

# **TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026** in St Jude's Church Hall

**Present:**

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

Cllrs: J Chambers, P Moore, L Randles, L Woodhouse

Ward Councillor M Jones

4 Members of the public\* (2 later co-opted)

**1) 053/25.26 – Election of Chair**

It was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Chambers that in the absence of Cllr Lightfoot, Cllr Sharma should Chair the meeting. **All were in favour.**

Cllr Sharma took the Chair

**2) 054/25.26 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues**

There were no members of Cheshire Constabulary in attendance

**3) 055/25.26 – Open Forum**

The applicant from Briar Lea informed members of the changes that had been made to their planning application since the withdrawal of the previous application; including a reduction in size, the lowering of some sections and other alterations that will unify the style of the building within its setting. She was thanked for her comments and informed that the application would be considered later in the meeting.

**4) 056/25.26 – Co-Option of Councillors**

1 application had been received for vacancy 1 on the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr Sharma, seconded by Cllr Moore that M/s Jo Sass be co-opted. **All were in favour.**

**M/s Sass signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting**

Following the resignation of Cllr Morris a second vacancy had been declared and the Clerk informed members that the time for calling an election on this vacancy had now passed and the Parish Council could co-opt. One application had been received and it was proposed by Cllr Sharma, seconded by Cllr Moore that Mr Tom Mansell be co-opted. **All were in favour**

**Mr Mansell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting**

**Action Point 1: Clerk to contact Cllrs Sass and Mansell with NOI form and other information**

**5) 057/25.26 – Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received, and approved, from Cllr Lightfoot and Cllr Wilson who have family commitments.

**6) 058/25.26 – Declarations (Notifications) of Interest**

Cllr Woodhouse declared a Pecuniary Interest in agenda Item 9, Planning, as the owner of Briar Lea and signed the Register of Interests

**7) 059/25.25 – Minutes**

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

## 8) 060/25.26 – Clerks Report

Alleged Closure of Tarporley Royal Mail Sorting Office – A letter had been sent to Aphra Brandreth, MP to ask if she was aware of the rumours that the RM sorting office in Tarporley was to close. M/s Brandreth had responded with a letter from RM confirming that the office was to close around the end of April and all operations be transferred to Crewe.

Siting of Clothes Bank – Tiverton Village Hall had been asked by Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK if they could site a clothes donation bank. The village hall was unable to do this but had asked the Parish Council if they had a suitable site. A direct request from L&MR UK had been refused in May 2025 as it was felt that there was not a suitable site and it was agreed that this situation hadn't changed.

### **Action Point 2: Clerk to inform village hall of the PC decision**

ChALC Survey on Devolution.- It was agreed to look at this with a view to completion. Closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> January

Peak Cluster – This project is aiming to build a pipeline across the country to take CO2 from cement / lime factories in Derbyshire and Staffordshire to a storage site in the Irish Sea. The main route of the pipeline runs through Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall and the co are consulting on variations. There are webinars being held and there are consultation documents on the co website. It was agreed to apply for the webinars and also to look at the website and feed into the consultation.

## 9) 061/25.26 – Planning

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

25/03841/FUL – Briar Lea, Nantwich Road, Tiverton, CW6 9HP – Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Outbuildings and Erection of One Replacement Dwelling.

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

iii) Planning Committee – No planning comments were circulated.

**Cllr Woodhouse left the meeting.** There was discussion about the Briar Lea application taking into consideration the previously submitted comments and the applicants changes detailed in Open Forum. Cllr Sharma will write and circulate proposed comments

**Cllr Woodhouse returned to the meeting.**

iv) Enforcement Matters: None

v) Neighbourhood Plan Review: A meeting to be arranged with Beeston Parish Council to discuss a way forward.

### **Action Point 3 – Clerk to write to Beeston PC suggesting a meeting**

## 10) 062/25.26 – Highways

i) Update on Highways Issues – The spreadsheet of highways issues had been updated and circulated as had the notes from the TEAMS meeting the Chairman and Clerk had had with CW&C Highways. A site meeting would take place in the Parish in February.

