

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 14th July 2026** in St Jude's Church Hall

Present:

Councillor: H Lightfoot (in the Chair)

Cllrs: J Chambers, T Mansell, P Moore, J Sass, A Sharma. Cllr A Wilson from 20.25

1 Member of the public

1) 017/26.27 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

There were no members of Cheshire Constabulary in attendance.

2) 018/26.27 – Open Forum

Newsletter – A resident asked when the next Parish Council newsletter would be published. Cllr Sharma confirmed that a newsletter was in preparation. Members discussed potential content, including the Parish Council's opposition to the Peak Cluster pipeline. Cllr Sass agreed to prepare a concise summary of information on this issue and both she and Cllr Chamber offered to help Cllr Sharma complete the latest edition. It was also suggested that the newsletter be published twice a year, in Summer and at Christmas.

Action Point 1: Cllrs Sharma, Sass and Chambers to liaise

3) 019/26.27 – Apologies for Absence:

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

4) 020/26.27 – Declarations (Notifications) of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5) 021/26.27 – Minutes

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual (first) Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2026 were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6) 022/26.27 – Clerks Report

Update on Meeting with K McArdle: Further to the TEAMS meeting Cllr Lightfoot and the Clerk had had with Kathy McArdle, CW&C Executive Director of Place and Growth and the actions M/s McArdle had agreed the Clerk had contacted her secretary for any updates. There were none to report. Of the four items discussed the PC had actioned two themselves and two remained outstanding. All agreed this was disappointing and suggested that CW&C be contacted again.

Cllr Willson joined the meeting at 20.25

7) 023/26.27 – 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 no dwelling houses with associated parking / landscaping works and the demolition of buildings 4 and 5.

26/01059/FUL: The Old Bull Palace, Rookery Farm Road, Tilstone Fearnall, CW6 9HY – Proposed conversion of existing barn to 3 no residential dwellings.

ii) Decision Notices – Decision Notices had been noted on the Planning Register

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

iv) Enforcement Matters: - No updates had been received on the matters previously reported to Enforcement.

v) Neighbourhood Plan Review: Cllr Lightfoot and the Clerk had met with members of Beeston PC. They too wished to progress a review of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) but again were unsure how due to the lack of support from CW&C and the on-going review of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Both PC's had agreed to update any information that was outdated and to put any change or addition to the policies on hold until clearer information was available.

Action Point 2: Members to look at the NP with a view to updating.

An update had been received from CW&C relating to general Neighbourhood Plan information. It was agreed to circulate to all members.

8) 024/26.27 – Highways

i) Update on Highways Issues – The spreadsheet of highways issues had been updated and circulated as had the notes from the TEAMS meeting Cllr Moore and the Clerk had had with CW&C Highways. Disappointment was expressed that CW&C's data did not support speed reduction measures on Huxley Lane and so the project to put "dragons teeth" on the carriageway would not go ahead. A further TEAMS meeting would take place in the Autumn.

The Dale / Townfield Lane: No update.

ii) New Issues – Blocked gullies across the Parish continue to be reported. The faded sign at the end of Pudding / Crib Lane had been reported

9) 025/26.27 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct	Interest
30 th May	£8,688.90	£8,017.22	£5.41
30 th June	£1,889.83	£14,025.99	£8.77

ii) Budget Figures to end of June: Cllrs reviewed the budget figures and noted the following: the Clerks salary had been paid by SO; £1000 towards the purchase of the Speed indicator Device (SID) had been received from Cllr Jones' Members Budget and £1000 donation towards the purchase of the Sid had been received from United Utilities.

£600 was transferred from the Current Account to the Business Reserve on 10th June

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

ChALC	Training Cllr Moore - Chairmanship	£25.00
Land Registry	Registration of 2 pieces of land	£60.00* ₁
* ₁ to be paid when documents submitted		
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	£47.00* ₂

*₂ paid by Direct Debit so qualifies for £5 reduction from £52

The SID has also arrived (see Parish Projects). As this has been bought in conjunction with Tarporeley & Tattenhall Parish Councils a substantial discount has been achieved and cost is likely to be around £2,800 rather than the £3,500 previously quoted. The invoice has not yet been received but the Clerk asked for email approval of payment upon receipt.

