

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 14th November 2023** at 7.30 in St Jude's Church Hall Tilstone Fearnall

Present:

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

Cllrs: R Cheshire, H Lightfoot, L Randles

2 members of the public

1) 044/23.24 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

No member of Cheshire Constabulary attended the meeting

2) 045/23.24 – Open Forum

A resident commented that some information is missing from the website. This to be brought up to date as soon as possible. It was also commented that some persons and organisations who had previously had access to the website now no longer did for reasons unknown. A meeting of the website working group to be called

Action Point 1: Clerk to update website

3) 046/23.24 – Councillor Vacancy

Three applications, from Jarina Khan, Paula Moore and Amanda Wilson, had been received to fill some of the vacancies on the Council. They each spoke about their life in the Parish and why they wished to join the PC. It was unanimously agreed that the applications be accepted.

All three signed their Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

4) 047/23.24 - Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence however the Chairman read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Penhorwood due to increased work commitments. Cllr Penhorwood was thanked for her service to the Council.

Action Point 2: Clerk declare a Casual Vacancy to Cheshire West and Chester Council

5) 048/23.24 - Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

6) 049/23.24 – Minutes

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th September were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

7) 050/23.24 – Clerks Report

i) The AGM of OPAL is to be held at Vicars Cross Golf Club on 22nd November from 5 pm.

ii) An update had been received from United Utilities on the works being carried out on the Vyrnwy Aqueduct. This had been circulated and put on the website and on the village FB page.

iii) The Remembrance Day event had been well attended and several people had gone to the village hall for tea / coffee afterwards. Cllr Lightfoot was thanked for providing and serving the refreshments

iv) A newsletter had been produced as was in the process of being distributed.

8) 051/23.24 – Planning

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

23/02854/FUL: Silver Warren, Moss Lane, Tarporley, CW6 9HR – Extension to existing agricultural building and erection of temporary rural workers dwelling

23/03090/CAT: Ivy Cottage, The Green, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NB – Silver Birch, T1, Reduce crown by approximately 1-2 metres and remove any major deadwood.

23/03046/CAT: Rose Cottage, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NB – Holly, 3.5-4 metre reduction from the top of the tree. Poor canopy in top half of tree.

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.

9) 052/23.24 – Highways

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

ii) New Issues – Cllr Lightfoot reported that there were some damaged manhole covers along the road in Tilstone Fearnall. She will report these on the online reporting system.

There was also a report of a lack of siding (clearing and cleaning footways). This to be reported on the online system.

There had been several incidents of flooding during the recent heavy rains. The Local Authority has a duty to deal with these and they can be reported to the flood officer.

Concerns have been raised about the timings of the traffic lights at the Four Lane Ends crossroads.

Drivers exiting Eaton Lane to turn right into Tarporley have stated that because of the volume of traffic exiting Whitchurch Road they have very little time to complete the turning manoeuvre before traffic start crossing from Nantwich Road. It has been suggested that a few more seconds of green light on the Eaton Road lights may help with this

Action Point 3: Clerk to write to Highways requesting a review of the traffic light timings.

iii) The Dale: Nothing had been received from Mr Dodd.

Action Point 4: Clerk to contact Mr Dodd for an update on potential methods of repair and budgeting for this.

10) 053/23.24 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct	Interest Received 1 st Monthly
1 st September	£1,700.78	£8,753.90	£10.41
1 st October	£1,784.38	£8,013.51	£9.61
1 st November	£1,388.48	£8,023.70	£10.19

Notes: £750 was transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account on 13th September

ii) Budget Figures to end of October – Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of October. As the budget setting meeting is due to be held the Clerk explained some of the budget figures; what funds are available for projects and how much it is advisable to have in reserves.

iii) Clerks Pay Award 2023/2024 - On 1st November the Clerks pay settlement for 2023 / 2024 was announced and is backdated to 1st April 2023. The Clerk is on Spinal Column Point 6 (SCP6) and works 4 hours per week. The 22/23 rate per hour was £11.42 / £197.95 per month. The 23/24 rate per hours is £12.42 which will be £215.28 per month. Therefore:

7 months (1/4 to 30/10) already paid at £197.95 £1385.65

5 months (1/11 to 30/3) to be paid at £215.28 £1076.40

This equals £2462.05 out of a projected salary of £2583.36 leaving back pay owing of £121.31

It was proposed by Cllr Lightfoot and seconded by Cllr Randles that the pay increase be accepted and the back payment be made. **All were in favour**

iv) November Payments – Invoices detailed below were considered for payment

Cheshire West and Chester Council	Election Fees	£181.00
Cheshire Assoc of Local Councils	4 copies Good Cllr Guide	£20.00
C Spencer	Backpay of Salary	£121.31
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£25.00

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

v) Bank Signatories – A meeting is to be arranged to removed invalid signatures from the bank account and replace with new ones

vi) Budget 2024/2025 – A meeting is to be arranged to consider the budget for year 2024/2025

viii) CW&C Budget Consultation – Council agreed not to send any comment or response

11) 054/23.24 – Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – CW&C Highways have been very clear that, based on the recent speed monitoring, they will not reduce the speed limit in Tiverton village to 20 mph. There was discussion about whether the PC should request that they reduce the speed limit themselves. However, some Cllrs disagreed as they feel the figures have shown there is not a huge speeding problem and a lot of the issue is peoples perception of speed. Also, if the PC went ahead themselves they would have to pay all costs. The PC will still push forward with raising awareness of the 30 mph speed limit and will try to find out the owner of the large grass verge at the Brassey Green entrance to the village so that gateways or planters can be placed there.

It was agreed to ask Highways to formally assess the vehicle speeds at Brassey Green and to remind them that they agreed to repaint the road markings.

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

Action Point 5: Enquiries be made to the Land Registry to ascertain ownership of the large grass verge.

Action Point 6: Clerk to request a formal speed assessment at Brassey Green

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches - The trees have been planted. Planting of wildflowers and spring bulbs was discussed and also the possibility of a pergola / gazebo with benches and a book box.

iii) Waste Bins – Quotes had been received for the purchase of a bin in Tiverton. Cllr Lightfoot felt that there was no need for one at Tilstone Fearnall at this time. The cost of emptying the bin will be around £300 per year.

Resolved: Not to proceed at present as there was no money in the budget for emptying the bin

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

12) 55/23.24 – Beeston & Tarpurley Railway Station

The group had received the go-ahead from Department of Transport to build and reopen the station.

They were now setting up meetings with local stakeholders to discuss raising the finance required. They will also need to work with CW&C regarding planning applications / permissions etc. This is good news but will not happen overnight.

13) 56/23.24 – Parish Council Website

The website would be changed to the new provider as soon as possible. A meeting of the website working group will be arranged to put this in motion.

The Chairman had had the laptop and looked at some of the issues. It was working better at the moment but it was felt that a new more up to date laptop would be required and the Chairman would investigate any “Black Friday” deals.

14) 057/23.24 – School Transport Provision in Tiverton

The Council was not happy with the response received from CW&C regarding this matter. They had put in an FOI for the report that informed the decision and were informed that there was no report as it had not been written.

Resolved: to write again to CW&C expressing disappointment at the response and requesting that the decision regarding Tiverton children using the bus be reviewed.

15) 058/23.24 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.30 pm in Tiverton Village Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.51 pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Future Meeting Dates are:

- 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
- Tuesday 9th July St Jude’s Church Hall
- Tuesday 10th September Tiverton Village Hall
- Tuesday 12th November St Jude’s Church Hall