

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 09 September 2025** in Tiverton Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: H Lightfoot (in the Chair)

Cllrs: K Morris, A Sharma, A Wilson, L Woodhouse

1 Member of the public

1) 034/25.26 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

PCSO McEvitt had sent her apologies but asked that any issues raised be reported to her.

2) 035/25.26 – Open Forum

A resident asked when repairs to Lodge Lane were going to take place. An update on this will be covered under Highways. (Agenda 8)

Steve who helps with the website reported that he can no longer back it up and there are access issues. A new website is under construction and there will be a report on this under Agenda Item 12.

3) 026/25.26 – Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr Moore and Cllr Randles who were away.

Ward Cllr Jones also sent his apologies

Cllr Chambers did not attend

4) 027/25.26 – Declarations (Notifications) of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

5) 028/25.26 – Minutes

Two amendments were put forward and accepted. It was proposed by Cllr Sharma, seconded by Cllr Wilson and unanimously agreed that, with the amendments, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6) 029/25.26 – Clerks Report

Town & Parish Conference: The Clerk had attended this event. Some Parishes spoke about projects that CW&C had supported them with and senior officers at CW&C had spoken about a Borough Plan that put “communities at the heart of everything”. During questions the issue of non-communication between CW&C and Town & Parish Councils was raised. The Clerk had spoken with the CEO about the letter the PC had sent in January and was asked to send it again.

Bunbury Parochial Charities: Grant applications were now open for this year. The form had been circulated to all Cllrs and would be put on the website, the FB page and in the forthcoming newsletter.

Meeting / Training Notifications: Roles and Responsibilities training will take place on 16th and 18th September. A Connections online meeting with Highways is on 25th September between 6&7 pm. ChALC AGM will be held on 23rd October. Further details to follow; and CCA AGM is on 6th November at 10 am at Alpraham and Calveley Village Hall.

The Clerk is attending a First Aid training course on 13th September and the SLCC Conference on 18th September

7) 030/25.26 – Planning

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

2502078/TPO – Hampton Cottage, Gardenhurst Tiverton, CW6 9NA – Remove Ash tree due to it presenting an unacceptable risk to the highway.

25/01934/FUL – Green Acre, Tilstone Bank Road, Tilstone Fearnall, CW6 9QH – Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey extension

2500027/FUL: - HeathCroft, Nantwich Road, Tiverton, CW6 9HN – Construction of stable building

A question was raised as to what had changed on this application from the application of the same number submitted in February 25.

25/02182/FUL: - The Old Bull Palace, Rookery Farm Road, Tilstone Fearnall, CW6 9HY – Barn conversion into 3 dwellings.

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.

iv) Enforcement Matters: None

v) Neighbourhood Plan Review: The PC is still considering a review of the NP but is concerned about cost implications since grant funding was cancelled. Nearby Utkinton & Cotebrook has recently resolved to review their NP and have applied to CW&C to do so. It was agreed to see what transpired from this and also to contact Beeston PC again to see if they had had any further thoughts about a review

Action Point 1: Clerk to email Beeston PC

8) 031/25.26 – Highways

i) Update on Highways Issues – The spreadsheet of highways issues had been updated and circulated. The issue of blocked gullies and potholes is ongoing and continues to be regularly reported. The broken fencing around the A49 greens which had been reported almost 12 months ago has come back as grass cutting not. required. The Clerk will report again

Following on from the letter to CW&C CEO, Highways officer Stuart Bateman had suggested a quarterly TEAMs meeting with the Clerk and Chair. Unfortunately, the first of these has had to be cancelled due to other commitments but the Clerk will pursue alternative dates with him.

Action Point 2: Clerk to contact Mr Bateman

Several items had been submitted for the proposed Minor Works Trial. The submission had been acknowledged but no works carried out to date. It was agreed that if nothing had been done in the run up to the November meeting they will be logged on the online reporting system instead.

The Clerk had contacted United Utilities for an update on the repairs to Lodge Lane and was told that CW&C Highways were now going to repair the road with UU paying. She had contacted Highways and had been told that works were scheduled to begin week beginning 29th September. There was discussion about whether the PC should be asking for compensation for the Parish for the inconvenience that Lodge Lane being unusable for 12 months had caused. It was agreed to write to UU.

