

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 10th January 2023** 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, S Richardson
6 members of the public

1) 061/22.23 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

No police officers were in attendance even though agendas had been sent to three officers and acknowledged by one.

Action Point 1: Clerk to write to Chief Constable regarding the lack of police presence in the Parish and particularly at PC meetings

2) 062/22.23 – Open Forum

Several local residents made comments and raised concerns about a planning application at Maybeck House including environmental impacts, size, sewage and highways issues.

A resident questioned if permitted development rights had been withdrawn from Barn View as it appeared works had been carried out recently.

3) 063/22.23 – Apologies for Absence

Ward Cllr Jones had sent apologies

4) 064/22.23 - Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

5) 065/22.23 – Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Ibbotson seconded by Cllr Law, and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 08th November 2022 were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

The Clerk reported that she had incorrectly numbered the final page of the September minutes. She had reprinted the page with correct numbers and asked if Cllrs would agree the amendment. All were in favour. The Chairman signed the updated minutes

6) 066/22.23 – Clerks Report

- Cheshire West and Chester Council had sent updated contact information. This was on the website but would also go on notice boards and Tiverton FB page.
- United Utilities had sent an update on the Vyrnwy Aqueduct works. Affected residents had also had a letter. UU would be holding community drop-in events in the Spring.
- Cheshire Constabulary were offering cyber security training. Council felt this was not for them.
- The Chairman (or a representative) had been invited to a Police & Crime Commissioners meeting on 16th January
- Mr Mullock had been contacted about the moles on Smithy Green. He had set traps and caught two.
- An updated ChALC training schedule had been received. There was comment that working Cllrs could not attend courses held in the daytime.

Action Point 2: Clerk to feedback comments about daytime courses to ChALC

7) 067/22.23 – Planning

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

22/04085/CAT: Highfield, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CE6 9NB – Removal of Metasequoia (T1) on border to adjacent property and replace with fruit trees at another location on the property.

22/04111/FUL: Old Post Office Cottage, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NB – Installation of 26 PV solar panels to be located on existing single storey building.

22/04296/FUL: 4 The Dale, Tiverton, CW6 9ND – Single Storey Rear Extension

22/04108/FUL: Maybeck House, 2 Gardenhurst, Tiverton, CW6 9NA – Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of replacement dwelling plus new detached garage, swimming pool building and granny annexe.

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

iii) Planning Committee – comments previously submitted by the planning committee were approved

iv) Planning Comments – There was discussion about the application at Maybeck House. It was agreed that some issues raised by the residents were legal or civil and outside of the remit of both the Parish Council and the planning dept. Cllrs discussed concerns about the environmental impact of knocking down a house and rebuilding it; about increasing the size of the garage, and whether the walled garden was within the curtilage of Maybeck House. It was agreed that if the application was approved a condition was requested that the granny annexe remain subordinate to the main house. Comments would be written up, circulated and submitted

v) Planning Inspectorate: - The applications in respect of Briar Lea and Beeston Reclamation had both been refused by the respective planning inspectors

8) 068/22.23 – Highways

i) Update on Highways Issues – The spreadsheet had been updated and circulated. Since then Cllr Lightfoot had reported some blocked grids and these will be added to the list. Cllrs Sharma, Lightfoot and Richardson (part) had had a site meeting with Stuart Bateman from Highways on Friday 18th November. There was discussion about:

Speeding along Huxley Lane. Mr Bateman is willing to carry out speed monitoring at both ends of the village. Potential speed reduction measures include “dragons teeth”, roundels and gateways and possible sites for these were considered. The cost would be around £2500 if obtained from Highways. The PC can provide and install their own but they must be done by a licensed contractor

Speeding and remedial works on the bends at Sunnyside Farm, Brassey Green. Mr Bateman is willing to carry out a radar check but he doesn't think the limit would be lowered below 50 mph. He will also have the markings on the road repainted.

The surface of The Dale. Mr Bateman accepted that this is in poor condition but it is not a highways matter and should be referred back to Estates

The surface of the road through the centre of Tiverton is not scheduled to be resurfaced but he will get the area steward to look at any potholes

Council discussed asking the Police to deploy the Speed Indicator Device (SID) and there was discussion about possibly purchasing one

Action Point 3: Clerk to write thanking Mr Bateman and listing the things he had agreed to do

ii) New Issues to be Reported – There were no new issues reported

9) 069/22.23 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct
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1 st November	£1,757.57	£6,697.52
1 st December	£1,398.28	£6701.37

Business Reserve Account at end of October includes £2.18 interest

Business Reserve Account at the end of November includes £3.85 interest

The bank statement for the end of December had not been received

ii) Budget Figures to end of January: Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to the end of January and noted payments made. Also during November there had been some issues with the card reader that the Clerk uses to verify payments. She had submitted a complaint which NatWest had upheld and had paid the Council £200 compensation into the current account

iii) February Payments – Payments to be made in February where:

C Spencer	Backpay Dec	£17.34
C Spencer	Expenses	£72.39

Resolved: that the above payment be made

It was agreed that when the invoice was received from the molecatcher the Clerk pay it

iv) Budget for 2022 / 2023: Cllrs reviewed the proposed budget for 2022 / 2023. There had been increases to the Clerk's salary and insurance costs had also risen. Council has considered holding meetings at both Tiverton Village Hall and St Jude's church hall and that a fee should be paid to the church hall. Rather than reduce the amount paid to Tiverton Village Hall it was proposed to pay the same amount to St Jude's. The total budget amounts to £5,315.00

It was proposed by Cllr Cheshire seconded by Councillor Law that this figure be accepted as the budget for 2023 / 2024.

All were in favour

v) It was proposed by Cllr Lightfoot, seconded by Cllr Mould that having agreed the above budget figures a Precept of £5,315.00 be requested from Cheshire West and Chester Council for financial year 2023 / 2024.

All were in favour.

Action Point 4 – Clerk to submit the Precept request to Cheshire West and Chester Council

Action Point 5 – Clerk to also submit the Churchyard Grant application and supporting information to Cheshire West and Chester Council

10) 070/22.23 - Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming / Village Gateways: see Item 8 Highways

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – The trees had been delivered, complete with spirals and a planting guide and were currently being looked after by Cllr Sharma. When the weather permitted he would arrange a planting day.

Cllr Sharma had contacted the suppliers of the new bench as the new end has still not arrived. They are going to send a new bench.

11) 071/22.23 – Beeston & Tarporey Railway Station

The upheaval in central Government has caused some delays and the group are still awaiting a decision from the Department of Transport.

12) 072/22.23 – Website Accessibility Regulations

Three quotes had now been obtained for a new website. A meeting of the website group to be arranged.

There was no update on Website Accessibility

Action Point 6: Clerk to ascertain availability and arrange a date for a meeting

13) 073/22.23 – Civility and Respect Pledge

It was agreed to defer this item until further research has been carried out.

14) 060/22.23 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30 pm at St Jude’s Church Hall
There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35pm

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

Future Meeting Dates are:

Tuesday 16th May (provisional and will include the Annual (first) Parish Council Meeting)

Date of Annual Parish Meeting to be decided

Tuesday 11th July

Tuesday 12th September

Tuesday 14th November