### **Action Point 4 – Clerk to submit a discussion list prior to the meeting**

Community Led Minor Highways Improvements: Some of the works have 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 and is now not far from completion. Further to the proposal that the PC ask United Utilities for compensation for the inconvenience a request was made for a donation towards a Speed Indicator Device, which will cost around £3,000. An offer of £1,000 has been received and gratefully accepted.

The Dale / Townfield Lane: Although this is not under Highways jurisdiction it is hoped that this will be one of the sites visited during the Highways meeting in February and that suggestions for

remedial works and an estimated cost will be put forward. The PC will continue to press CW&C Estates for a resolution to this matter

ii) New Issues – No new issues were raised. The Chairman reminded Cllrs that they can report things on the online reporting system and to send a copy of the HW number and issue to the Clerk for the spreadsheet for monitoring. Alternately they can send them to the Clerk and she will report on the online system.

It was reported that there will be a 3-week closure of Church Lane Huxley whilst new water pipes are laid

### 11) 063/25.26 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct	Interest
1 <sup>st</sup> December	£1,099.48	£9,839.12	£7.16
1 <sup>st</sup> January 26	£1,222.60	£9,347.27	£8.15

ii) Budget Figures to end of December: Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of December and noted the following: the Clerks salary had been paid by SO; £500 was transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account on 08<sup>th</sup> December. A letter had been received from NatWest stating that the interest rate on the Business Reserve account was reducing.

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

Cllr Sharma	Purchase of two benches	£638.40
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The following invoices are expected before the next meeting and a request was made for approval:

Land Registry	Registration of 2 pieces of land	£60.00
ChALC	Training X2 for Clerk	£80.00

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

iv) A proposed budget for year 2026 / 2027 had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Randles that that budget be accepted. **All were in Favour.**

v) Following the approval of the budget it was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Randles that a Precept of £7,170 be requested from Cheshire West and Chester Council for the year 2026 / 2027.

**All were in Favour.**

### 12) 064/25.26 - Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – The SID continues to operate on the A49. There was comment that it would be useful to have it on Huxley Lane. There was no update on speedwatch

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – Further bulbs have been planted on Smithy Green. Two new benches have been purchased and will be sited when the weather is better. Cllr Woodhouse offered to put a base down for these to sit on and will liaise with Cllr Sharma who has the benches. He will also circulate photographs of some trees he has available for replanting.

**Action Point 5: Cllrs Sharma & Woodhouse to liaise over laying a base and siting the benches**

iii) Stocks Bank: J Newman has cleaned and tidied around all the street furniture on the green. There was discussion about uses for the telephone box including possibly a book box. It was noted that it was damp in cold weather and so ventilation would have to be provided. The condition of the notice board was also discussed. A maintenance plan for the site will be discussed in the Spring.

iv) Tiverton War Memorial: Quotes will be requested for the repair and repainting of the railings. Council will enquire about grants for war memorial repairs and the Conservation Officer will be contacted again for advice on works required.

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

v) Land Registration - Smithy Green & Stocks Bank: Cllr Wilson had investigated which forms were required to be completed and had filled in a lot of the information. She and the Clerk will now liaise to complete and submit the forms. Likely cost of the forms is £30 for each piece of land

**Action Point 7: Clerk and Cllr Wilson to complete forms and submit to the Land Registry.**

vi) Maintenance Plan: The maintenance plan will be reviewed in the Spring.

**13) 065/25.26 – Parish Council Website**

The new email addresses need setting up and some amendments need to be done to the website before Parish Online is given the go-ahead to migrate the data to the new website and to go live

**14) 066/25.26 – Rural Connectivity Project**

Cllr Moore has been lobbying BT / Openreach and other organisations to find out when, or if, Tilstone Fearnall will be connected to the fibre network. She has received some responses that are currently not too hopeful but she will keep working on this.

**15) 067/25.26 - Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30 pm in **Tiverton Village Hall**. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15

**Signed:.....H Lightfoot.....**

**Dated:....10<sup>th</sup> March 2026.....**

Future Meeting Dates are:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Tiverton Village Hall

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

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – St Jude’s Church Hall

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Tiverton Village Hall

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – St Jude’s Church Hall