

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 12th July** in Tiverton Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

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

Ward Cllr Mike Jones

1 member of the public

1) 018/22.23 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

No members of Cheshire Constabulary were in attendance although an Agenda had been sent. PCSO McKevitt had emailed requesting forthcoming meeting dates and these had been sent to her.

2) 019/22.23 – Open Forum

A resident commented that there were no minutes for 2022 on the website.

Action Point 1 - Clerk to check that minutes are up to date

Tarporley War Memorial Hospital: Mr Richard Roberts, Trustee at Tarporley War Memorial Hospital gave an update on the status of the hospital. The hospital had been running at a loss for some years then during Covid two significant grants ceased and, coupled with staff shortages, the Trustees had no choice but to suspend in-patient services and begin a redundancy consultation. It was agreed that a partnership was the only option and following discussions they agreed to partner with the Countess of Chester Hospital Trust (COCH) to provide services such as Care in the Community and Rapid Response to the community as a rural hub to improve access to local facilities.

The Trustees have signed a 3 year lease agreement for most of the building and COCH has invested significant funds updating heating, electrics etc. It was hoped that services to the community would recommence in early Summer and although the Trustees are eager to move forwards there have been delays due to quality assessments.

There are still some charitable reserves and these and any future fundraising will be used to purchase specific pieces of equipment rather than subsidise running cost

The Trustees have kept ownership of part of the building and are hoping to run some of their own services and clinics.

Q Is the minor injuries unit still operating?

Yes it is, via GP's. It is hoped that this will continue

Q What is the relationship between the hospital and the GP's at the adjacent surgery?

Very good. The GP's have been part of the consultations and discussions and are on-board with the proposals. It is hoped that they will offer continued support in a collaborative way such as that of the Rural Practices Alliance

Q What happens if at the end of the 3 years COCH doesn't have funds to continue the partnership?

That is an unknown, but this type of working is part of an on-going community strategy.

Q. When will renegotiating the contact begin

Probably around 12 months before the current contract ends

Q Who owns the building and the land

The building is owned by the Trust. Don't know about the land, there is a piece that is going to be used for car parking and COCH will be installing charging points

Q What services will you be offering?

The retained part will be considering things such as lunch clubs, having discussions with Age UK etc. We will not be offering respite care but will continue with GP out of hours services and possibly physio.

Q How can PC's help?

By keeping people informed. Currently COCH are not communicating so that is why the Trustees are undertaking these visits. We are also looking for ideas for services and activities for our own space. Mr Roberts concluded by saying that sadly the way the hospital was running was not sustainable and things had to change. Hopefully COCH will start services soon but they are a large organisation and the War Memorial Hospital is only a small part of it

3) 020/22.23 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Penhorwood who has Covid and Cllr Richardson attending her daughter's graduation

4) 021/22.23 - Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Ibbotson and Mould declared a non-pecuniary disclosable interest in Agenda item 12, Beeston & Tarporley Station, as they are members of the station reopening group committee.

5) 022/22.23 – Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Cheshire seconded by Cllr Mould, and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May were correct. The Chairman signed the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Lightfoot seconded by Cllr Cheshire, and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the Annual (first) Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May were correct. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6) 023/22.23 – Clerks Report

i) United Utilities work on Vyrnwy Aqueduct – UU had informed the Parish Council of further preparatory works including submitting planning applications for access roads. In September works will commence to install the access roads and to carry out ecology surveys. They are working closely with landowners and stakeholders and people can follow the project on <https://uuhub.co.uk/vyrnwy/>

ii) Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: Jean Toyn had sent an email saying that the Jubilee event was well attended and very much enjoyed. She thanked the Council for its support. Councillors thanked the organisers and agreed it had been a very successful event

7) 024/22.23 – Planning

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

22/01877/CAT – 1 Mill Cottages, Tilstone Bank Road, Tilstone Fearnall, CW6 9QH – 1 x Sycamore – reduce height over garden side by 3m and reduce lateral branches over garden. 1 x Sycamore – reduce canopy by 2.5m. Sycamore/Ash/Holly – reduce height to hawthorn hedge height

21/03691/FUL – The Shippon, Mill Lane, Tilstone Fearnall CH3 8AB – Conversion and alterations of barn into one dwelling to include raising of roof to create first floor, erection of detached garage.

iii) Decision Notices – All Decision Notices received since the last meeting were noted on the Planning Register.

iv) Planning Committee – It was agreed that no comments were required on the Mill Cottages application. Cllr Mould had circulated some comments with regard to The Shippon which had been approved by the planning committee and submitted to CW&C planning

v) Hilly Bank – An email had been sent to Planning Enforcement informing them of the garden being extended into the field. They had responded asking for further information; this had been put together and forwarded to them.

