

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 09th July 2019** at 7.30pm in Tiverton Village Hall.

Present:

Councillor R Mould (in the Chair)

Cllrs: R Cheshire, G Ibbotson, H Lightfoot, J Revill, A Sharma, L Vimalachandran

Ward Cllr Mike Jones

1 member of the public

1) 017/19.20 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

Apologies for absence had been sent by PCSO Jon Hurst. No member of Cheshire Constabulary was in attendance

2) 018/19.20 – Open Forum

It was commented that the 30 mph limit in the area of the bridge did seem to have slowed the traffic down and that bridge “strikes” had reduced significantly. It was asked if the speed could be reduced to 20 mph but Council did not think that this was possible under current guidelines. All they could continue doing was lobbying for a further reduction and / or a camera.

It was also commented that there had been improvements at Four Lane Ends since the junction was reconfigured, although there had been one collision which had damaged the garden wall of a nearby property. It was acknowledged that there were still a few people in the wrong lanes but on the whole it is much better and it is hoped will improve further when the lowered speed limit is implemented.

3) 019/19.20 – Apologies for Absence

There were no Councillor apologies for Absence

4) 020/19.20 – Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest

5) 021/19.20 – Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual (first) Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 were unanimously agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

6) 022/19.20 – Clerk’s Report

Water Leaks in the Parish: There was no report on this matter. However United Utilities workmen have been seen in the area recently and it was wondered if they were surveying

Action Point 1: Clerk to contact United Utilities for an update for the September meeting.

Provision of Mains Gas in the Parish: Cllr Mould had been in contact with Cadent who provide gas pipelines. They are not willing to invest in laying a “speculative” pipeline down Huxley Lane, so it would be necessary at the same time to complete a connection to the nearest suitable gas pipeline, which is about 1.5km away. In addition they would want at least 50% of the properties along the route to sign up to take gas. The cost of this project would be at least £1million. This makes the project unfeasible and will not be pursued any further by the Parish Council.

Provision of Fibre in the Parish: Cllr Mould had contacted Openreach about laying fibre in the Parish. He was asked to canvas residents and had spoken to people from the A49 junction to Brassey Green. About 30% had expressed an interest and he has submitted his findings to Openreach and now awaits their response.

Local Bus Services: Cllr Mould has attended meetings with CW&C Transport in order to protect the local Tiverton bus service to Chester. Utkinton & Cotebrook Parish Council are currently lobbying for a mini-bus that will pick up passengers on a circular route and it is of concern to the Parish Council that decisions made regarding this circular bus route do not negatively impact the existing Tiverton bus service.

7) 023/19.20 – Planning

Planning Applications:

Two applications had been received

19/01664/FUL – Freshfields, Rookery Farm Road, Tilstone Fearnall – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension

19/02148/FUL: - Hilly Bank, Huxley Lane, Tiverton – Single storey side extension to existing annexe

Planning Committee – The planning committee had met and submitted their comments for approval. (attached) All were in favour

A query was raised as to whether there had been any other planning applications for Hilly Bank. Cllr Ibbotson had received a phone call from planning about the legal covenant on The Old Bull Palace. The Planning officer had explained that legal covenants tying land and buildings together were used much less nowadays and the planning dept were minded to approve the lifting of the covenant if the Parish Council were in agreement. All were in favour.

Decision Notices

19/01428/FUL – Walnut Tree Farm, Vale Road, Tilstone Fearnall – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling and detached garage APPROVAL

8) 024/19.20 – Highways

i) A51 / Four Lane Ends Speed Limit Consultation: the Highways engineer is intending to submit the legal notices at the end of July. Cllr Jones confirmed that he will contribute £1000 towards implementation from his Members budget.

Action Point2: Members Grant application to be submitted

ii) Fault Reporting – The list of faults has been reviewed as some items have been repaired. Several faults were reported on Huxley Lane following damage caused by the diversion whilst the A51 was closed but not all of these meet the criteria for repair. Members and residents to continue reporting and logging faults

iii) Other Highways Matters:

Highways have reported that they are going to be relining and signing the A49 towards the railway bridge. Roundels will be painted on the road and the current standing signs will have yellow backs to make them more visible

The concern raised by a resident about speeding on the bends near Sunnyside Farm has been reported to Highways

Highways reported that the signs on Huxley Lane where the Sandstone Trail crosses the road had been installed. This had been checked and was not the case. Highways were informed.