Action Point 3: Clerk to write to UU asking about compensation.

ii) New Issues – The Chairman reported that she had some items that she would upload to the online system and send the HW numbers to the Clerk for the spreadsheet

9) 032/25.26 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct	Interest Rec
30 th June	£2,175.84	£12,293.67	£11.47
31 st July	£2,397.66	£11,304.47	£10.80

August's bank statements have not been received

ii) Budget Figures to end of August: Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of August and noted the following: £1,000.00 had been transferred from the Business Reserve to the Current Account on 16th July. As it is paid by DD the ICO fee was £47.00. The Clerks salary paid by SO would increase from 1st September. A letter had been received from NatWest to say that the interest rate on the Business Reserve account is reducing.

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

Clerk	Back Pay 1 May to 30 th August	£31.88
Cheshire Community Action	First Aid Course – Clerk	£40.00
Came & Co	Annual Insurance	£663.94
Parish Online	Creating new website & emails	£258.00

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

10) 033/25.26 - Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – The speedwatch group has been operating on the A49. This along with the deployment of the SID and visits from the Police “yellow” van does seem to be slowing traffic down.. There was discussion about siting SID on Huxley Lane. Cllr Morris said that he would see if there was another one available.

Action Point 4: Cllr Morris to contact PCSO McEvitt

Cllr Morris had also met with Aphra Brandreth MP and Cllr Jones and raised the matter of speeding in the Parish with her.

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – Cllr Sharma asked if he could purchase two benches for Smithy Green at a cost of £400 each. **All were in favour.** Cllr Woodhouse reported that he has some oak and silver birch trees which are around 2m in height and that it is a good time of year to transplant these if Council would like any. **All were in favour.** The Clerk will purchase further spring bulbs.

iii) Stocks Bank: The contract for the purchase of the K9 telephone box on Stocks Bank had been returned to BT and an acknowledgement received. They would remove the telephony equipment in the next few weeks and once this was done a completion notice would be sent. The phone box has been added to the Asset Register and the Insurance.

There was no update on the painting of the post box. Clerk is following this up.

J Newman had been asked to look at the bench and the notice board and report back what works were required.

iv) Tiverton War Memorial: No works would be carried out on the war memorial until Council had met or consulted with CW&C Conservation officer. But the Clerk had asked J Newman to clean and paint the railings and to tidy round the memorial.

v) Parish Newsletter: A draft newsletter has been done. Cllr Sharma will circulate prior to final printing.

vi) Maintenance Plan: Ongoing.

Concern was expressed that although there is a document that states the PC owns Smithy Green it is not registered at the Land Registry. It was agreed that this be an agenda item at the next meeting.

11) 034/25.26 – The Dale and Townfield Lane

A response had been received to the CEO's letter which suggested that a call which would include Property and Highways could provide a specification for the works required and the cost of bringing it up to an acceptable standard. Council were warm to this idea but said that they would prefer a site meeting rather than a call.

Action Point 5: Clerk to contact M/s McArthur who sent the response.

12) 035/25.26 – Parish Council Website

The new website was in the process of being developed. It can be accessed but is not live yet. The Clerk was working with Parish Online to set this up and afterwards will have access to amend and update. There will also be new email addresses which will need activating.

13) 036/25.26 – School Transport Provision

The response from the CEO only repeated the information that Council had already been given about how the decision had been arrived at. A query was raised about the width and standard of pavement that the children were expected to walk and whether there were any rules or regulations around this.

14) 037/25.26 – Remembrance Day

Commemorations will again take place at the War Memorial at 11am on 11th November. No application is required to CW&C as the event is on private land. Cllr Lightfoot has booked the Vicar but is still trying to confirm a bugler.

Two poppy wreaths have been ordered from Tattenhall British Legion – one for Tiverton War Memorial and one for St Jude's Church.

Tiverton village hall is booked for refreshments afterwards which will be provided by the Parish Council

A question was asked if there were enough lamp post poppies and there are.

15) 038/25.26 – Full Fibre Broadband

There is no fibre broadband in Tilstone Fearnall and so it was proposed that the PC write to Aphra Brandreth, MP as part of her broadband / mobile coverage campaign. **All were in favour.**

Action Point 6: Clerk to write to M/s Brandreth, MP

16) 039/25.26 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 11th November at 7.30 pm in St Jude's Church Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.08 pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Future Meeting Dates are:

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