8) 025/22.23 – Highways

i) Update on Highways Issues – The spreadsheet had been updated with all the items that were raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. Some of the jobs had been completed whilst some others were still outstanding

Forecourt at The Dale – Further to the letter sent to Estates a letter had been sent to Highways detailing several issues that had been raised at the Annual parish Meeting. The state of the forecourt at The Dale had been included in this but no response had been received to date.

Cutting of Townfield Lane – The condition of the land was not too bad at present and it was Agreed to monitor it. There was discussion about the PC employing a contractor to cut it more frequently but things such as disposal of the cuttings, insurance etc would need to be seriously considered. It was agreed to ask CW&C what the cutting schedule was.

Action Point 2 – Clerk to find out the cutting schedule for Townfield Lane

Letter re Speeding on Huxley Lane, Brassey Green: Several residents from Brassey Green had attended the Annual Parish Meeting and raised the issue of speeding around the bends on Huxley Lane. A letter had been sent to Highways raising this, and other road issues within the parish, and requesting speed monitoring with a view to lowering the speed limit in this area and better signage of the bends. The letter had been acknowledged but no response received as yet

ii) New Issues to Report – Cllr Mould reported that the road by Rose Cottage was sinking. This had been reported to highways by the properties owner but Cllr Mould felt that there could be an underlying problem such as a collapsed drain.

Action Point 3 – Clerk to also report this to Highways

9) 026/22.23 – Correspondence

All correspondence of note had been circulated and no responses were required

10) 027/22.23 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct
1 st June	3,349.55	6,692.45
1 st July	3,168.94	6,693.00

Business Reserve Account June includes 39p interest

Business Reserve Account July includes 55p interest

As agreed at the May meeting £3000 had been transferred from the Current Account to the Business Reserve Account.

ii) Budget Figures to end of June: Cllr reviewed the budget figures to the end of June and noted payments made

iii) July Payments – Invoices detailed below were considered for payment

Information Commissioner	Annual Subscription	£40.00
Cheshire Community Action	Annual Subscription	£20.00
ChALC	Training Cllr Lightfoot	£25.00

It was noted that the invoice for the annual internal audit had not been received. It will be around £50 and the Clerk will contact Mr Hurst and pay it upon receipt.

The Clerk informed members that the insurance premium would be due before the next meeting and was likely to be around £465 like last year. She asked for agreement that this be paid upon receipt

Resolved: that the above payments be made. All were in favour

iv) Quotes to remove moles from Smithy Green – the mole problem seems to have resolved itself so no action required

v) Financial Audit 2021/2022: The Internal audit had been completed and no faults or issues had been raised. Thanks were expressed to Mr Hurst.

11) 028/22.23 - Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming / Village Gateways:- The Chairman had obtained two quotes for the making of “village gateways”. In the letter to highways a further meeting has been requested and this matter will be raised again then. In the meantime Huxley PC would be contacted about theirs

Action Point 4: Clerk to contact Huxley about their gateways

In terms of traffic calming elsewhere, and particularly in Brassey Green it was pointed out that the flashing signs such as those at Alpraham were very effective but it was acknowledged that these are expensive.

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – The Chairman has drawn up a plan for Smithy Green, which he will circulate, and which includes a pathway and benches. It also includes an area for the trees that are coming from the Woodland Trust in the Autumn and there was discussion about possibly planting wildflowers. Cllr Lightfoot has obtained quotes for benches including the recycled plastic ones and it was suggested that new benches could be sponsored and perhaps have a plaque on them. Cllr Randles reported that the bench attached to the parish map was broken. There was also discussion about the condition of the map. It was agreed that the bench be taped off so that it can’t be sat upon and it was proposed that a new one be purchased to replace it. All were in favour. It was agreed not to claim on the insurance as the “damage” was due to many years of wear and tear and not to vandalism

12) 029/22.23 – Beeston & Tarporley Railway Station

Cllr Ibbotson reported that Arup had been retained to carry out the Business Case and Feasibility Report. This had been submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) in May and it was hoped their decision would be delivered in the early Autumn. The Treasurer had paid Arup and had received the grant moneys from DfT and the Local Enterprise Partnership. Arups quote had been lower than the moneys pledged so there was still some in the bank but this was being retained for now in case there were any last-minute reports or updates required. Arup had suggested several options all of which have different cost impacts but the Cost Benefit Analysis is favourable .

13) 030/22.23 – Website Accessibility Regulations

There had still been no communication from Quick and Simple and so Council felt it was left with no option but to change website provider. A meeting of the website working group will be arranged in August but before that Beeston PC would be contacted to see if they had had contact with Q&S and if not how they were complying with the regulations.

Action Point 5 – Clerk to contact Beeston PC about Q&S

14) 031/22.23 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30 pm in Tiverton Village Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed:.....Dated:.....

Future Meeting Dates are:

Tuesday 8th November

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Tuesday 14th March

Tuesday 9th May (this is provisional as it is local elections year but will include the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual (first) Parish Council Meeting