new lower Bar was very close to the operating level of some boilers and appliances. Mr Rooney stated that as long as the current Bar was maintained there shouldn't be any problems

The Chairman thanked both gentlemen for attending and Mr Rooney said that they would keep the Clerk informed.

1) 050/18.19 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

PCSO Jon Hurst had sent apologies due to illness. But would be happy to meet with the PC when he was back on duty.

2) 051/18.19 - Open Forum

A resident informed the Council that footpath 23, which runs across her land, had been re-instead at her expense. It had been re-seeded and fenced and signs erected. Cheshire West footpath officer was aware of this. There was discussion as to whether the resident should have paid herself for the repairs.

Action Point 1: Clerk to contact Cheshire West footpaths and Cllr Jones to ascertain if it is correct that the landowner must maintain the path.

3) 052/18.19 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sharma who had work commitments, and from Ward Cllr Jones who had a Council meeting.

4) 053/18.19 – Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

5) 054/18.19 – Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 were unanimously agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

6) 055/18.19 – Matters Arising Other Than Covered on This Agenda

Operation Shield: The roll-out in Tattenhall and Beeston is continuing. Despite several items in the newsletter there had been no interest expressed in Tiverton or Tilstone Fearnall

Fallen Tree at Tilstone Fearnall: Cllr Lightfoot had reported a fallen tree to the Clerk but initially was not aware of who owned it. It appeared that it had been planted by the Garden Society, possibly to celebrate the millennium and it was suggested that someone from there be contacted.

Action Point 2: Contact the Gardening Society to inform them of the fallen tree

7) 056/18.19 – Planning

Council had received four planning applications since the last meeting:

18/03776/CAT – Firs Farm, Huxley Lane, Tiverton. – Remove 2 conifer trees from the front garden of the property

18/04086/FUL – Sheenella Bank Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Tilstone Fearnall – Detached garage conversion to office.

18/04013/FUL – The Shady Oak, Bates Mill Lane, Beeston – Erection of visitor centre with toilet block, form new hedge screen, allow for 6 new glamping tents and 4 wooden lodges, new hard standing to allow for new wooden structure to act as a communal cooking area and hard standing to allow for a marquee for events

18/04267/FUL – Sunny Ridge, Huxley Lane, Tiverton – First floor extension to front, single storey extension to front / side and alterations

The Planning Committee had met on the 18th October and had submitted the following comments to Cheshire West and Chester Planning Department:

18/03776/CAT – Firs Farm, Huxley Lane, Tiverton – The Parish Council is generally in favour of preserving established trees, especially in the village's conservation area. We have not seen the reasons why the owner wishes to fell these two trees but they are very big and dominate the front of the property. We would look to the tree officer's guidance on this one.

Resolved: That the submitted comments be approved.

Action Point 3: A planning committee meeting to be held to discuss the other applications received.

Decision Notices: The following decision notices had been received:

18/03214/FUL – Castlevue, Huxley Lane Tiverton CW6 9NF – Single Storey Side Extension and Front Porch.

APPROVAL

Beeston Auction Site

The Clerk reported that Beeston Parish Council had received a Decision Notice approving the application on 30th September.

Cllr Ibbotson reported on two planning applications that had been submitted by English Heritage for Beeston Castle. One was to refurbish toilets the other was to construct a Round House. Cllr Ibbotson was involved with the project and would keep Council updated

8) 057/18.19 – Highways

- i) Following the last meeting the Clerk had written to Kieran Collins and had received a response from David Reeves. However several of the points raised in the letter had not been responded to and so the Chairman said that he would write again raising those specific matters.
- ii) Four Lane Ends - David Reeves had stated in his letter that works would recommence in the New Year. The layout will be slightly different to that initially proposed and would include a pedestrian refuge on the Tarporley arm.
- iii) Lower Speed Limit – Cllr Vimalachandran had received and delivered 46 consultation letters to residents along the A51
- iv) Fault Reporting – No faults had been reported so there was no updated list.
- v) Inter Parish discussions on A51 - Tarporley PC have requested dates for a meeting to discuss the Four Lane Ends.

