

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 11th July 2023** in St Jude's Church Hall

Present:

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

CLLrs: R Cheshire, H Lightfoot, C Penhorwood.

Ward Cllr Mike Jones

6 members of the public

1) 015/23.24 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

Apologies had been sent by PCSO McKevitt

Cllr Jones reported that he understood that a new Sgt and Inspector were to be appointed shortly.

No response had been received to the emails sent to Gareth Wrigley re policing issues in the Parish

2) 016/23.24 – Open Forum

i) A question was asked about the siting of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) in the Parish. The Chairman replied that the SID had been sited on the A49 near to the canal bridge earlier in the year. Siting of the device has to be requested via the Police or Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C).

ii) A resident raised the issue of speeding traffic on Huxley Lane. The Chairman replied that the Council is working with CW&C Highways to raise awareness of the speed limit and highways were intending to carry out speed monitoring. If possible, the Parish Council would like the speed limit lowered to 20 mph but there is a criteria for this which the road did not achieve last time it was assessed. Alternately the PC can provide street furniture such as gateways, painted "dragons teeth", roundels, speed humps etc but they would have to pay for half of the implementation and installation costs which can be quite substantial.

iii) A resident commented that during the recent silaging he had seen at least three of the tractor drivers on their phones. This is not a PC issue and it was suggested that this be reported to Cheshire Constabulary with photographs if possible.

iv) A resident raised the state of the road surface through Tiverton. The Chairman replied that this has been reported to CW&C highways but at the moment does not meet the criteria for a repair

v) The owners of Stone Lock Cottage gave an update on the works they are intending to carry out at the property. Currently there is a hold up at CW&C planning but the owners thanked the PC for their support.

They commented that when it rains water runs down the A49 and into the drive of theirs and an adjoining property. This could be due to blocked road gullies so Clerk to report.

vi) A resident commented that the road gullies on the A51 are blocked again and that he has reported them on the online system. These have been cleared on several occasions but only the drain itself and the resident wondered if they could possibly need jetting to clear all debris.

Action Point 1 – Clerk to report blocked road gullies on the online reporting system

vii) A resident raised the poor state of the surface of The Dale and brought photographic evidence. She was asked to send these to the Clerk who would forward them to CW&C Property Management. She was asked to also report the matter on CW&C's online system

Action Point 2: Clerk to contact CW&C Property Management again

viii) A resident reported that she and other families had been informed that the route from Tiverton village to Tarpoley High School had been re-assessed as a "safe route" and so from September there

would not be a school bus provided. Parents are objecting to this and asked if the PC would support them.

Action Point 3: Clerk to write to school transport on behalf of Council and residents

3) 017/23.24 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received, and approved, for Cllr Randles who had a work commitment

4) 018/23.24 - Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

5) 019/23.24 – Minutes

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th May were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6) 020/23.24 – Clerks Report

Co-Option of New Members: Council is actively seeking further members from the community and one candidate has applied.

Action Point 4: Clerk to contact CW&C to start the co-option process

7) 021/23.24 – Planning

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

23/01524/FUL: 2 Post Office Row, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NB – Two Storey Rear Extension to link existing outrigger to house with amendment to pitch and rear extension. Rear Dormer and new Porch to front.

23/01823/FUL: 3 Redhill Cottages, Crib Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9DQ – Two storey and single storey side and rear extension. Alterations to driveway to include dropped kerb and widen vehicular access

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.

8) 022/23.24 – Highways

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

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

ii) New Issues – New issues to report include blocked road gullies and broken fences around the greens at the end of Huxley Lane.

iii) The Clerk gave a brief report on a highways meeting held in Utkinton village hall where all attending PC's were asked to report their worst road faults to the CW&C officers present. A further meeting would be held in Tattenhall on 27th July

9) 023/23.24 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct
1 st June	£5449.63	£5730.84 ¹
1 st July		

Notes

¹Includes £5.56 interest

The 1st July bank statement had not been received.

ii) Budget Figures to end of June – Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of June. It was agreed to move up to a maximum of £3000 to the Business Reserve Account

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

P Mullock	Mole Removal Smithy Green	£45.00
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
Cheshire Community Action	Annual Subscription	£20.00
Probyn Ltd	Audit Fee	£50.00

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

iv) Audit 2022/2023 – Council noted that acknowledgement had been received from PKF Littlejohn of receipt of the Certificate of Exemption for the 2022 / 2023 Audit.

v) Insurance Quotes: The Clerk has been in contact with two insurance companies to request quotes. The current insurer will send their renewal notice shortly. Council agreed to delegate authority to the Clerk to recommend the best quote and make payment.

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

10) 024/23.24 – Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – Mr Bateman from Highways has put up the speed monitoring boxes. Currently Brassey Green is a de-restricted road with a 60mph limit. Council would like this to be lowered to 40mph but Highways feel it would not reach the criteria for this and any reduction would only be to 50mph.

Council would like Huxley Lane through Tiverton reducing to 20 mph. Last time this was assessed the mean speeds were too high for a 20 mph zone. If it is to remain at 30mph Council would like to explore ways that they can raise awareness of this.

There was discussion about the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) machine. However these are quite costly and permission would still have to be sought from the Police and Highways for the siting of it

Once the results from the latest assessments are received Council will have further discussions with Highways as to the options available and potential costings.

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – The bench by the bus stop has been installed. The asset register will be amended to show this purchase.

The Chairman still has the trees and is hoping to plant them shortly. He will email asking for volunteers to help. There was a suggestion that children from the village could be included in this. Once the trees are planted consideration will be given as to where other benches can be sited and perhaps some beds of wildflowers. A suggestion was put forward of also having a book box in the area.

Once all this work is 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

iii) Council had received a request for a dog waste bin to be sited in the vicinity of the telephone box in Tiverton. It was agreed that a general waste bin would be better in that area.

It was also agreed that a bin should be sited in Tilstone Fearnall.

Action Point 5: Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for purchase and installation of 2 waste bins

Both notice boards in the Parish are in need of either repair or possible replacement. It was agreed to put this matter on the September agenda.

11) 025/23.24 – Beeston & Tarpoley 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 towards the end of July.

12) 026/23.24 – Parish Council Website

As Mr Armitage was on holiday it was agreed to wait until he returned to take any action. The website would then be moved to the new provider and Q&S informed.
A meeting would be arranged to sort out issues there are with the laptop.

13) 027/23.24 – Parish Council Newsletter

Council had received an email about the lack of the parish newsletter. The Chairman confirmed that one will be published shortly and he will contact the deliverers to inform them

14) 028/23.24 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30 pm in Tiverton Village Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.42 pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Future Meeting Dates are:

Tuesday 14th November

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Tuesday 12th March

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