

# **TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** in Tiverton Village Hall

The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing the Parishes sorrow at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Council stood for 1 minutes silence to mark the event.

### **Present:**

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

Cllrs: R Cheshire, L Law, H Lightfoot, R Mould, C Penhorwood, L Randles,

Ward Cllr Mike Jones

1 member of the public

### **1) 032/22.23 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues**

No members of Cheshire Constabulary were in attendance although an Agenda had been sent. The Clerk had written to the Police & Crime Commissioner about the lack of a Police presence in the Parish but no response had been received

### **2) 033/22.23 – Open Forum**

Steve Armitage from Tiverton Village Hall committee reported that the hall was in need of new committee members and if no-one came forward the hall would have to close. The current committee is small, elderly and feels it cannot carry on for much longer without more members. Since Covid several user groups have ceased and that has meant a loss of revenue for the hall which is now running at a loss. There are reserves which will keep it going until 2025 but at that point all the current trustees will step down; if new committee members come forward now it will facilitate a smooth transition when that occurs. Mr Armitage asked if an item about this could go in the next newsletter, all were in favour.

### **3) 034/22.23 – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received, and accepted, from Cllr Richardson on a holiday arranged before she joined the Council and Cllr Ibbotson who had had a family bereavement.

### **4) 035/22.23 - Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

### **5) 036/22.23 – Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Cheshire seconded by Cllr Lightfoot, and unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

### **6) 037/22.23 – Clerks Report**

i) Bunbury Parochial Charities: Notification has been received that Bunbury Parochial Charities are now accepting applications, from groups and individuals, for their annual grants. Closing date for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Cheshire is the PC's representative on the committee.

ii) Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: It has been announced that there will be a National Moment of Reflection for Her Majesty at 8pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September which will take the form of a minutes silence. Information about this to be put on the website and FB page.

**Action Point 1: Clerk to put information on the website and to request it go on the village FB page**

## **7) 038/22.23 – Planning**

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

22/02274/FUL – Land at Tilstone Bank House Lane, Tilstone Fearnall – Widening of an existing access point is required off Tilstone Bank Lane to allow for construction traffic to access a temporary working area to undertake a programme of essential maintenance works to the Vyrnwy Aqueduct.

**Cllr Sharma Declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the following application as a next-door neighbour.**

22/20305/FUL – Tirrins, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NB – Single storey rear extension and increase existing garage roof raise height by approximately 1.3m

22/02593/FUL – Tiverton Hall Farm, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NF – Single Storey Rear Extension

22/02612/FUL – Land off Lodge Lane, Tiverton - Widening of an existing access point is required off Lodge Lane to allow for construction traffic to access a temporary working area to undertake a programme of essential maintenance works to the Vyrnwy Aqueduct.

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

iii) Planning Committee – It was agreed that no comments were required on the Vyrnwy Aqueduct applications as these are essential works. Comments on Tirrins and Tiverton Hall Farm had been approved by the planning committee and submitted to CWaCplanning.

iv) Hilly Bank – Planning Enforcement have opened a file on this application and will respond once investigations are completed.

v) Briar Lea – Council has been notified that the applicant has gone to appeal. Planning committee to meet to discuss any further comments to be submitted.

## **8) 039/22.23 – Highways**

i) Update on Highways Issues – The spreadsheet had been updated. Some recently reported jobs had been completed and some are awaiting completion. Some older completed jobs have been removed from the list. Matters still outstanding from the letter to Stuart Bateman are:

- Speeding on the bends at Sunnyside Farm. The chevron has been repaired and “slow” signs on the road are to be repainted. Council wishes to meet with Highways to discuss speed reduction measures. Dates have been requested but no response received.
- Forecourt at The Dale. Highways say that this is not their responsibility and to refer the matter back to Estates Management.
- Resurfacing of Huxley Lane in Tiverton. This is not on this years schedule, but Mr Bateman has requested an inspection of all potholes and defects and that the “slow” markings are repainted.
- Concrete Block near Gardenhurst. Highways believe this to be fly tipping as they were not aware of a sign in this area. Long standing members of the Parish Council are adamant that there was a sign in the vicinity. One recalls the sign and post being cut from the concrete block. This to be reported back to highways and that the concrete is still there.

