

# **TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 08 July 2025** in St Jude's Church Hall

### **Present:**

Councillor: H Lightfoot (in the Chair)

Cllrs: P Moore, K Morris, L Randles, A Sharma, A Wilson

Ward Cllr M Jones

1 Member of the public & PCSO Racheal McEvitt

### **1) 018/25.26 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues**

PCSO McEvitt reported that there was very little criminal activity in the area at present. Recently there had been no incidents at the empty property in Tilstone Fearnall.

A speedwatch group had been set up, trained and was now active in the Parish. The speed monitoring vehicle had been parked by the railway bridge a few times recently.

### **2) 019/25.26 – Open Forum**

A resident reported that there was an issue with birds that belonged to one property getting into the gardens of other houses, roosting on sheds and garages and running in the road nearly causing accidents. This had been reported to the authorities who were going to visit the owners as it is understood that the area is still under "Avian Flu" restrictions.

There was also a report of inconsiderate bonfires in the village. One resident had started a bonfire very close to a neighbouring hedge. This is concerning because of the very dry weather we are having at present.

### **3) 020/25.26 – Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr Woodhouse who had a family commitment

Cllr Chambers did not attend

### **4) 021/25.26 – Declarations (Notifications) of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

### **5) 022/25.26 – Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Sharma, seconded by Cllr Randles and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual (first) Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th May were correct. The Chairman signed the minutes.

### **6) 023/25.26**

Following the resignation of Cllr Growney the relevant notices had been posted on the website and notice boards. No election had been called and so the PC can now co-opt. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on the notice boards and website

**Action Point 1: Clerk to post vacancy notices**

### **7) 023/25.26 – Clerks Report**

Letter to CW&C Chief Executive: There was still no response to the letter sent to the Chief Executive on 8<sup>th</sup> January and two further occasions since

Town & Parish Conference: This will take place at Macdonald Portal hotel in Tarporley on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July between 5.15 pm and 8.30 pm.

Flood Resilience: A survey had been received asking about Parish flood resilience and if mitigation policies were included in the NP. This had been completed and returned by the Clerk.

CCA First Aid Training: Information had been received from Cheshire Community Action about a potential first aid course planned for September. Further information will follow

PSA Testing: Cllr Morris had no updates to report

## **8) 024/25.26 – Planning**

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

25/01355/FUL: Bank House, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NB – Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of new replacement with new access and driveway

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

iii) Planning Committee – Planning comments that had been previously circulated were unanimously approved.

v) Enforcement Matters: The issues raised regarding Tilstone Back Lodge were reported to Enforcement and the Footpaths Officer and have been resolved

vi) Neighbourhood Plan: Council wishes to review the NP however Central Government has recently cancelled all funding for developing or reviewing plans so it would have to be completely self-funding. It was agreed to contact Beeston Parish Council to see what their thoughts were

### **Action Point 2: Clerk to email Beeston Parish Council**

CW&C Local Plan: It was noted that a consultation on the CW&C Local Plan will take place between 4<sup>th</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> August. Any comments to be sent to the Clerk who will collate and submit.

## **9) 025/25.26 – Highways**

i) Fault Reporting System – The spreadsheet of highways issues had been updated and circulated. Some matters have been resolved, and these were noted, but the issue of blocked gullies and potholes is ongoing and continues to be regularly reported

ii) New Issues – The Chairman reported that she had a couple of issues that she would upload to the online system then send the HW numbers to the Clerk for the spreadsheet

CW&C are trialling an initiative where a team of Highways operatives are based within a Ward for a week and will try to expedite as many minor repairs such as overhanging trees / bushes, dirty / damaged road signs etc as possible. The have sent a form to list items on

### **Action Point 3: Any minor highways works to be reported to the Clerk, who will submit, ASAP**

## **10) 026/25.26 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment**

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

| Date                 | Current Account | Business Reserve Acct | Interest Rec |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June | £2,500.84       | £12,282.20            | £9.65        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July | £               | £                     | £            |
|                      |                 |                       |              |

July bank statements have not been received

ii) Budget Figures to end of June– Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of June and noted the Clerks salary paid by SO.

iii) The Chairman reported that the battery needed replacing on the defibrillator at St Jude's Church Hall. Cost of a new one from Defib Store will be £205.00 plus VAT - £246.00. It was unanimously agreed that a new battery be purchased. She also reported that the defibrillator may need a software update. Both St Jude's CH and Tiverton VH defibrillators have been updated on "The Circuit" database.

