

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 11 November 2025** in St Jude's Church Hall

Present:

Councillor: H Lightfoot (in the Chair)

CLLrs: J Chambers, P Moore, K Morris, A Sharma, A Wilson, L Woodhouse

9 Members of the public

1) 040/25.26 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

There were no members of Cheshire Constabulary in attendance

2) 041/25.26 – Open Forum

i) Several residents raised a number of concerns about a proposed development of 4 padel courts at Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club. The PC thanked the residents for their comments but pointed out that as no formal planning application has been received it was unable to make any comment at this time; however residents would be informed if an application was received.

ii) A resident raised concerns about the speed of vehicles in the section of Huxley Lane between Pudding Lane and Crib Lane. She mentioned the increase in the number of people walking the Sandstone Trail who cross the road here and also those who walk along the road to the village to join other footpaths. This would be included in the list of items to be discussed with CW&C Highways.

iii) A resident asked that all landowners be aware of who was approaching them to buy land at this time as there have recently been cases in other parts of the country of areas being fenced, trees felled and land tarmac'd overnight by unscrupulous purchasers

3) 042/25.26 – Apologies for Absence:

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

4) 043/25.26 – Declarations (Notifications) of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

5) 044/25.26 – Minutes

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6) 045/25.26 – Clerks Report

Society of Local Clerks (SLCC) Conference: The Clerk had attended this event which had been very interesting and informative.

Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) AGM: The Clerk had attended this event. One item agreed was an increase in fees for 2025 / 2026

Cheshire Community Action (CCA) AGM: The Clerk had attended this event.

Letter to Aphra Brandreth, MP re digital connectivity: Following the email sent a reply had been received stating that issues in Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall would be included in any discussions M/s Brandreth has with telephone and internet providers.

Remembrance Day: A poppy wreath has been laid at St Judes. The service at Tiverton War Memorial had been well attended and a wreath laid. Thanks to Cllrs Lightfoot and Morris for providing the refreshments in the village hall. The Rev Rogers has been booked for next year

7) 046/25.26 – Planning

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

23/00133/FUL: Tiverton Bank Farm, Tiverton Bank, Tiverton, CW6 9NA – Change of use and conversion of traditional agricultural buildings to provide 5 dwelling houses with associated parking / landscaping works and the demolition of buildings 4 and 5.

25/02999/FUL: Gardenhurst Cottage, Gardenhurst, Tiverton, CW6 9NA – Two storey side extension, replacement rear single storey extension and new vehicular access

Application received after the publication of the agenda:

2503145/LBC: Tilstone Fearnall Lock, Tilstone Bank Road, Tilstone Fearnall CW6 9QH - Replacement lock ladders and extension of lock ladder recess in lock chamber.

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: An email was sent to Beeston PC to ask if they are still considering a review of the NP. They had responded detailing the same concerns about support and costs and funding that TTF has. It was agreed to write again to suggest a meeting to discuss a way forward

Action Point 1: Clerk to email Beeston PC

8) 047/25.26 – Highways

i) Update on Highways Issues – The spreadsheet of highways issues had been updated and circulated. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk are having a TEAMS meeting with Stuart Bateman on 18th November to discuss highways issues in the Parish.

Community Led Minor Highways Improvements: some of the work that had been submitted had been completed, others not. The Clerk will go round with the list and check. Non completed works will be submitted on the online reporting systems.

Lodge Lane, Tilstone Fearnall: Repair work is ongoing but is still a way off completion. Further to the proposal that the PC ask Unites Utilities for compensation for the inconvenience it was suggested that the PC request a donation towards a Parish Speed Indicator Device.

