

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT: Councillor E Lush (Chairman)
Councillor D H Cotgreave
Councillor S Hardacre
Councillor R Hones
Councillor C Jones
Councillor P Miles
Councillor J W Shaw-Pollard
Councillor B Spruce
Councillor P Twigg (had sent apologies in advance for late arrival – joined the meeting during minute 14/219)
Councillor R Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: 14 Members of the Public
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor H Deynem
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor J Leather

APOLOGIES: Councillor M Pochin

14/209 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

14/209.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

14/209.2 Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary or other Interest in any item of business on the agenda and, if necessary, leave the meeting prior to discussion of that item.

Councillor Miles declared an “Other Body Interest” in minute 14/205.2 as a member of the Tennis Club.

No other declarations were made.

14/210 OPEN FORUM

RESOLVED: that the meeting be adjourned for the Open Forum.

14/211 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the meeting be reconvened.

14/212 REPORT ON OPEN FORUM

14/212.1 A number of residents had raised objections to the proposals within Planning Application 15/00304/FUL. Comments had been made about the proposed tall lighting columns which would be intrusive, the brightness of the lighting which would shine into bedrooms and gardens causing light nuisance, and that wildlife and bats would be adversely affected. One resident had made the point that the courts were used so infrequently that the cost of erecting and maintaining the lights didn't make practical sense. Comment had been made regarding the Bowling Club floodlighting. Whilst the floodlights were only used at the beginning and end of the season as promised lighting

from the lights was intrusive to immediate neighbours and the club had cut back a hedge since the lighting had been installed which had made the intrusion worse.

Borough Councillor Deynem had read a document from one household outlining a number of concerns and also asking him to call the application in to be heard by the planning committee if the application was likely to be approved under delegated powers.

The Chairman had asked representatives of the Tennis Club whether anything that had been said had been factually inaccurate. The response had been that there had been some inaccuracies but they did not wish to comment on them.

14/212.2 Concerns had been raised by a Field Lane resident regarding the light outside the Tennis Courts on the Playing Field. The resident considered that the light, which was on throughout the night, acted as a floodlight into the back of the house disturbing the sleep of those sleeping in the back bedroom. It was thought that the light was also an attraction for local young people. On 20th February young people had been playing music and making a lot of noise through to 1.30am.

14/212.3 A concern had been raised about the amount of dog faeces along Heath Drive.

14/212.4 Borough Councillor Deynem reported that

14/212.4.1 he had received a number of complaints about vehicles being parked on the grass verges close to Greenacre Garage and that he was looking to have some trees planted to stop some of the parking.

14/212.4.2 the purpose of having the Youth Provision item on the agenda of the Joint Council meeting had been to examine how work could be done more collectively across the area.

14/212.4.3 he had written to the Head of Tarporley High School stating that Cheshire West and Chester Council were working towards having a sustainable solution in place and that a meeting within Cheshire West and Chester Council would be taking place in the near future to discuss the issues.

14/212.5 Referring to the Joint Council Meeting Borough Councillor Leather had said that Local Councils were being encouraged to examine the costs of maintaining their recreational areas and to share information to ascertain whether it would be cheaper to work collectively.

14/212.6 Borough Councillor Leather had reminded the meeting that the Local Plan Part One had been adopted at a special meeting of the Full Cheshire West and Chester Council on 29th January 2015.

14/213 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record after the word “pick” was added to Minute 14/196 and between the words “litter” and “on”.

14/214 REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 26TH JANUARY 2015

14/214.1 Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant (Previous Minute 14/191.1.2)

A copy of the response from Cheshire West and Chester Council is attached to the minutes

14/214.2 Chinese Restaurant Hedge (Previous Minute 14/193.6)

The hedge had been cut back prior to the last meeting

14/214.3 Dog Fouling Campaign (Previous Minute 14/197)

Councillor Cotgreave reminded the meeting that Cheshire West and Chester Council had launched a Good Dog Ownership campaign designed to tackle the problem of dog fouling

and hoped that with local support it would help to raise awareness of the issues and encourage people to be more responsible in removing and disposing of dog litter.

