

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 12th September 2023** at 7.30 in Tiverton Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

Cllrs: R Cheshire, H Lightfoot, L Randles

2 members of the public

1) 029/23.24 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

PCSO McKeivitt apologised for not being able to attend recent meetings but the officers covered a large area of over 20 parishes which included Farndon, Malpas and Tattenhall and the area had been short-staffed due to the illness and sad passing of PCSO Hurst. The Chairman expressed condolences to the police family on behalf of the PC.

PCSO McKeivitt reported that a new Sargeant had been appointed and they needed to re-set and re-group and hopefully should be able to attend more meetings.

PCSO McKeivitt asked what the concerns were that residents had at present. Cllrs stated that it was things such as speeding on all roads in the Parish and asked if it was possible to have use of the Speed Indicator Device (SID); and the security of a building in Tilstone Fearnall that was fire-damaged and had been empty for a long time. Whilst crime generally in the Parish is low, and Cllrs understood that there had been staffing issues, there is a perception among residents that Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall is the “forgotten corner” of the patch

PCSO McKeivitt stated that she would put in a formal request for the use of a SID machine and that she hadn't dealt with the property at Tilstone Fearnall but would speak to the officer who had and feedback

2) 030/23.24 – Open Forum

No matters were raised under Open Forum

3) 031/23.24 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received, and approved, from Cllr Penhorwood who was unwell

4) 032/23.24 - Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

5) 033/23.24 – Minutes

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th July were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6) 034/23.24 – Clerks Report

Co-Option of New Members: After the July meeting the Clerk submitted the request to co-opt forms to Cheshire West and Council. An email was sent prior to this meeting asking if the PC could now co-opt but no response had been received.

7) 035/23.24 – Planning

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

23/02191/CAT: Woodcot, Tilstone Bank Road, Tilstone Fearnall, CW6 9QH – 1 x sycamore tree – request to fell

23/02145/LBC: Stocks Bank Cottage, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NB – Installation of secondary glazing to all windows

22/04108/FUL: Maybeck House, 2 Gardenhurst, Tiverton, CW6 9NA - Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of replacement dwelling (to include granny annexe) and swimming pool building

23/02612/FUL: Back Lodge, Tilstone Lodge, Nantwich Road, Tiverton, CW6 9HS – Garden Room extension

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

iii) Planning Committee – Planning comments were unanimously approved and will be submitted to the Local Planning authority.

The Parish Council had received notification that Tarporley Parish Council were consulting on changes to their Neighbourhood Plan boundary. It was agreed to contact Tarporley PC for clarification on this as some of the land being considered was covered by the Beeston, Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Neighbourhood Plan

Action Point 1: Clerk to contact the Clerk at Tarporley PC.

8) 036/23.24 – Highways

i) Highways Issues – The spreadsheet of highways issues had been updated and circulated.

The Clerk gave a brief report on two highways meeting that had been held, continuing the dialogue with highways officers, regarding road and pavement issues across the Borough

Items relating to traffic calming were dealt with under agenda item 10 – Parish Projects

ii) New Issues – There were no new issues reported.

iii) The Dale: The Clerk reported on the situation with regard to The Dale. The officer who had been dealing with this had retired and a new officer taken over. He had reiterated that there were no funds to resurface the area and suggested that perhaps the residents could pay for it and then ownership could be passed to them. This was not felt to be a fair solution for the residents and it was agreed to request a site visit with the officer.

Action Point 2: Clerk to contact the officer requesting a selection of dates for a site visit.

9) 037/23.24 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct	Interest Received
1 st July	£5,251.68	£5,735.26	£5.42
1 st August	£1,898.73	£8,743.49	£7.23
1 st September	£1,700.78	£8,753.90	£10.41

Notes

Figures for 1st September were draft as the bank statement had not yet been received

The Clerk reported that her home post box had been broken into and some mail stolen including one Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council August bank statement. The theft had been reported to the Police.

ii) Budget Figures to end of August – Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of August. As agreed £3000 had been transferred to the Business Reserve Account.

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

P Mullock	Mole Removal Smithy Green	£45.00
ChALC	Planning Training Cllr Lightfoot	£30.00

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

iv) Insurance Renewal: The Clerk reported that she had contacted three insurance companies, including the current insurer, for quotes for the 2023/2024 insurance. One insurer hadn't responded; and the other quote was nearly £200 more than the current insurer. It was proposed by

Cllr Lightfoot seconded by Cllr Cheshire to accept the quote from the current insurer - Hiscox through Gallaghers. **All were in favour**

v) A meeting is to be arranged to remove ex members signatures from the bank account and replace with new ones

10) 038/23.24 – Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – The results of the speed monitoring box in Tiverton had been received from Highways. They showed an average speed of just over 30 mph and so Highways would not take any action. The Parish Council can still request a lower limit but would have to pay half or ask for implementation of speed restricting street furniture but would have to pay all costs.

Highways seemed more receptive to a lower speed limit in Brassey Green but only be to 50mph and Council would prefer 40. Councillors discussed whether certain sections of road could be 20 mph.

Resolved: that an official request be sent to Highways to lower the speed limit in Brassey Green

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches - The Chairman still has the trees and is hoping to plant them shortly. He distributed a plan outlining where the trees would be planted. Once the trees are planted the planting of wildflowers and spring bulbs would be considered and perhaps a pergola / gazebo with benches and a book box.

Action Point 3: the Chairman to email asking for volunteers to help plant the trees.

iii) Waste Bins - Council had received quotes for the purchase and installation of 2 waste bins. The Clerk had a contact at Cheshire West and Chester Council for emptying the bins but there is a cost.

iv) Maintenance Plan - Once all the works are completed there will need to be a maintenance plan for this and other PC owned assets. A meeting to be arranged to put together a maintenance specification to obtain quotes from contractors

v) Remembrance Day – The Clerk had completed and submitted the relevant forms to Cheshire West and Chester Council. A copy of the insurance was required and would be sent when the new insurance documents arrived.

The lamp post poppies would be put up at the beginning of November. The Clerk to order the poppy wreath from the Royal British Legion. Cllr Lightfoot offered to do teas in Tiverton Village Hall. The hall to be booked. The Chairman would contact the person who provides the bugler.

Action Point 4: Clerk to book Tiverton Village Hall and order the poppy wreath

Action Point 5: Chairman to liaise with the bugler

11) 039/23.24 – Beeston & Tarporley Railway Station

No decision on the reopening of the station had yet been made by the Department for Transport. The next meeting of the re-opening group would take place in October

12) 040/23.24 – Parish Council Website

The website would be changed to the new provider as soon as possible however at the moment it was not possible to back it up. An alternative way of doing this would be looked into. The Chairman would have the laptop when suitable to try to sort out issues there are with it.

13) 041/23.24 – Parish Council Newsletter

A parish newsletter had been printed and was being distributed. The Chairman to inform the Clerk of any costs incurred

14) 042/23.24 – School Transport Provision In Tiverton

The Council had written to Cheshire West & Chester school transport regarding the cessation of the bus for the young people of Tiverton. The young people of Beeston were also affected and had written also. CW&C had responded that it was a parents responsibility to get their children to school and they considered that this was a safe route for walking or cycling. Councillors disagreed and agreed to write again to CW&C requesting a copy of the reports that informed that assessment.

15) 043/23.24 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30 pm in St Jude’s Church Hall.
There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.29 pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Future Meeting Dates are:

Tuesday 9th January 2024 Tiverton Village Hall

Tuesday 12th March St Jude’s Church Hall

Tuesday 14th May and will include the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual (first) Parish Council Meeting Tiverton Village Hall