July Payments – Invoices detailed below were considered for payment

|  |                       |         |
|--|-----------------------|---------|
| Cheshire Community Action              | Annual Subscription   | £20.00  |
| Cheshire Association of Local Councils | Annual Subscription   | £153.27 |
| Defib Store                            | Defibrillator Battery | £246.00 |
| Information Commissioner               | Data Protection Fee   | £52.00* |

\*The ICO fee is paid by Direct Debit and may be subject to a £5.00 reduction to £47.00

July Payments Cont'd

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| Probyn | Audit Fee | £50.00 |
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This has not been received but the Clerk asked for permission to pay it on receipt.

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

#### **11) 027/25.26 – Land Ownership in the Parish**

Following investigations, it has been ascertained that the Parish Council does own Smithy Green and has a document showing this.

Stocks Bank on which stands the War Memorial, telephone box etc is unregistered to an owner but may be “Common Land”. There was a brief discussion as to whether the Council wished to register this land. Further investigation is required into these matters.

The large grass verge on the left at the west end of the village is also unregistered land.

#### **12) 028/25.26 - Parish Projects**

i) Traffic Calming – There was further discussion about the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). Cllr Lightfoot is happy to hold a coffee morning or similar towards the purchase cost, but Council will have to consider other items such as installation and on-going costs. Further research to be carried out on types of SID available.

The speedwatch group has three sites approved on the A49 and has carried out some monitoring sessions and reported back to PCSO McEvitt. They have further sessions planned including on National Speedwatch day.

Cllr Morris had obtained a new battery for the police SID and has been using this on the A49. There was discussion about using it on Huxley Lane in the three sites assessed there.

The Clerk investigated the licence for the grass verge but there is a cost of £258 and Highways have to have exact information about what street furniture will be sited and where.

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – Cllr Sharma asked if he could purchase a bench for Smithy Green at a cost of £399. **All were in favour.** He has also been investigating the cost of pergolas which is between £500 and £1200. Further Spring bulbs will be purchased and planted in the Autumn.

iii) K9 Telephone Box: The contract for the purchase of the K9 telephone box on Stocks Bank had been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Randles that the telephone box be purchased at a cost of £1. **All were in favour.**

**Action Point 4: Clerk to complete the purchase paperwork and arrange payment.**

iv) Tiverton War Memorial: No update as the Clerk needs to contact the Conservation Officer

v) Parish Newsletter: Cllr Sharma reported that the next newsletter is almost ready for publication. He brought the circulation list and asked for volunteers to help with this. Cllr Morris will provide a piece about forthcoming events at the village hall.

vi) Maintenance Plan: The Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman will meet to finalise this

#### **13) 029/25.26 – The Dale and Townfield Lane**

No response had been received to the letter sent to the Cheshire West and Chester CEO

#### **14) 030/25.26 – Parish Council Website**

The Clerk had contacted Parish Online and had a quotation for the works on the website and for the provision of new email addresses. If confirmed the works will take around 6-8 weeks to complete. A selection of “addresses” was suggested and one was chosen. The Clerk and Cllr Sharma will check

that all relevant information is on the current website and if any historical or no longer required information can be removed

**Resolved: that the PC go ahead with Parish Online providing a new website and new email addresses at the price quoted.**

**Action Point 5: Clerk to confirm with Parish Online and to work with them on the changeover**

**15) 031/25.26 – School Transport Provision**

No response had been received to the letter sent to CW&C CEO

**16) 032/25.26 – Local Transport in Cheshire West and Chester**

CW&C are currently carrying out a consultation on local transport provision in the Borough.

Members were asked to direct any comments to the Clerk who will collate and submit on behalf of the PC.

There was no update on the re-opening of Beeston & Tarporley Railway Station

**17) 033/25.26 - Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in Tiverton Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 pm

**Signed:.....**

**Dated:.....**

Future Meeting Dates are:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – St Jude’s Church Hall

Tuesday 13th January 2025 Tiverton Village Hall

Tuesday 10th March – St Jude’s Church Hall

Tuesday 12th May – Tiverton Village Hall and will include the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual (first) Parish Council Meeting