The Dale / Townfield Lane: CW&C had suggested a joint TEAMS meeting with Estates and Highways to discuss this however the PC felt that an onsite meeting would better show the state of both sites. CW&C's latest email had stated that this matter was resolved which it isn't and so a further request for a site meeting has been sent. This will be raised with S Bateman in an advisory capacity as this is not under highways jurisdiction.

ii) New Issues – No new issues were raised. The Clerk reminded both Cllrs and residents that they can report things on the online reporting systems and if they did so to send a copy of the HW number and issue to the Clerk for the spreadsheet for monitoring. Cllr Morris has a report he will forward. It was reported that flooding near to The Limes appears to have been resolved

9) 048/25.26 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct	Interest
1 st September	£2,148.75	£11,313.90	£9.43
1 st October	£2,140.05	£9,823.50	£9.60
1 st November	£2180.41	£9,831.96	£8.46

ii) Budget Figures to end of October: Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of October and noted the following: the Clerks salary had been paid by SO; £1500 was transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account on 11th September. A VAT reclaim had been submitted for £342.24 and had been received on 27th October.

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

Clerk	Expenses / Spring Bulbs	£154.05
Royal British Legion	2 Poppy Wreaths and Donation	£50.00
James Newman	Hedge Cutting and Maintenance	£620.00
Cllr Sharma	2 benches	£638.40

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

10) 049/25.26 - Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – The speedwatch group has not operated very much lately partly because of the use of SID and the police van on the A49, partly because it requires more members. Cllr Morris reported that there is a form and a short training session to complete and PCSO McEvitt will do this if there are further volunteers. There was a request to site SID on Huxley Lane. Cllr Morris was reluctant to do this and so the Clerk will ask PCSO McEvitt if there is another one available.

Action Point 2: Clerk to contact PCSO McEvitt

Other possible speed reduction measure will be discussed during the TEAMS meeting with S Bateman.

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – James Newman had cut the hedge by the bus stop. Two benches and spring bulbs have been purchased. Cllr Woodhouse's offer of some trees was accepted. He will send some photographs.

Action Point 3: Cllr Woodhouse to send tree photographs

Action Point 4: A planting day for trees and bulbs to be arranged

iii) Stocks Bank: The purchase of the K9 telephone box on Stocks Bank has been completed and the signed contracts and completion notice returned. Suggestions for uses will now be considered. The post box has been painted.

James Newman had cleaned the paving around the bench and repaired the back of the notice board. It was proposed that he be asked to clean the paving by the telephone box and to repair the front of the notice board.

Action Point 5: Clerk to contact Mr Newman

iv) Tiverton War Memorial: James Newman had cleaned and weeded around the War Memorial. Thanks to James and to Richard Brooks who had provided water and power for this. James had been unable to clean and paint the railings as this is a specialist job. Potentially there will be grants for war memorial repairs next year and so the Conservation Officer will be contacted again for advice on works required.

Action Point 6: Clerk to contact the CW&C Conservation Officer

Action Point 7: A thank you letter to be sent to Mr Brooks

v) Land Registration: The Clerk had spoken with the Open Spaces Society at the SLCC conference. The document the PC has confirms ownership of Smithy Green but it would be "best practice" to register it at the Land Registry.

It was recommended that not the access road but only the green area of Stocks Bank containing the Parish Council's assets be registered at the Land Registry. **All were in favour**

Action Point 8: Clerk to register both pieces of land at the Land Registry.

vi) Parish Newsletter: The latest newsletter had been printed and is currently being delivered.

vii) Maintenance Plan: The maintenance plan is being worked through. There is no need for a working group at present

11) 050/25.26 – Parish Council Website

The new website has been built. Cllr Sharma and the Clerk are looking through it and will send any amendments / alterations to Parish Online before it goes live. The new email addresses are available and need setting up.

12) 051/25.26 Proposed Closure of Royal Mail Sorting Office, Tarporley

The Parish Council has been made aware of a potential closure of the Royal Mail sorting office in Tarporley. Residents have expressed concerns about the removal of this service as even with a local sorting office there are delays to postal deliveries with many residents only receiving one delivery a week meaning appointments and meetings are missed. It is feared that if the local sorting office is closed the service will deteriorate further. It was proposed that a letter be sent to Aphra Brandreth MP to raise the concerns with her. **All were in favour.**

Action Point 9: Clerk to write to M/s Brandreth, MP

13) 052/25.26 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7.30 pm in Tiverton Village Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10 pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Future Meeting Dates are:

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

Tuesday 14th July – St Jude’s Church Hall

Tuesday 8th September – Tiverton Village Hall

Tuesday 10th November – St Jude’s Church Hall