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

iv) HMRC Mileage Increase: HMRC has raised the amount that can be claimed for mileage from 45p to 55p per mile. This can be claimed by the Clerk, and by Cllrs if they carry out Council business outside the Parish. It was proposed that the Council accept this increase which is backdated to 6th April 2026. **All were in favour.**

v) Audit 25.26: the Internal Auditor had raised a couple of queries; one about the variance explanation for box 6 and one for an incorrectly numbered box on the explanation sheet. With these resolved he was happy to sign off the audit for 2025 / 2026.

10) 026/26.27 - Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – The SID has arrived and now needs to be set up and tested. Council understands there are three sites assessed to use the equipment but would also like further sites assessed in order to maximise. One proposed site was on the A51 in the region of Briar Lea. Both Cllr Sharma and Cllrs Woodhouse are happy to store the equipment.

Action Point 3: Clerk to email Cheshire Police to confirm the three assessed sites and to ask if further sites can be assessed.

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – Cllrs Sharma and Woodhouse need to lay a hardstanding area for the benches. The trees will also be moved at a suitable time. Highways still have some drain investigation works to complete.

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 and Cllr Moore had had a very good meeting with Tayler Davies from CW&C Conservation Department. Mr Davies had assessed the War Memorial and devised a schedule of works that can be sent to potential contractors. Once quotes are received he can advise on grant funders to pay for the works. He also said that he didn't think sandblasting the railings was a good idea as it could damage the surrounding sandstone. He advised just wire brushing and then painting with something such as Hammerite. It was suggested that a working party could do this work

Action Point 5: Clerk to send schedule of works to contractors who have previously quoted for the War Memorial works.

iv) Land Registration - Smithy Green & Stocks Bank: The forms are to be completed. However, there are extra forms to complete if the land is worth more than £6,000. This may be the case with Smithy Green but Council doesn't believe it is the case with Stocks Bank. It was proposed that we speak to local estate agents to see if they carry out land valuations and at what cost.

Action Point 6: Clerk to talk to local estate agents

v) Maintenance Plan: It was agreed that Mr Newman be contacted in September with a view to cutting the hedges around Smithy Green and tidying Stocks Bank

11) 027/ 26.27 – Parish Council Website

Several Cllrs have now set up the new email addresses, but it would be good to have them all in use by the September meeting. The new email system is being used and the Clerk is informing correspondents about the new email address.

The Clerk is hoping to be able to ask Parish Online to transfer all the information from the current website to the new one whilst she is on annual leave

12) 028/26.27 – Rural Connectivity Project

Cllr Moore had been in contact with Aphra Brandreth MP again and expressed Council's disappointment at the broadband upgrade being scheduled for 2030. She had contacted Building Digital UK who had come back to her and said that the work had been brought forward to 2027/28 with the service up and running by March 2028.

It was reported that BT may be offering connection via Starlink.

13) 029/26.27 – Peak Cluster CO2 Pipeline.

The Clerk had attended a Zoom meeting arranged by ChALC at which Parish Council's had expressed their concerns re this project. The two local authorities and a representative from Peak Cluster (PCI) were also in attendance and he gave reasons why they felt this should go ahead.

The Clerk, Cllr Mansell and resident had attended a meeting in Waverton arranged by Aphra Brandreth, MP. Again, Parish Councils and residents expressed concerns and reasons why they felt this was not a good project for Cheshire. The Peak Cluster representative again tried to justify its going ahead.

14) 030/26.27 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 08th September 2026 at 7.30 pm** in **Tiverton Village Hall**
There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.12

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Future Meeting Dates are:

Tuesday 10th November – St Jude’s Church Hall
2027

Tuesday 12th January – Tiverton Village Hal

Tuesday 9th March – St Jude’s Church Hall