Further concerns were raised about the lateness that tractors travel through the village and the noise they make and the speed that they travel at all times. Cllrs Mould and Ibbotson would meet with some local farmers to discuss the matter.

iv) Inter Parish Discussion re A51

Cllr Vimalachandran has attended the latest meeting where Philip Cox from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) had given a presentation. It is expected that the local economy will greatly increase by 2030 but that requires good transport links. There is a Strategic Transport Plan which has Crewe as a hub. This means that the A51 is classed as major road network and qualifies for

Government money for upgrades. A business case is being prepared to enable feasibility studies to be carried out detailing various options for the road and also its effect on the also congested Tarvin Road.

9) 025/19.20 – Correspondence

All correspondence of note had been circulated. No responses were required.

10) 026/19.20 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Bank Account Balances at 1st June 2019

Business Reserve Account – £2,359.97

This includes 40 pence interest

Current Account - £5,574.61

The bank statements for the 1st July 2019 had not been received

ii) Budget Figures to End of June: Councillors reviewed the budget figures to the end of June. The budget sheet has been reconfigured to show when spending is likely to take place across the year. Based on these projections it was proposed that £1290 could be transferred to the Business Reserve account. All were in favour

Resolved: that £1290 be transferred from the Current Account to the Business Reserve Account

iii) Cheques for approval in July:

Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
C Weaver	Clerk's Salary June	£172.64
St Jude's parish Church	Churchyard Grant	£250.00
Probyn Limited	Internal Audit Fee	£30.00
Tarporley War Memorial Hospital	Grant payment	£100.00
R Mould	Repayment of Defib Pads	£37.14

Resolved: That the above accounts be paid

iv) Financial Report

From 1st July the Clerk's salary will be paid by Standing Order

Cllr Sharma would need to complete an online form to become a cheque signatory

A new cheque book had been ordered from the bank

11) 027/19.20 – Review of Statutory Documents

i) Cllrs Mould, Sharma and the Clerk had met to go through the list of statutory documents to see which were most relevant to Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council. The Code of Conduct had been uploaded to the website and other documents will follow.

Cllr Mould had drawn up a planning protocol which had been circulated. All were in favour so this will be uploaded to the website.

ii) Cllr Mould had worked through the boxes of past papers and had disposed of many items. The more "important" documents now need looking through to see what needs to be kept and what can be shredded.

Action Point 3: Cllrs Mould, Sharma and the Clerk continue to progress these matters

12) 028/19.20 – Broadband in the Parish

Cllr Ibbotson had had a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of Voneus. It had been a frank discussion with Cllr Ibbotson expressing his disappointment with progress to date. Voneus explained that it had become a much bigger project than first envisaged and that further funding was being sought. However the "feed" would soon be available from Bunbury Church to Peckforton Castle and

then houses could go online. Cllr Ibbotson was assured that Tiverton would be one of the first to go live

13) 029/19.20 – Installation of Defibrillator

Cllr Lightfoot has spoken with several companies and had various quotes for a defibrillator. She had also spoken with Rev Hayward at Bunbury who runs St Jude’s village hall and he was very enthusiastic about the project. It was suggested that a defibrillator the same as the one at Tiverton Village Hall would be best as this would help with training and the purchase of consumables and that once installed both defibrillators should be registered with North West Ambulance Service. It was proposed that Cllr Jones be asked if the money he had given towards Operation Shield could be used instead towards the purchase of the defibrillator

Action Point 4: Cllr Lightfoot to compare all quotes and make a recommendation based on discussions held at the meeting

Action Point 5: Clerk to write to Cllr Jones to request a change of use for the members Budget grant

Action Point 6: Clerk to contact Tattenhall First Responders to see if they will carry out a further training session

14) 030/19.20 – Chestnut Tree on the Green

This year the chestnut tree as no leaves or growth at all and look as if it has died. Cllr Mould has requested that a Tree officer from Cheshire West and Chester Council inspect the tree as they have previously but in the meantime he has submitted an application to planning to have the tree felled

Action Point 7: Three quotes to be obtained to fell the tree

15) 031/19.20 – Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.30 at Tiverton Village Hall**

Following Parish Council meetings will take place on:

- Tuesday 12th November
- Tuesday 14th January 2020
- Tuesday 10th March
- Tuesday

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....