

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Monday 14th September 2021** at 7.30pm in Tiverton Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Ash Sharma (in the Chair)

Cllrs: R Cheshire, G Ibbotson, L Law, H Lightfoot, R Mould C Penhorwood, L Randles,
3 members of the public were present

Ward Councillor Mike Jones joined the meeting at 8.35 pm

1) 033/21.22 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

No members of Cheshire Constabulary were in attendance. However PCSO Hurst had sent apologies and asked that should any specific police matters be raised then they be emailed to him.

2) 034/21.22 – Open Forum

Jean Toyn reported that the village society would like to be involved in the tree planting project for Smithy Green. Cllr Lightfoot and the Clerk reported that trees were available from the Woodland Trust. One concern expressed about tree planting is that all those planted on the canal bank have died due to lack of care so any project would have to be low maintenance. The village society would also like to work with the PC on events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This item will be discussed more fully later in the agenda.

Steve Armitage reported that Tiverton Village Hall is now open for meetings and events with advice provided to groups regarding ventilation, spacing and sanitising.

3) 035/21.22 – Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

4) 036/21.22 – Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ibbotson and Cllr Mould declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 12, Beeston & Tarpoley Railway Station reopening, as they are on the main committee.

Cllr Lightfoot declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 11, donation to St Jude's Church Hall Kitchen, as she is on the committee

5) 037/21.22 – Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Lightfoot, seconded by Cllr Law and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021 were correct and they were signed by the Chairman.

6) 038/21.22 – Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that there are to be changes to refuse collection days. All residents will be informed by labels on bins and information on the new calendar

7) 039/21.22 – Planning

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

21/02830/AGR – Wharton Lock Farm. Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9SP – General agricultural produce and machinery storage building

21/03366/CAT – Bates Mill Cottage, Bates Mill Lane, Beeston, CW6 9UE – 2 x Willow trees (T1)- to create a framework pollard on both trees, roughly 5m lower than current height. 1 x Alder tree (T2) – to reduce the much larger lateral limbs by 2-3m only, crown lift over pond by 3 m.

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

iii) Planning Committee: The planning committee comments on the above applications were submitted and were unanimously approved.

v) Meeting with planning officers: Council agreed that they still wished to hold a meeting with CW&C planning officers to discuss certain planning applications. Clerk to request dates

Action Point 1 – Clerk to contact planning again for prospective meeting dates

8) 040/21.22 – Highways

i) Fault Reporting System - The spreadsheet of defects reported to Highways had been updated and circulated. Council was pleased to note that all the old speed limit signs had now been removed from the A51

ii) New issues to report to highways: Cllr Lightfoot had reported a defect on the online reporting system and will send the details to the Clerk. The Clerk had reported damaged signs on the A49 and A51.

iii) Townfield Lane footpath: This was now passable. There was discussion about whether an external contractor should be appointed to carry out regular trimming

9) 041/21.22 – Correspondence

All correspondence of note had been circulated including:

Local Heritage and Conservation List – Members to inform Clerk if they felt any buildings should be included

Cheshire East Council Bus Survey – This had also been circulated to some residents. Members to complete personally if they wished

HealthWatch Cheshire Care Consultation – Noted that they will be at an OPAL event at Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club on 14th October

CW&C Local Plan Conversation – Any comments to be sent to the Clerk for submission

ChALC / NALC consultation on Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Any comments to be sent to the Clerk for submission

10) 042/21.22 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct
1 st August	£5985.24	£3691.56*
1 st September	£5404.44	£3691.59*

Notes

* Includes 3 pence interest

It was noted that a VAT reclaim amount of £249.18 had been paid into the current account on 20th August

ii) Budget Figures to End of June: - Councillors reviewed the budget figures to the end of August and noted payments made since the July meeting. All expenditure was on target

A letter had been received from Beeston & Tarporley Station Reopening Group requesting a donation towards the money required to appoint consultants to assess the viability of reopening the station. This was needed because the two local authorities had withdrawn their financial support causing a shortfall in the required funds. A donation would also show local support for the project. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Sharma, seconded by Cllr Penhorwood that a donation of £350 be made. Having declared an interest Cllrs Ibbotson & Mould did not vote but all other members voted in favour

Action Point 2 – Clerk to inform the Treasurer of the station reopening group and request an invoice for the records.

iii) Payments to be made in September

G Ibbotson	Printing newsletter (2)	£30.00
Tarporley War Memorial Hosp	Donation	£100.00
Beeston & Tarporley Station Reopening Gp	Donation	£350.00
M Lightfoot	Repairs to Tilstone Fearnall Notice Bd	£42.74

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

iv) Annual Insurance Premium - The Clerk reported that the annual insurance premium of £465.58 had been paid and the insurance documents had been received.

11) 043/21.22 - Parish Projects / Queens Jubilee

Traffic Calming / Village Gateways: There was discussion about the siting of these and about other measures such as chicanes, speed monitoring and extra signage at the end of Huxley Lane, although it was pointed out that some of those could have an urbanising effect on the area. It was agreed to contact Highways and request a meeting to discuss the various options and possible costs.

Action Point 3 - Clerk to contact CW&C highways for prospective meeting dates

Contribution to a new kitchen at St Jude's Village Hall: Cllr Lightfoot had held a successful coffee morning at the beginning of September. She had applied to Howdens for a new kitchen but would also require funding for a new water heater

Christmas Trees Outside the village halls: It was decided not to go ahead with this project

Smithy Green: Following on from the discussion in Open Forum it was suggested that a working group be formed to progress this. Trees could be obtained from the Woodland Trust and it was suggested that Reaseheath be contacted to see if they would be interested in designing the new area. Costings for benches would also be obtained. A resident had also suggested a book swap box. It was hoped that the area would be ready to "unveil" as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend.

Action Point 4 - Cllrs Lightfoot, Sharma and the Clerk along with Jean Toyn, a representative from the village hall and possibly the gardening club will make up the group and a date be arranged to meet.

New notice board at Tilstone Fearnall: Cllr Lightfoot's husband has been able to repair the current notice board so a new one would not be required. Thanks were expressed to Mr Lightfoot.

12) 044/21.22 – Beeston & Tarporley Railway Station

Cllr Ibbotson gave an update on the project to re-open the station. Despite the two local authorities deciding not to match-fund the project it has been decided to press ahead with appointing consultants to prepare a Business Case and invitations to bid have been sent to several companies. A members budget grant application has been submitted to Cheshire West for funds from 4 local Ward Councillors and 16 local parish Councils have been written to explaining the situation and asking for a donation. (See also minute 042/21.22 Finance)

3) 45/21.22 – Website Accessibility Regulations

Steve Armitage had looked further at the website and found several areas where the site did not meet the Regulations. Some could be quite easy to change but will take time and some need to be referred back to Quick & Simple. However it has not proved easy to contact them recently and it was agreed to try to contact the PC Council were in touch with before appointing Q&S to see how they are faring

14) 46/21.22 – Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.30 pm in Tiverton Village Hall.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Meeting Dates for 2020 are:

Tuesday 11th January

Tuesday 8th March

Tuesday 10th May (to included Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Parish Council Meeting)

Tuesday 12th July

Tuesday 13th September

Tuesday 8th November