

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 10th March 2026** in Tiverton Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: H Lightfoot (in the Chair)
Cllrs: J Chambers, T Mansell, A Sharma, A Wilson,
Ward Councillor M Jones
5 Members of the public

1) 068/25.26 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

There were no members of Cheshire Constabulary in attendance.

2) 069/25.26 – Open Forum

1) A resident enquired as to the meaning of the “reptiles” road sign which has appeared on the A49 between Gardenhurst and Four Lane Ends traffic lights.

Action Point 1: Report on the online reporting system

2) Residents from Gardenhurst raised concerns about proposed plans to build padel courts at Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club. A letter about this has been sent to the club members but not to residents whose concerns include the siting of the courts near to the houses, noise, increased traffic and additional floodlighting. They also commented that the hockey club has already replaced some of its lighting and now has 8 columns where before it was 4. They are also holding a “park run” on a Sunday which creates additional traffic and have an onsite shop, which is a separate commercial venture, selling sporting items.

Action Point 2: the PC will contact the Hockey Club to arrange a meeting about the above issues.

A resident reported that a “UK Ultra” race had recently taken place through the Parish. Unfortunately, they hadn’t kept to the pathway whilst crossing some fields and crops had been damaged. The landowner had been in contact with CW&C footpaths officer and the race organisers who were paying compensation for the damaged crop. Further races will take place in April and May and the landowner will probably “fence” the footpath so the runners adhere to it.

A resident asked if the PC knew how far along Huxley Lane the water pipe replacement works are going. (see Clerks Report)

3) 070/25.26 – Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received, and approved, from Cllr Sass and Cllr Woodhouse who have work commitments and Cllr Moore and Cllr Randles who have family commitments.

4) 071/25.26 – Declarations (Notifications) of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5) 072/25.25 – Minutes

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2026 were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6) 073/25.26 – Clerks Report

United Utilities Works – the Clerk read out a letter from United Utilities detailing water pipe replacement works and the roads that would be affected, however it unfortunately doesn’t include

what length of pipe will be replaced. Works began at the beginning of January and should take approximately 15 weeks to complete.

Training: the Clerk had attended training on the new year end procedure including Assertion 10 (agenda item 11) and on AI.

7) 074/25.26 – Planning

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

26/00156/CAT: – Cottage Farm, Mill Lane, Tilstone Fearnall, CW6 9QH – Felling of one sycamore tree at the front entrance and one leylandii tree at the rear of the property.

26/00354/FUL: - Gardenhurst Cottage, Gardenhurst, Tiverton, CW6 9NA – Single storey side extension, single storey link, two storey porch, and a rebuild of the existing single storey rear accommodation along with a new driveway and access onto the A49.

ii) Decision Notices – No Decision Notices had been received since the last meeting.

iii) Planning Committee – Previous planning comments were circulated and approved

iv) Enforcement Matters: - Letters and phone calls had been received raising concerns about some of the activities at Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club (see Open Forum). These had been reported to Planning Enforcement on the online reporting system.

v) Neighbourhood Plan Review: A meeting is to be arranged with Beeston Parish Council to discuss a way forward. Cllrs Lightfoot and Sharma to provide dates.

The Clerk had attended a webinar held by OHN, a consultancy co, on the latest NPPF consultation and doing or reviewing an NP. As Tattenhall and Tarporley Parish Councils had both used this co for their NP updates it was agreed to contact them to get an estimated cost figure.

Action Point 3: Clerk to email the Tarporley / Tattenhall Clerk.

8) 075/25.26 – Highways

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

The Dale / Townfield Lane: This was visited during the meeting with Mr Bateman and he will refer back to his colleagues in Estates.

There has been a suggestion from Estates that homeowners contribute to any repairs. Cllr Jones is asking Estates and Sanctuary for evidence of this.

Lodge Lane, Tilstone Fearnall: The reopening date has been moved to April. The Clerk has enquired with Highways, but the contact doesn't know; and UU who believes it is to cover any "last minute contingencies".

ii) New Issues – There are still blocked gullies on the A51.

