

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 2015

The next election will be on the same day as the General Election, Thursday 7th May 2015. 11 Councillors will need to be elected to represent what will be a new Tarvin Parish Council. Existing Councillors can be re-elected but not all will be standing again.

### Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

If you are interested in how your area is looked after and how it develops then why not consider becoming a Councillor? The positions are voluntary and take up as much time as you want to give. The minimum commitment is to attend the monthly Parish Council meeting held on a Monday evening. Councillors are usually also members of committees and working groups. Councillors represent the views and concerns of the residents of the Parish to the Parish Council and, through it, to the Borough Council.

### How to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor.

Come along to our next meeting. Listen to a Parish Council session to see if it's something you would enjoy being part of. Alternatively contact any of our existing Councillors to find out what's involved. Our Parish Clerk can also be contacted for more information. Visit our website to read the minutes of past meetings. If you would like to apply then you need to obtain nomination papers from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

### Why a new Tarvin Parish and when from?

Cheshire West and Chester Council recently completed a Local Governance Review. As a result they have added Bruen Stapleford, Hockenhull, and Priors Hays and to the existing area. The existing Parish Council will cease to exist on 31st March 2015 and a new Tarvin Parish Council will be in place from 1st April 2015 with two employees. There will not be any Councillors until after the election and those elected will then serve from 18th May. The Clerk will be the only contact for the Parish Council in the interim period between 1st April and 18th May. In order that any urgent business can be transacted during this period serving parish councillors have been invited to act as local representatives to advise and support the Clerk.

## GRANT AID

The Parish Council allocates a small amount of its precept each year to provide grants to voluntary organisations based in the Parish who are in need of financial support. The amount available during the coming year will be £2,800. When considering grant aid to local groups the Parish Council normally takes into the following into account:

- The Group's current and forecast financial position
- Whether all other potential legitimate sources of funding have been tried and the outcome of those approaches, including reasons for any rejection.
- The overall benefit derived by the community from the work of the Group and/or the asset over which they have stewardship - where eligibility to partake is very narrowly defined or restrictive grants will not be given
- Whether access to the asset, facility or activity is available to all and if restricted the reason for and nature of any restriction.

Grants provided will normally not be restricted in any way but given on the condition that the Parish Council receive a written report from the recipient indicating how the money has been spent along with a copy of their annual accounts showing the grant as a separate item. Organisations wishing to be considered for grant aid during the coming year should apply in writing to the Clerk of the Council no later than Monday 30th March 2015.

## TARVIN EDUCATION TRUST

This is a Charity established up to manage the endowment of the old Tarvin Grammar School. Its purpose is to assist the educational needs of students of secondary school age and older who live in the Ancient Parish of Tarvin.

This assistance may take the form of financial assistance for tuition fees, books, musical instruments, and travel on approved courses. The next round of applications should be made no later than 30th March 2015 to the Clerk to the Governors, Mr D H Cotgreave, Brown Heath Farm, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8NE - Tel 01829 740231

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tarvin Community Woodland Trust who now **own** the woodland rather than having it on a 125 lease.

## **TARVIN VILLAGE QUIZ 2015**

Congratulations to the “Dimwits” who won the competition by beating a team from St Andrews Church in the final.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING MEETING**

48 people attended the Public Meeting on 28th January. There were presentations from Cheshire Community Action and two Tattenhall Parish Councillors. At the end of the evening 7 people volunteered to form a Steering Group to take the project forward and in addition a small number said that they would give the matter further thought.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting for their support.

If you were unable to attend for whatever reason but would like to get involved with the Neighbourhood Plan please let either the Clerk or one of the Councillors know.

## **TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Community Centre continues to provide a host of activities, both on a regular and occasional basis. Top class films and exceptional theatre are offered on a regular basis for all ages.

The Centre continues to add new activities, Tai Chi on a Tuesdays 1.30 to 2.30, is just the latest. To find out about this, and all the clubs, groups and general goings on, please use the following methods, both high-tech and conventional:

From the Community Centre’s own website, [www.tarvincommunitycentre.org](http://www.tarvincommunitycentre.org) or from the village website [www.tarvinonline.org](http://www.tarvinonline.org)

From our lively Facebook page [www.facebook.com/tarvincc](http://www.facebook.com/tarvincc)

By joining Friends of Tarvin Community Centre email group by contacting [bandshardacre@btinternet.com](mailto:bandshardacre@btinternet.com)

From the A - Frame on the High Street and notices in the Community Centre

By ringing Alan on 01829 740868, Sue on 01829 741962 or Jane on 01829 741468

## **HEDGES**

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints regarding overhanging hedges with Holme Street top of the complaints list during the last three months.

If you have responsibility for a hedge please ensure that it is always cut back sufficiently for those walking passed it to do so without

either having to duck or walk on the road.  
Thank you

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 23rd February and 23rd March. Both will commence at 7.15pm and will be held in the Edna Rose room at the Community Centre. If you have an urgent need, or request, please contact either the Parish Clerk or one of the Councillors.

All Council meetings are public meetings and are usually held in the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend – there is an open forum at the beginning of every meeting, for you to have your say on any subject relevant to the Parish.

You don’t have to stay for the whole meeting. Feel free to come and go as is convenient to you.

## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CONTACTING THE POLICE**

Emergency 999 - Non Emergency 101

To report a crime anonymously - Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

A reminder that the “101” Police non-emergency number should be used to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response

## **ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL**

Tarvin Parish Council is comprised of the following 11 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829 are in brackets: Cllr David Cotgreave (740231), Cllr Sue Hardacre (741962), Cllr Roger Hones (741580), Cllr Clare Jones (740186), Cllr Edward Lush (741468), Cllr Phillip Miles (741207), Cllr Matthew Pochin (741136), Cllr Andy Shaw-Pollard (740180), Cllr Brian Spruce (740393), Cllr Pet Twigg (740509), Cllr Ray Williams (740486)

### **To Contact Us via the Clerk:**

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