

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7.00 pm in
Tiverton Village Hall

In attendance: Councillor Heather Lightfoot (in the Chair)
20 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from S Armitage, J Chambers, T Mansell

2. Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

No officers from Cheshire Constabulary were in attendance although an agenda had been sent

3 Chairman's Report

The Chairman read her Annual Report for year 2025-2026. A copy will be uploaded to the website.

4. Open Forum

The following matters were raised during Open Forum:

i) Residents raised the issue of potholes and blocked drains on roads around the Parish.

[These can be reported by members of the public on CW&Cs online reporting system and then the "HW" reference sent to Clerk; alternately issues can be emailed to the Clerk to report on the CW&C system](#)

ii) Residents were by and large pleased with the re-surfacing of the A49 although they stated that it was patchy in places and one pothole near to the Huxley Lane junction was noted.

[This will be reported on the online system.](#)

iii) A resident reported that he had heard that CW&C were considering lowering the speed limit on the A49 between the Four Lane Ends traffic lights and the Huxley Lane junction.

[The PC confirmed that they had not heard anything at all about this and there is a long consultation process for speed limit reduction that they would have been involved in. If the PC requested a speed reduction they would have to pay half of the cost of implementation; however, CW&C are no longer accepting PC requests for speed limit reduction in villages and parishes. With regard to speed limits in Tiverton CW&C Highways have pledged, in their 2026/27 budget, to provide "dragons teeth" on the road surface at the Brassey Green entrance to the village](#)

iv) A resident reported that there had been 3 accidents in 4 months on the A51 in the 50 mph area and asked about speed reduction there.

[As above the PC is unable to request a formal speed limit reduction but will raise the matter at the next highways meeting.](#)

v) It was also noted that some traffic intending to drive straight across the Four Lane Ends traffic lights was using the right turn lane to overtake slower vehicles.

The PC was aware that the lining is very faded and this has previously been reported to Highways but will be reported again.

vi) Residents raised concerns about proposals by Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club to build 2 Padel courts on site. They have had meetings with the hockey club but feel that those concerns are not being listened to. Issues raised with the club and the PC include noise, increased traffic, usage days and times, lighting, use of toilets and showers if the club house is not open and proximity to the houses causing loss of amenity value. They are also concerned that a commercial business is operating from the site in contravention of previous planning permissions. Some covenant issues around the operation of the site and the access route and parking arrangements were also raised.

The Parish Council is aware of the proposal to build the padel courts having had concerns raised by residents and subsequently having a meeting with Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club where they declared their intention to build and then apply for retrospective planning permission. The Parish Council did reiterate the residents concerns and informed the hockey club that it would not look favourably on a retrospective application.

With regard to the proposal, until the PC receives an official, validated planning application from the local authority it is unable to make any comment, due to the rules on pre-determination, but it can assure residents that their planning concerns have been noted.

The covenant issues are legal matters that would not be covered by planning laws so neither the local planning authority nor the PC would be able to consider these and it was suggested that the residents take legal advice on this.

5. Date of Annual Parish Meeting 2027

It is proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting 2027 take place on Tuesday 11th May at 7.00pm however, this is subject to change due to local elections taking place next year.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.45pm.

Signed: _____ Cllr H Lightfoot _____

Date: __14th July 2026_____