

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 09th January 2024** at 7.30 in Tiverton Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

Cllrs: H Lightfoot, P Moore, A Wilson

Borough Cllr Mike Jones and 2 members of the public

1) 059/23.24 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

PC Steve Gardner and Sgt James ?? joined the meeting during Open Forum. PC Gardner introduced the new area sergeant. PC Gardner reported that there had been some thefts from the nearby building site. He accepted that although crime was low in the area residents did want to see a presence even if it was just a car driving through. Members raised the issue of speeding in the Parish and the officers stated that the SID machine is now available for use. They asked if the “yellow” van had been deployed in the Parish and it was explained that an area had been provided for this on the A49 but last time we had enquired had been told there was not enough manpower to staff them. The officers pointed out that the Police bikes passed through regularly and also carried out monitoring on the Beeston side of the railway bridge. They were asked about the traffic operation which took place near to the Four Lane Ends crossroads just prior to Christmas. They said that this would have been carried out by the traffic unit but they would see if there were any results they could forward. The officers left the meeting.

Action Point 1: Clerk to contact PCSO McKevit to book the SID machine

2) 060/23.24 – Open Forum

Two residents raised the issue of blocked gullies on Huxley Lane. These had been reported to CW&C but they had responded that there were no issues so had been reported again. They were asked if they could supply photographs of any drains that the Clerk can upload when reporting these matters. The condition of Townfield Lane was also raised as run off from there also impacts the capacity of the Huxley Lane gullies

Action Point 2: Photographs to be provided and Clerk to report on online reporting

Ward Cllr Jones reported that it was believed that the recent flooding at the Lockgate Café may have been caused by the Canal & Rivers Trust opening a sluice gate. Investigations are ongoing.

Wildflowers in Your Ward Project: Ward Cllr Jones reported that he had had investigations done on two sites to see if they were suitable for this project. The land at the end of Huxley Lane was not but the wide grass verge on the A49 was. Cllr Jones asked if the PC was in agreement with this and all were in favour. Cllr Jones would inform CW&C.

3) 061/23.24 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received, and approved, from Cllr Randles who had a personal commitment and Cllr Khan who was on holiday.

Cllr Cheshire did not attend and did not send apologies

4) 062/23.24 - Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lightfoot declared a Pecuniary Interest in planning application 23/03447/LDC as a near neighbour

5) 063/23.24 – Minutes

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th November were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6) 064/23.24 – Clerks Report

Casual Vacancy: following the resignation of Cllr Penhorwood a Casual Vacancy had been declared. Notification has been received from CW&C that co-option can now take place.

D Day 80: members were informed that information had been received about the D Day 80 commemorations that will take place in June. Cllr Moore would discuss this with the Village Society.

7) 065/23.24 – Planning

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

2303347/LDC – The Firbobs, Nantwich Road, Tiverton, CW6 9HN – Confirmation of lawfulness for commencement of development to outline application no 6/16142; demolition of industrial type buildings and replace with bungalow; and detailed application no 6/20207 demolition of light industrial premises and replacement with detached bungalow and garage.

23/03339/FUL: - Fields Cottage, Moss Lane, Tiverton, CW6 0HN – First floor side extension with dormer window and rooflight and additional 4no. rooflights to existing rear roof.

23/03365/FUL: - the Mill House, Tilstone Bank Road, Tilstone Fearnall, CW6 9QH – Create new window opening to side elevation.

23/03929/OUT: - The Old School, Nantwich Road, Tiverton, CW6 9HP – Outline application for the erection of a new dwelling and garage in garden.

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

It was noted that application 23/00112/PDQ had gone to Appeal at the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning committee will consider if further comment is required.

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

A question was raised about a large amount of building works that have taken place at “Williams Cottage” on Crib Lane at Birch Heath. It was assumed that Tarporley Parish Council had been informed but was disappointing that the PC had not been advised of the works as the property is on the Parish boundary.

Action Point 3: Clerk to contact Tarporley Parish Council

At 8.40 pm Cllr Randles joined the meeting.

8) 066/23.24 – Highways

i) Highways Issues – The spreadsheet of highways issues had been updated and circulated. Also the Clerk had reported the state of footways throughout the Parish.