9) 076/25.26 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct	Interest
1 st February	£1,327.32	£8,354.28	£7.01

March bank statements have not been received

ii) Budget Figures to end of February: Cllrs reviewed the budget figures and noted the following: the Clerks salary had been paid by SO; £15 had been paid to Tiverton Village Hall for the room hire for the Public meeting re the Peak Cluster Pipeline; £1,000 was transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account on 19th January and the £260 Churchyard Grant had been received and paid to St Jude's Church.

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

ChALC	Training X2 for Clerk	£80.00
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CCA	Annual Membership 26/27	£22.00
C Spencer	End of Year Expenses	£24.27
Land Registry	Registration of 2 pieces of land	£60.00*

*to be paid when documents submitted

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

iv) Precept & Churchyard Grant: The Precept request had been accepted and will be paid at the beginning of April. Churchyard Grant – see (ii) Budget Figures

10) 077/25.26 - Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – The Clerk had been made aware that the Police may get a discount for the purchase of SID machines. She will email PCSO McEvitt about this.

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – The bulbs planted in the Autumn are growing. The new benches have been purchased and will be sited when the weather is better. Cllr Woodhouse and Sharma will liaise over this and the planting of the trees that Cllr Woodhouse has offered. It was noted that some of the boundary posts are broken and may have to be replaced. It was also noted that Highways will need to access the green to carry out some drain investigation works

Action Point 4: Cllrs Sharma & Woodhouse to liaise over laying a base, siting the benches and planting the trees

iii) Tiverton War Memorial: Cllr Lightfoot will ask the company carrying out works to St Jude’s Church for a quote for the repairs to the War Memorial. The Clerk will investigate companies who can clean and repainting the railings. Council will enquire about grants for war memorial repairs and the Conservation Officer will be contacted.

Action Point 5: Cllr Lightfoot and Clerk to contact relevant organisations. Cllr Chambers will help with spec.

iv) Land Registration - Smithy Green & Stocks Bank: forms to be completed.

Action Point 6: Clerk and Cllr Wilson to complete forms and submit to the Land Registry.

v) Maintenance Plan: The maintenance plan will be reviewed in the Spring but it is likely that the notice board at St Jude’s will need to be sanded and varnished

11) 078/25.26 – Parish Council Website

The new email addresses will need setting up; it was noted that these will have 2-factor authentication, 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. Cllrs Lightfoot and Sharma to meet with the Clerk to progress this.

Assertion 10: This is a new section on the audit document that asks about the type of emails that a PC uses, website accessibility and cyber security. The above changes to the website and emails go some way to complying with this but there may be some policies to review and update. The Clerk has attended training on this.

12) 079/25.26 – Rural Connectivity Project

In her absence Cllr Moore had provided the following update:

“The expansion of full fibre broadband, Project Gigabit, has been confirmed but it is not yet clear whether Tilstone Fearnall is on the list. I’ve been asked to contact Digital Cheshire again in a couple of weeks for an update. EE have also confirmed that they are expanding mobile phone coverage in Cheshire West but again it is not clear yet whether Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall will be included. Aphra Brandreth MP is continuing to lobby on our behalf”.

13) 80/25.26 – Peak Cluster CO2 Pipeline.

A public meeting had been held in Tiverton Village Hall attended by 22 residents and others had submitted comments by email. There were round table discussion and comments were noted. These were collated into a final response which was submitted. The comments to be uploaded to the website.

The Parish Council will continue to lobby against this project. It was suggested that the Clerk contact neighbouring PC's to see what their opinions are and what actions they have taken.

Action Point 7: Clerk to write to PC's

14) 081/25.26 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the **Annual Parish Meeting** which will take place on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at **7.00 pm** in **Tiverton Village Hall** and will be followed immediately by the **Annual Parish Council Meeting**.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55

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

Dated:.....12th May 2026.....

Future Meeting Dates are:

- Tuesday 14th July – St Jude’s Church Hall
- Tuesday 8th September – Tiverton Village Hall
- Tuesday 10th November – St Jude’s Church Hall
- 2027
- Tuesday 12th January – Tiverton Village Hal
- Tuesday 9th March – St Jude’s Church Hall