

# **TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021** at 7.30pm by Zoom

### **Present:**

Councillor R Mould (in the Chair)

Cllrs: R Cheshire, G Ibbotson, L Law, H Lightfoot, L Randles, A Sharma

10 members of the public

### **1) 055/20.21 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues**

No members of Cheshire Constabulary were in attendance. PCSO Hurst had asked for any issues to be raised with him and the Clerk and Chairman had emailed about speeding through Tiverton village and asking if speed monitoring could take place.

### **2) 056/20.21 – Open Forum**

The following matters were raised:

1) A resident raised the matter of the flooding that had taken place during the recent heavy rains. He reported that not for the first time he had had to deploy sandbags to stop water getting into his house. He felt this was partly down to soil being washed off nearby fields and into road drains which were blocked and unable to cope with the flow. He had reported three of the drains and Highways had been and emptied two but wouldn't do the third "as it was not on their worksheet". He asked for support in getting the drains cleaned and asked if the farmer could be approached to furrow the field crossways rather than lengthways to stem the flow of water.

**Action Point 1: The Clerk to follow up with the resident to ascertain which drain was still blocked**

2) Several residents from Tilstone Fearnall attended the meeting. Their spokesperson gave a very detailed and professional presentation detailing their objections to the planning application at Briar Lea. This matter to be discussed by Council under agenda item 7 (Planning).

### **3) 057/20.21 – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Revill and Ward Cllr Jones who both had work commitments.

The Chairman announced that due to those work commitments Cllr Revill had tendered her resignation from the Parish Council. Cllrs said that she would be missed and the Chairman asked that thanks for her time on the PC be noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would inform CW&C and begin the co-option process. An item would be included in the next newsletter.

**Action Point 2: Clerk to contact CW&C and Declare a Casual Vacancy**

### **4) 058/20.21 – Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

### **5) 059/20.21 – Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 were unanimously agreed to be a true record and will be signed by the Chairman.

### **6) 060/20.21 – Clerk's Report**

i) Casual Vacancy: The Chairman reported that there had been an application for the one Casual Vacancy from a lady who lives in Tiverton. She would be attending this meeting as an observer.

ii) Census 2021: Further information about the Census has been received, circulated and where relevant uploaded to the website. The census is being done mainly online and so people are being encouraged to offer help to those who may struggle with technology. If no computer access is available there is a helpline from which paper copies can be obtained.

iii) Covid Support: Following a letter from CW&C Rural Localities Dept requesting sites to host a mobile covid testing unit Cllr Lightfoot has been in contact with them and offered St Jude's hall at Tilstone Fearnall. An officer is coming to assess the site for suitability w/b 15<sup>th</sup> March.

The Chairman reported that there is a much reduced demand on the covid volunteer support group  
iv) CW&C Waste Consultation: Cllrs Randles and Ibbotson had attended a webcast about the waste consultation that is currently being carried out by CW&C. Cllr Randles had circulated notes about the event and encouraged everyone to complete the online consultation. The Chairman reported that he had obtained and distributed some paper copies for those without computer access.

v) Flood Funding: Cllrs Mould and Ibbotson had attended a webcast on funding and fund raising following the flooding caused by Storm Christoph. Much of it was about how communities could raise money themselves to help the flood victims.

## **7) 061/20.21 – Planning**

i) Planning Applications: The following planning applications had been received and noted on the planning register:

21/00605/CAT – Hawthorn Cottage, Tilstone Bank Road, Tilstone Fearnall, CW6 9QH - Remove 25-30% from the top of the Alder & Ash trees alongside the canal & complete removal of all ivy as soon as possible because they are vulnerable in the soft waterlogged ground.

21/00126/FUL – Land Adjacent to Briar Lea, Nantwich Road, Tarporley, CW6 9HP - Residential development of 8 dwellings including 3 affordable cottage mews

21/00607/FUL - Maybeck House, 2 Gardenhurst, Tiverton, CW6 9NA - Extensions and alterations and erection of a small balcony to the rear

21/00616/LBC – Old Post Office Cottage, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NB - Replace frameless glazing with bespoke framed glazing system consisting of extruded aluminium alloy framing finished with polyester powder coating, with sliding openings

ii) Decision Notices: All decision notices received since the last meeting were noted on the planning register.

