

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 8th March 2022** at 7.30pm in Tiverton Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

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

The Clerk was not able to join the meeting on account of contracting Covid-19. Everyone at the meeting wished Carol a speedy recovery. Cllr Mould agreed to take the minutes of the meeting.

1) 068/21.22 - Presentation by United Utilities on the Vyrnwy Aqueduct Maintenance Programme

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by two representatives from United Utilities Harry Caton and Chris Tie on the upcoming maintenance of the Vyrnwy Aqueduct and in particular the impact on Tilstone Fearnall. Very informative material about the Maintenance Programme was distributed to everyone at the meeting and we were informed that an online hub had been set up to provide up to date information and for residents to provide feedback: www.uuhub.co.uk/vyrnwy.

This phase of the work goes from Malpas to Rushton and is scheduled to commence (proper) at the start of 2023 and complete by the end of 2025. There will be some preliminary work carried out in 2022, for example work on pipeline valves, but mostly 2022 will be about submitting planning applications, appointing contractors and finalising programme plans. The impact on our Parish is quite limited being centred around Tilstone Road and Lodge Lane in Tilstone Fearnall.

In order to carry out this work there will be some damage to the environment (e.g. hedge and tree removal) but UU assured us that following completion of the works then new trees will be planted and hedges replaced. Some access points will have to be enlarged in order for the construction vehicles to gain access and road closures and traffic light control may be necessary.

Those landowners who are directly impacted by this work should have already been notified. Local residents should have additional information mailed to them before work commences.

Cllr Cheshire asked whether UU were aware of the high-pressure fuel pipeline that goes through the Parish and what actions they were taking to ensure that no damage was caused to this. Mr Caton said that he was sure this was known by UU but he would take this away and check.

2) 069/21.22 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

No members of Cheshire Constabulary were in attendance. It was noted that no-one from the police had been attendance since pre-Covid and it was requested that the Clerk contacts our PCSO and request that we have someone from the police attend our next meeting.

Action Point 1 – Clerk to request a police representative at the May Meeting.

3) 070/21.22 – Open Forum

All but one of the members of public left following the UU presentation, the remaining person was a prospective Parish Councillor and had no other points to raise.

4) Councillor Vacancy

Mrs Scarlett Richardson provided an overview of her background and her desire to get more involved in the local community by way of becoming a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council was unanimous in favour of her being co-opted onto the Council. This was formally proposed by Cllr Sharma and

seconded by Cllr Ibbotson. Cllr Richardson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

5) 071/21.22 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk, Carol Spencer and from Ward Cllr Mike Jones who had to attend another meeting.

6) 072/21.22 – Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest that were significant to this meeting.

7) 073/21.22 – Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Penhorwood, seconded by Cllr Lightfoot and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th January were correct. The Chairman signed the minutes.

8) 74/21.22 – Clerk’s Report

- Information regarding the new waste collection service (including replacing boxes with wheelie bins) has been sent out to all residents. The new “paid for” green bin service has started and the new wheelie bins will be delivered to residents in the next few weeks. Residents can either take their old recycling boxes to a local recycling centre or keep them for their own purposes. The existing Green and Black wheelie bins will continue to be used and are not being replaced.
- The halogen flood lights at Deeside Ramblers have now been replaced by more eco-friendly LED lights. They are designed to focus the light downwards so less light is being directed at the sky. There have been no reports of any residents being unhappy about this replacement project.
- Concerns were voiced by residents on Townfield Lane following a large tree being blown down during recent gales. A Tree Surgeon from CW&C took a look at nearby trees and said that there was no sign of nearby trees being either diseased or being in imminent danger of being blown down. No further action will therefore be taken.

9) 75/21.22 – Planning

There had been 3 new planning applications in the Parish in the last 2 months: Highfield, Heath Croft and The Gables. The Planning Application at Ferney Lees Farm on Pudding Lane, Tiverton has been approved.

The Parish Council Planning Committee had reviewed these 3 applications and Cllr Sharma presented the Planning Summary Report which was then approved by the Parish Council.

Meeting with Planning Officers: Cllr Mould provided a verbal summary of the meeting he and Cllr Lightfoot had with The Head of Planning at CW&C (Rob Charnley) in November 2021. A full set of notes from this meeting was issued to all Parish Councillors on 19th November 2021.

Beeston Reclamation Yard: There was a discussion about the latest planning application for Beeston Reclamation Yard. It was agreed that our existing concerns regarding building in Open Countryside and the dangerous location of the access to this site from the A49 was unchanged.

Action Point 2 – Cllr Sharma to write to CW&C Planning and reiterate our objection to this development.

10) 76/21.22 – Highways

- The previously reported issue of the road surface at the Dale was discussed. Previously local residents have been chasing CW&C Highways about this but now it has been formally reported to CW&C by the Parish Council and an Enquiry No. has been allocated (HW406191358). Cllr Richardson highlighted some of the issues being faced by the residents

due to the very poor condition of the road surface. It is clear that CW&C own this land and are responsible for its condition.

Action Point 3 - Cllr Richardson to send the Clerk all the documents that the residents put together regarding this issue. The Parish Council will then look to see what can be done to resolve the problem.