The Parish Council expressed disappointment that Highways did not feel there was an issue with the traffic lights at the Four Lane Ends despite the number of public representations.

ii) New Issues – Cllr Lightfoot reported that there was a blocked gully by her. This, and those raised in Open Forum to be reported on the online system.

Action Point 4: New items to be reported on the online system

iii) The Dale: An email had been received from Mr Dood with an estimated figure of £15,000 for the resurfacing of The Dale. It was felt that this was a very small amount in relation to CW&C’s budget and they could find a “pot of money” somewhere to pay for it. However, it was also felt that a proper survey of the surface and note of the water run-off from the road needs to be considered. It was agreed to write to CW&C requesting a site visit so that this can be done.

Action Point 5: Clerk to contact Mr Dodd with this request

09) 067/23.24 – 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 December	£1,325.89	£7,533.12	£9.42

Notes: January 2024 bank statement had not been received.

£500 was transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account on 23rd November.

ii) Budget Figures to end of December – Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of December.

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

Cheshire Assoc of Local Councils	R&R Training Cllr Moore	£25.00
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Resolved: that the above payments be made. All were in favour

The Clerk informed members that she had omitted the invoice from SLCC for £45.00 for her attending the Clerks conference from the November payments. She had spoken with the Chairman and he had agreed that it be paid. **All were in agreement.**

v) Budget Figures for 2024/2025: - The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk had met and put together a proposed budget for 2024/2025. Members went through the proposed figures and explanations were given for some of the increases. **All voted in favour**

The Clerk then left the meeting

Clerks SCP Uplift: the Clerk had requested an SCP uplift and had presented projections for uplifts to 7,8 or 9. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Randles that the uplift be to SCP 12 the top of the range. **All voted in favour.**

The Clerk returned to the meeting

It was agreed that the Clerk rework the budget figures taking into account the salary change and circulate for final agreement.

iv) Precept 2024/2025: It was agreed that the Precept would be the budgeted figures plus the salary increase.

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

10) 068/23.24 – Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – A request had been sent to Highways to carry out a formal speed assessment at Brassey Green to inform a lower speed limit request

A request had been sent to the Land Registry regarding the ownership of the large green at the entrance to Tiverton village. No response had been received so a request was made to Highways that they ask the Land Registry on the PC's behalf. No response had been received from Highways. This to be followed up and included on the March agenda.

Action Point 6: Highways to be contacted re the above matters

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – “Wildflowers In Your Ward” had been dealt with under Open Forum. Now the trees are planted it is proposed to plant bulbs and wildflowers on Smithy Green. The Clerk had a contact for these and would speak to them.

Action Point 7: Clerk to contact the nursery and obtain prices and availability

iii) Waste Bins – The cost of emptying the bin had been confirmed at around £300 per year. It was therefore agreed, that as there had only been one request for a bin, not to proceed with this at this time.

iv) Lamp Post Poppies: When the poppies had been taken down after Remembrance Day some where damaged and some missing so it was proposed that some more be purchased. **All were in favour.**

Action Point 8: Clerk to order poppies from Royal British Legion

iiiv) Maintenance Plan – The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk to meet and draw up a maintenance plan with a view to obtaining quotes for repairs etc.

iiiv) CW&C “Achieving Net Zero”: No response would be submitted

11) 069/23.24 – Beeston & Tarporley Railway Station

The group 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.

It was agreed to ask Chris Willcocks to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting in May

Action Point 9: Clerk to email invitation to Mr Willcocks

CW&C “Future of Transport”: It was agreed to send a response to this consultation

Action Point 10: Clerk to complete

CW&C “Licensing of Hackney Cabs”: It was agreed no comments would be submitted

12) 70/23.24 – Parish Council Website

Despite some issues the website hosting had auto renewed which gave time to make the changeover to any new provider. This would be done as soon as possible. A meeting of the website working group will be arranged.

13) 071/23.24 – School Transport Provision in Tiverton

The Council was not happy with the response received from CW&C regarding this matter
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.

14) 072/23.24 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30 pm in St Jude’s Church Hall
Tilstone Fearnall
There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.15 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