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

## **8) 062/20.21 – Highways**

i) Fault Reporting System - The spreadsheet of defects reported to Highways had been updated and circulated.

Cllr Randles reported that she felt traffic speed had been better on the A49 since the signage had been updated.

A51 / Four Lane Ends Speed Limit Consultation: The Clerk had received a reply (circulated) to the letter sent to the Chief Executive highlighting the Parish Councils' concerns about Highways matters in the parish. Further to that, in the last few days some speed limit signs had begun to be erected on the A51 and Council have been informed that a section of Crib Lane will be resurfaced. A highways engineer will also contact the Clerk to discuss the issues raised regarding the online reporting system.

ii) Speed Limit in Tiverton: As previously reported the PCSO, Jon Hurst, had been emailed requesting speed monitoring in Tiverton village. The Clerk had also written to Highways asking for details of the criteria required for a 20 mph speed limit and where on Huxley Lane CW&C had carried out their speed monitoring.

iii) New Highways Issues: It was reported that there was farm waste on FP4 and FP5 which caused walkers to walk on the muddy field  
 Cllr Cheshire reported that in the recent heavy rains a quantity of sand from the embankment on the A49 between the Huxley Lane junction and the railway bridge had washed away and some of the trees looked somewhat unstable.

**Action Point 3: Clerk to log these on the online reporting system**

**9) 063/20.21 – Correspondence**

All correspondence of note had been circulated including:

- HMLR Land Survey – no response required
- Trees for Climate – Council does not have a site sufficient for this project
- ChALC / NALC Model Design Code – no response to be submitted
- Huxley CofE School letter of thanks has been uploaded to the website

**10) 064/20.21 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment**

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct
1 <sup>st</sup> February	2,256.63	3,691.38*
1 <sup>st</sup> March	2,079.14	3,691.41*

\* Includes 3 pence interest

ii) Budget Figures to End of February: - Councillors reviewed the budget figures to the end of February and noted payments made since the January meeting. All expenditure was on target. The Clerk reported that the agreed Precept had been submitted to CW&C as had the claim for £250.00 churchyard grant for St Jude’s

iii) Payments to be made in March

C Spencer	Zoom Fee (March)	£14.39
G Ibbotson	Printing newsletter	£30.00
ChALC	Clerk Training	£25.00

**Resolved: that the above invoices be paid and that payments be made by Bank Transfer wherever possible**

iv) There was a short discussion about projects for 2021 / 22 which could include a new notice board at Tilstone Fearnall; a possible contribution to the new kitchen at Tilstone Fearnall church hall and to the new porch at Tiverton village hall. It was also suggested that a discussion be held with CW&C tree officer about a tree or trees on the green in Tiverton.

**11) 065/20.21 – Review of Statutory Documents**

The following documents had been circulated for approval:

- i) Standing Orders: Page 1 had been amended following updated guidance from ChALC on holding virtual meetings.
- ii) Draft Financial Regulations: Cllrs Mould, Sharma and the Clerk had now inserted the required dates and amounts into the document
- iii) Draft Communications Policy
- iv) Draft Data Protection Policy

It was proposed by Cllr Ibbotson, seconded by Cllr Lightfoot that the documents as circulated be accepted and uploaded to the website.

**Resolved: that the updated documents be accepted and uploaded to the website**

**12) 066/20.21 – Beeston & Tarporey Railway Station**

A first meeting had been held of the group who are putting together proposals to re-open Beeston and Tarporley Railway Station and Cllrs Mould and Ibbotson had attended. The group is well organised and has substantial funding to conduct studies and commission evidence to support their case. They also have the backing of the local MP and the two local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East.

As well as meetings, information about the group and its progress will be published on their website

**13) 067/20.21 – Website Accessibility Regulations**

On behalf of the Council Steve Armitage had attended a seminar about the website accessibility regulations. He has then looked at the Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall PC website and drawn up a document detailing what changes need to be made, how this can be achieved and the documentation that is required to show conformity. It was agreed that a working group of Mr Armitage, Cllrs Mould and Sharma and the Clerk should meet to progress this matter. The Clerk thanked Mr Armitage for attending

**14) 068/20.21 – Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30** by Zoom

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36 pm

**Signed:**.....

**Dated:**.....