The Area Steward has inspected the footway along the A49 and reports that there is not enough encroachment to warrant “siding”. However, there is still debris on the footway and this is to be reported again.

Following an enquiry from Deeside Ramblers Hockey club about signage indicating where they are the Clerk has forwarded the information provided by Highways

**Action Point 2: Mr Bateman to be contacted again for dates for a site meeting.**

**Action point 3: Clerk to follow up on outstanding matters**

## **9) 040/22.23 – Correspondence**

All correspondence of note had been circulated and no responses were required

## 10) 041/22.23 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct
1 <sup>st</sup> August	£2,903.33	£6,693.53
1 <sup>st</sup> September	£2,672.72	£6,694.13

Business Reserve Account at end of July includes 53p interest

Business Reserve Account at end of August includes 60p interest

ii) Budget Figures to end of August: Cllr reviewed the budget figures to the end of August and noted payments made which included the annual audit.

iii) September Payments –

Gallagher & Co. Insurance £553.93

**Resolved: that the above payment be made**

This was much higher than expected and it was clear that the three-year deal had not worked in the PC's favour. It was proposed by Cllr Sharma, seconded by Cllr Mould that payment be made for 1 year. All were in favour. It was proposed by Cllr Sharma, seconded by Cllr Penhorwood that quotes be sought from other companies for the year 2023/2024 insurance premium. All were in favour

**Action Point 4: Clerk to research other companies and request quotes**

iv) Moles on Smithy Green – the mole problems on Smithy Green seems to have recurred

**Resolved: that Cllr Mould contact the gentleman who quoted and request that he remove the moles**

## 11) 042/22.23 - Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming / Village Gateways:-

Quotes had been received from National companies for village gateways but these were quite high and didn't include installation. It was suggested that quotes be obtained from local fencing companies. One Cllr felt the whole idea of gateways was too expensive and would not have much effect. But a majority agreed it was worth obtaining costings.

Other speed reduction methods were suggested such as flashing signs although Cllr Cheshire felt they weren't particularly effective on the A49. It was also pointed out that an area had been created for the police's speed enforcement vehicle to use but it had never been deployed there. Cllrs would still like to have a further site visit with Highways

**Action Point 5: Local companies to be asked to quote for village gateways**

**Action Point 6: Clerk to contact Utkinton & Cotebrook PC to ask the cost and effectiveness of their flashing 30 sign**

**Action Point 7: Clerk to contact Highways requesting a site meeting.**

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – The trees are due to arrive some time in November.

The Chairman has drawn up a plan for Smithy Green and now needs to obtain quotes for the landscaping part of the project. There was discussion about whether to remove the shrubbery or just to reduce the height and width

The broken bench had been removed and a replacement ordered which was due to arrive shortly. At the moment the sign is OK, the frame just needs sanding and staining. However the footpath sign is showing signs of wear.

## 12) 043/22.23 – Beeston & Tarporley Railway Station

The Arup report is with the Department of Transport and it has been suggested that a decision will be made around the time of the Autumn statement. The signs are positive and the group are looking forward to the next stage.

**13) 044/22.23 – Website Accessibility Regulations**

It was agreed that Council had no choice but to move the website to another provider and it was accepted that there would be an increased cost.

The working group would arrange a meeting to consider options and next steps.

**14) 045/22.23 – Defibrillators at Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall**

The defibrillators are on the national register and are checked weekly by Cllr Lightfoot. She had been contacted as some defibrillators are being recalled for a software update. The one at Tilstone Fearnall is fine but the Tiverton one is booked in for 3<sup>rd</sup> October. It will be collected by a courier, updated and returned to Cllr Lightfoot.

**15) 046/22.23 - Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm and would be held at **St Jude's Church Hall, Tilstone Fearnall** as the new kitchen is now completed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.07pm

**Signed:.....Dated:.....**

Future Meeting Dates are:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May (provisional and will include the Annual (first) Parish Council Meeting)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November