- Some bus stop signs had been reported as missing on the A51 and had led to the No. 84 bus not stopping as expected. A CW&C Highways Engineer has visited the location and noted that there does indeed appear to be a missing sign, which he has reported. Also, one bus sign that appears to be on private land was not clearly visible because of an overgrown hedge. The landowner is responsible for addressing this.
- No proposals for Townfield Lane were discussed.

No new Highways issues were reported.

Meeting with Highways Officers: Cllrs Ibbotson and Randles provided an update on a meeting held with Stuart Bateman regarding possible traffic calming measures. We were notified that Gates (positioned off the road) could be used to raise awareness that you are entering a village and extra care should be taken. CW&C could provide these gates and install them at a cost of £3k/site. This was viewed as being too expensive for our Council. If we were source and install our own gates then the cost might come down to £700/site. This would still be a major investment for the parish Council and concerns were raised as to how effective they would be and possible other measures might have more effect.

Action Point 4 – Cllr Sharma to contact Stuart Bateman for other options to slow traffic down and source prices for gates.

11) 77/21.22 – Correspondence

There has been a lot of information circulated over the last two months but the only item that had any serious impact was the proposed boundary change for Parliamentary Elections. All Parish Councillors have had an opportunity to provide feedback either directly or through the Parish Clerk but no-one raised any concerns about the proposal. Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall will be in the middle of a large geographic largely rural area (currently called Eddisbury) but likely to be renamed South Cheshire or similar.

12) 078/21.22 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct
1 st November	£3947.14	£3691.65*
1 st December	£3556.55	£3691.68*
1 st January 2022	£3379.06	£3691.71*
1 st February 2022	£3111.07	£3691.74*

Notes

* Includes 3 pence interest

Bank statements for 1st March hadn't arrived at the time of the meeting

ii) Budget Figures to End of February: - Councillors reviewed the budget figures to the end of February and all expenditure was on target.

iii) Payments to be made in March

There were no new payments to be authorised.

iv) Quotes for the Removal of Moles on Smithy Green – Cllr Mould explained that he had tried to get in touch with a mole catcher he has used for his own property but without success. He will continue to follow up but did raise the concern as to whether he was still operating. It was also agreed that we would monitor mole damage to Smithy Green over the next couple of months.

v) Update on Precept and St Jude's Grant Application:

The 2022/23 Precept request has been submitted to CW&C as has the St Jude's Grant Application.

vi) Update on the possibility of making a Charity Donation:

A decision on whether to make a charity donation was deferred to the May Meeting. There was a number of reasons for this. Firstly, whether donating to Tarporley Hospital was appropriate now that its status has changed and it falls within the auspices of the Countess of Chester. Secondly there was some confusion as to why the donation to the Beeston Station Reopening Group was classified as a Charity donation rather than a Parish Project and whether this might preclude further charity donations in the current financial year. All Councillors were asked to think about what charity the Parish Council should support if a decision in May is made to make a donation.

13) 79/21.22 - Parish Projects including the Queens Jubilee

- There was a quick discussion about traffic calming and village gateways but this had already been discussed in The Highways section. There was no conclusion.
- There was a discussion about how best to support Cllr Lightfoot in her efforts to upgrade the kitchen in St Jude's Church Hall. It was agreed to give a £230 donation to St Jude's Church Hall to fund a new hot water boiler. This should come out of the Parish projects budget. All were in favour.
Action Point 5 – Parish Clerk to arrange a payment of £230 to St Jude's Church Hall.
- The Parish Council is not taking a lead role in organising events for the Queens Jubilee. Rather this is being led by the Village Society (chaired by Jean Toyn). A Village Society meeting is being arranged to discuss arrangements and it is understood that the Hockey Club has been booked for Sunday 5th June.
- No real progress on the plans for tree(s) and seating on Smithy Green. It was noted that time was running out and if something was to be in place for the Queens Jubilee then decisions need to be made sooner rather than later. It was also suggested that because of time and cost constraints a simple tree and bench might be most appropriate.
Action Point 6 – Cllr Sharma to progress this.

14) 80/21.22 – Beeston & Tarporley Railway Station

Cllr Ibbotson explained that Arup had been appointed to develop the Business Case for the reopening of Beeston & Tarporley railway station. Work is underway and the report is due in April 2022. There was no other point of interest.

15) 81/21.22 – Website Accessibility Regulations

Problems regarding website accessibility regulations have been identified with the Parish Council website. It should be possible to fix the major issues easily, but this is dependent on our supplier/support person carrying out the work. Currently the supplier is totally unresponsive and has been for over 12 months. We have little choice now other than to move to a new supplier who can provide a much better level of support and make our website compliant with the current regulations. Unfortunately there will be a cost to this which a portion will have to come from the Parish Projects budget.

Action Point 7 – Clerk to put an item on the May Agenda authorising the Council to identify a new supplier.

16) 082/21.22 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 10th March 2022 at 7.30 pm in Tiverton Village Hall. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting as well as the Annual Parish Council Meeting where the Chair and Vice-Chair are appointed for the next 12 months,

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:50 pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Meeting Dates for 2022 are:

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

Tuesday 12th July

Tuesday 13th September

Tuesday 8th November