The Action group have asked that PC's along the A51 write to the leader of their respective Councils supporting the proposed A51 Connectivity Study.

Action Point 4: Clerk to write letter of support

The group have asked for volunteers to monitor A51 traffic numbers during road works on the M6 and M56 and report to Transport for the North (TfN)

9) 058/18.19 – Correspondence

All correspondence of note had been circulated.

It was agreed that no comments would be submitted on the following consultations:

Neighbourhood Plan Reg 16 Knutsford, Congleton, Alsager area and Middlewich

NP Reg 14 Chelford

Cheshire Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan

The Chairman had submitted some comments about Proposed Polling District and Stations

The following information had gone on the notice board:

Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control.

Letter from Royal Mail about postal scams

A letter had been received from the Salvation Army asking if there was anywhere in the Parish they could site a clothes bank. In return Council would receive a financial donation. Cllrs Revill, Lightfoot and Vimalachandran will consider if there is a suitable location

10) 059/18.19 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

Bank Account Balances at **1st October 2018**

Business Reserve Account – £1,857.29

This includes 7 pence interest

Current Account – £3,836.77

Cheques paid in September were:

C Weaver	000627	Clerk's Salary May Jun, Jul, Aug	£630.60
N Ferguson	000628	Development of New Website	£650.00
Came & Co	000629	Annual Insurance	£408.38
Information Commissioner	000630	Data Registration	£40.00
St Jude's Church	000631	Churchyard Grant	£250.00
G Ibbotson	000632	Printing Newsletter	£38.18
Probyn Limited	000633	Internal Audit	£30.00

Bank Account Balances at 1st November 2018

Business Reserve Account - £1, 857.60

This includes 31 pence interest

Current Account - £3,836.77

There were no transactions in October

There is now £428.55 remaining in the Transparency Fund towards the new website and training.

And £500 Members Grant towards Operation Shield

Cheques for payment in November are as follows:

C Weaver	Clerk's salary September and October	£313.76
R Mould	Poppy Wreath and Village Hall Key	£31.50
SLCC	Training Day for Clerk	£30.00

Financial Report:

Budget Figures: Councillors approved the budget figures to the end of October. The Clerk Chairman and Vice-Chairman will meet to discuss the budget for 2019/20.

On-line Banking: The account is now activated. The Clerk had spoken with the bank about passwords and a card reader and card. They were reluctant to speak with her as she is not a signatory. The Clerk explained about being a "silent signatory" which means she could deal with the bank accounts in branch but wouldn't sign cheques.

Action Point 5: Clerk to obtain forms to add her as a signatory

11) 060/18.19 - Transparency Code

The Clerk, Chairman and Cllr Sharma have had some training in how to populate the new website. The Clerk expressed thanks to Steve Armitage for all his help and support during the setting up and ongoing populating of the website.

The Clerk has obtained a list of the required statutory document and will begin sourcing copies. There was discussion about documents and papers that Council has stored in the village hall loft. They need sorting with un-needed ones being shredded and those to be kept either sent to the County Archive or stored in plastic rather than cardboard boxes

12) 061/18.19 – Broadband in the Parish

Cllr Ibbotson was in regular contact with Voneous. The prominent site they have for a "transmitter" is Peckforton Castle. They are waiting for permission to site it but are hopeful that work will be starting soon a

13) 062/18.19 – Water Leaks in the Parish

Two further leaks had been reported both on 13th September but this was before the new pressure valve was fitted.

The Clerk had received a cheque for £25.00 from UU as she had written the letter of complaint. It was agreed that she bank it but then deduct the amount from her expenses.

14) 063/18.19 – World War 1 Commemorations

Some Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall residents had visited the exhibition in Peckforton & Beeston village hall and attended the commemorations on the Sunday evening at Beeston Castle where the wreath had been unveiled and dedicated and the beacon lit.

The commemorations in Tiverton had taken place on Monday 12th and there had been a good turnout

15) 064/18.19 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7.30 at Tiverton Village Hall.

Following Parish Council meetings will take place on:

Tuesday 12th March

Tuesday 14th May – to include Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM

Tuesday 9th July

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 12th November

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm