

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 12th March 2019** at 7.30 in Tiverton Village Hall.

Present:

Councillor Mould (in the Chair)

Cllrs: R Cheshire, J Hocknell, G Ibbotson, H Lightfoot, J Revill, A Sharma, M Turner

2 members of the public

1) 080/18.19 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

PCSO Jon Hurst attended the meeting and gave apologies for PC Gigg. PCSO Hurst reported that he was now covering Tattenhall and Malpas Wards, quite a large area. He reported that there had been several incidents recently across the patch including some in Huxley and a man had been arrested for burglary of a dwelling. PCSO Hurst asked that **all** incidents be reported via 101 (unless it was urgent when 999 should be used) as they do need to know the extent of crimes across the Ward. He reported that social media was now being used more to report police activity and there had been some favourable comments to the posts of speed monitoring. The Speed Indicator Device (SID had been deployed recently in the Parish and only 1 person was over the limit. However he did accept that speeding was an issue across the whole of the rural area.

Councillors commented that some of the crimes reported were quite a distance away and yet they were unaware of incidents in Tarporley, which is the closest village, and its surroundings. A recent event being a robbery at a property in Tilstone Fearnall. It was suggested that Tarporley Parish Council be asked if they received a monthly report from their Police officer and if they would share it with Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall PC.

Action Point 1: Clerk to contact Tarporley PC to ask about local Police reports.

A question was asked about the type of incidents that go unreported. PCSO Hurst replied that it is often Anti-Social Behaviour even though there are response vehicles available to deal with these matters.

PCSO Hurst reported that surgeries were now being held at Dragon Hall. There was discussion about the possibility of a surgery at the Lockgate Café.

Finally, a policing survey is being circulated by email. PCSO Hurst requested that if anyone receives it they complete it please.

2) 081/18.19 - Open Forum

A resident raised the issue of vehicles speeding on Huxley Lane in Brassey Green. She reported that her cat had recently been killed by a speeding car. She asked if the Sandstone Ridge Trust were going to erect signs warning walkers of the road. The Chairman reported that Cheshire West and Chester Highways had agreed to put warning signs on the highway. It was also reported that there used to be a sign warning of horses but that seemed to have disappeared.

It was reported that fence panels from Cedar Bank had fallen in the high winds and were obstructing footpath No 3.

Action Point 2: Clerk to write to the house holder asking that the fence panels be moved

3) 082/18.19 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr L Vimalachandran who had a family commitment and from Ward Councillor M Jones who had a work commitment.

4) 083/18.19 – Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

5) 084/18.19 – Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 were unanimously agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

6) 085/18.19 – Clerk's Report

Speedwatch Training: This had been raised at the meeting of Tattenhall PC. Their Clerk was checking if their previous speed watch sites were still eligible and would then be asking for volunteers for training. Council would be kept informed

7) 086/18.19 – Planning

Three planning applications had been received. The planning committee had met on 8th February and 7th March and their comments were as follows:

18/04901/LBC: Whartons Lock No 10, Bates Mill Lane, Beeston - Replacement of top end lock gates, Installation of handrail at side of steps leading up to lock quadrants, Replace missing lock side bollards at both sides of lock, Replace lock ladder hoops to meet Canal & River Trust safety requirements, Other works include downstream approach wall brickwork repairs and repointing any open joints within lock chamber.

No comment was made on this application. Council agreed that as a heritage project they were happy for it to go ahead and hoped that the Listed Building consideration would dominate any decision made by the Local Authority.

19/00138/OHL: Land adjacent to Lake Cottage, Nantwich Road, Tilstone Fearnall, - Retrospective planning permission for the existing overhead line to serve more than one property as a result of the installation of an underground supply taken from the existing overhead line.

This application had been submitted by SP Networks and no objections were raised.

18/04205/106: The Old Bull Palace, Rookery Farm Road, Tilstone Fearnall. - Removal of a Section 106 Obligation originally attached to planning permission 99/01286/FUL.

The Planning committee objected to this proposal to lift a Legal Agreement attached to the original approved application

Decision Notices:

The following decision notices had been received:

18/04086/FUL: Sheenella Bank Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Tilstone Fearnall, Cheshire CW6 9HP. - Detached garage conversion. APPROVAL

18/04267/FUL: Sunny Ridge, Huxley Lane, Tiverton CW6 9UE. – First Floor Extension to Front, Single Storey Extension to Front / Side and Alternations APPROVAL

18/04707/FUL: Foxheys, Vicarage Lane, Tilstone Fearnall, CW6 9HN – Demolition of Existing Single Storey Element to Side and Erection of a Single Storey Side Extension. Alteration to Dormer at Front and Addition of Dormer to Rear. Additional Alterations APPROVAL

18/04901/LBC: Whartons Lock No 10. – Works as above APPROVAL

Round House Project – Beeston Castle: An update was given on the project at Beeston Castle to recreate a Bronze Age Roundhouse. The weather has been kind and the project is going well. It is on the site of the old quarry that was used to build the castle walls which is a great setting and some of the large timbers have been erected giving an idea of the scale. Along with other visitors it is being

used as a school education project and there are “explainers” answering questions and giving information.

A representative from English Heritage is to be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Enforcement Matters: There were no Enforcement Matters to report.

Tilstone House, Tilstone Fearnall: A planning officer had contacted the Clerk to let the Parish Council know that Tilstone House was being used as a wedding venue and the planning office was aware of this. This had been ad-hoc but was growing in popularity and so certain planning permissions might be needed in the future.

8) 087/18.19 – Highways

i) Meeting with Dave Reeves: The Chairman reported on the recent meeting held at Lockgate Café attended by Dave Reeves of CW&C Highways, Parish Councillors from Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall and Beeston and residents from both parishes. Several matters had been raised including speeding and the number of bridge strikes there had been recently.

A full report will be appended to the minutes

ii) Four Lane Ends – Council had received a response from Cllr Samantha Dixon Leader of Cheshire West and Chester Council confirming the works that were to be carried out at the junction and also confirming that the road did not meet the criteria for a 40mph limit.

The road works at the junction had begun and would take up to five weeks to complete.

Cllrs Mould, Ibbotson and Vimalachandran had met with representatives of Tarporley Parish Council to discuss concerns that had been raised by their residents. Councillors updated Tarporley PC on the discussions that had been held with Highways with regard to both the safety and speed of the junction. Cllr Mould asked if Tarporley Parish Council would be willing to contribute £500 towards the cost of implementing the new 50 mph speed limit. Tarporley PC members will put this on their next Agenda

iii) Lower Speed Limit – Council had received an email from Highways stating that they were unable to carry out the consultation due to “purdah”. Council expressed surprise at this as they understood that the consultation was at the statutory stage which they didn’t think was affected by purdah.

iv) Fault Reporting – No new faults had been reported but the Chairman felt it was time the list was checked against completed repairs. He offered to do this

v) Inter Parish discussions on A51 – No correspondence had been received recently

9) 088/18.19 – Correspondence

All correspondence of note had been circulated.

A letter had been received from the North West Air Ambulance. Previously parish Council’s had not been able to donate to charities but there had been legislation in 2012 which now allowed this. This was brought to Council’s attention as they will be considering grant donations at the May meeting.

10) 089/18.19 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

Amendment to the minutes of the meeting 8th January 2019:

A payment had been made to St Jude’s Parish Church but was omitted and the cheque numbers for the payments to SLCC and R Mould had been corrected as they were transposed in the previous minutes.

Cheques paid in November where:

St Jude’s Parish Church	000631	Churchyard Grant	£250.00
C Weaver	000634	Salary Sept, Oct	£313.76
SLCC	000635	Clerks Training Day	£30.00
R Mould	000636	Poppy Wreath / Village Hall Key	£31.50

The money paid to St Jude’s is a churchyard grant which comes from CW&C

Bank Account Balances at **1st January 2019**

Business Reserve Account - £1, 858.23

This includes 32 pence interest

Current Account - £3,273.01

There were no transactions in December

Cheques paid in January were:

C Weaver	000637	Salary Nov, Dec	£313.76
ChALC	000638	Training Cllr Lightfoot	£75.00

Bank Account Balances at **1st February 2019**

Business Reserve Account – £1,858.55

This includes 32 pence interest

Current Account – £2,897.75

There were no transactions in February

Bank Account Balances at **1st March 2019**

Business Reserve Account – £1,858.84

This includes 29 pence interest

Current Account – £2,897.75

ii) Cheques for payment in **March** are:

C Weaver	Clerk's Salary Jan, Feb & March	£470.64
C Weaver	Clerk's Expenses	£84.56
R Mould	Repayment of Works Carried Out on Shrubbery	£60.00

There is now £392.56 remaining in the Transparency Fund for the website and training.

And £500 Members Grant towards Operation Shield

Budget Figures: Councillors approved the budget figures to the end of March. It was also agreed that after March payments had been made the accounts could be "closed" ready for the Internal Audit.

Action Point 3: Clerk to prepare the accounts for the Internal Audit

iv) Online banking was now operational. The Clerk and Chairman would look at forthcoming payments and decide which could be put on Standing Orders or Direct Debits.

St Jude's Churchyard Grant has been applied for.

At the May meeting Council would consider if any grant applications could be made

Action Point 4: Chairman and Clerk to meet to action

11) 090/18.19 - Transparency Code

Councillor Mould has been uploading documents to the website. He thinks that all documents required to be there are now uploaded but a review of statutory documents will be done.

There are also paper documents that can be sorted and archived or destroyed. There are guidelines for the retention of documents

Action Point 5: Clerk and Chairman to meet for Clerk to begin taking over the website

A date be agreed to review statutory documents.

A date be agreed to sort the archived documents

12) 091/18.19 – Broadband in the Parish

It looks as if Voneous will not be going ahead with their scheme in the near future which is very disappointing. It was agreed to investigate if any other companies are available.

13) 092/18.19 – Water Leaks in the Parish

No water leaks had been reported since the last meeting but this would remain an Agenda item. No update had been received regarding the proposed pipeworks.

Action Point 6: Clerk to contact United Utilities for an update for the May meeting

14) 093/18.19 – Provision of Mains Gas in the Parish

The Chairman had written to Cadent about the feasibility of this. He had also been in touch with Connecting Cheshire about the provision of fibre. Their contract was coming to an end and his letter had been forwarded to OpenReach.

Action Point 7: Chairman to follow up for the May meeting

15) 094/18.19 – Local Bus Services

The Chairman reported on a meeting he had been to regarding local bus services. Several parishes had been invited but only Utkinton & Cotebrook and Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall attended. There is currently a twice weekly community bus service that runs between Tiverton and Chester as well as a community car service. Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall are concerned about losing these local buses services. Tarporley parishes are in discussion about the feasibility of creating a circular route which would cover several villages. There would need to be co-operation between the Parishes.

16) 095/18.19 – May 2019 Elections

The packs had been received for the elections. These were handed out and it was agreed to have a “get-together” to complete them. The Chairman raised the matter of Chairs succession and asked Cllrs to consider who might take over from him and when. It had previously been agreed that Chairs would sit for 2 years but it was accepted that the longer standing Cllrs had already been Chair and the new Cllrs felt that they were not yet ready for the role. The Chairman would consider taking the role again if nominated but serious thought must be given to a successor

17) 096 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.30 at Tiverton Village Hall**. This would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council AGM

Following Parish Council meetings will take place on:

- Tuesday 9th July
- Tuesday 10th September
- Tuesday 12th November
- Tuesday 14th January 2020
- Tuesday 10th March

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....