14/215 PLANNING MATTERS

14/215.1 RESOLVED: that the following comments be made on the planning applications submitted

15/00304/FUL – Erection of 6 no. 8 metre high floodlight columns to two Tennis Courts – Tarvin Tennis Club, King George V Playing Field, Holme Street, Tarvin
Written comments from two residents objecting to the proposals had been forwarded to Councillors via e-mail prior to the meeting

Comment: In principle we support sport in the community and encourage the improvement of sports facilities. However we object to this proposal. This is not an open public tennis club, it is an access by arrangement club. That is fine, and has served the purposes of village and other tennis players for many generations. The need to expand into a more intensively used facility is not generated by villagers, and as such the potential for neighbour nuisance (noise and light) by the erection of flood lights should not compromise the amenity of those village residents who back onto the court. This is a village club and the club has to face the constraint that they have neighbours in close proximity to their boundary and their dream aspirations may not be suited to the site they occupy. The proposal will have excessive impact on the immediate neighbours and it is disappointing that there is no mention is made of any environmental assessment as part of this application. There is significant wildlife nesting in all of the hedgerows adjoining the tennis courts and bats are regularly seen. Page 3, paragraph 2 of the support statement refers to trees minimising glare on the adjoining properties - there are no trees in the hedgerow of either 20 or 22 Crossfields, the two properties closest to the proposed installation.

RESOLVED: that Borough Councillor Deynem be asked to call the application in to be heard by the planning committee if the application was likely to be approved under delegated powers.

15/00253/FUL – Two and single storey rear extension – Meadow Cottage, Platts Lane, Tarvin

Comment: No Objections but neighbours representation must be taken into account

15/00099/FUL - Application for a change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian and the erection of three stables – Well House, Willington Road, Weetwood

Comment: No Objections

15/00466/FUL – First floor extension over existing garage – Olaf, Shay Lane, Oscroft

Comment: No Objections

15/00623/FUL – New section of roof to delivery yard – Co-op, 2 Bye Pass Road, Tarvin

Comment: No Objections

14/05141/FUL – Change of use of existing building from offices to 3no dwellings including extensions to front and rear, demolition of timber link and erection of 2 new dwellings – Top Farm, High Street, Tarvin (amended plans)
Comment: No Objections

14/215.2 NOTICES

The following notices had been received:

14/03983/FUL – School extension to provide 5 No. additional classrooms and integral Nursery Unit together with associated external play areas. Removal/relocation of existing Nursery mobile units and extension to car park – Tarvin Primary School, Heath Drive, Tarvin – **PERMISSION**

14/05205/FUL - Demolition of existing extensions and erection of two storey rear and side extensions – 20 Hockenhull Lane, Tarvin - **REFUSAL**

14/215.3 APPEAL

An appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the following two proposals. The appeals would be determined on the basis of written representations.

14/02925/OUT - Erection and siting of dwelling and detached garage with associated works, including construction of vehicular access and vehicular hardstanding, septic tank, ancillary soakaway system and landscaping works (Site A) - Land Adjacent To Austin Hill Farm Tarporley Road, Tarvin

14/02926/OUT - Erection and siting of dwelling and detached garage with associated works, including construction of vehicular access and vehicular hardstanding, septic tank, ancillary soakaway system and landscaping works (Site B) | Land Adjacent To Austin Hill Farm Tarporley Road Tarvin Chester

14/215.4 TAYLOR WIMPEY

The meeting noted that a site meeting had been arranged by Cheshire West and Chester Council with Taylor Wimpey's Technical Director, Jason Wimpey for Thursday 26th February, 12.00 Noon. Councillor Cotgreave and Borough Councillor Deynem had been invited to attend.

Councillor Lush requested that access to Broomheath Lane from the back of the site be added to the list of items for consideration.

14/216 REPORT ON MEETING WITH HIGHWAYS AND CONSIDERATION OF SECTION 106 MONEY

A copy of the report from Councillor Lush on the meeting with Mr Kieran Collins is attached to the minutes.

RESOLVED: (14/216.1) that Council continue to investigate all avenues with a view to purchasing land for a car park for a further nine months. In the meantime Council would draw up a list of other ways of using the Section 106 money and then concentrate on that list in 2016 if necessary.

RESOLVED: (14/216.2) that the Clerk write to Cheshire West and Chester Council to ascertain whether they would consider compulsory purchase of part of a field for a car park.

14/217 STREETSCENE/HIGHWAYS

14/217.1 Streetscene Report

A copy of the report prepared by the Streetscene Working Party is attached to the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the actions in the report be approved. The Clerk would action items 1 to 4 and Councillor Cotgreave would action item 5.

14/217.2 Dog Bin Hockenhull Lane (Previous Minutes 13/301.2 and 14/193.7)

The dog bin had been emptied by Cheshire West and Chester Council on 27th January 2015. A new and larger dog bin requested in March 2014 had been installed on 30th January 2015

14/217.3 Lighting Column on Playing Field

RESOLVED: that the Field Management Committee be asked to consider the concern raised under minute 14/212.2 at their next meeting.

14/218 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

A copy of the list of outstanding items not covered elsewhere is attached to the minutes.

Item 1.3 Sign at Chinese Restaurant

The Enforcement Officer had stated that the directional advertisement benefited from deemed consent under Class 11 of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) 2007 (as amended). Therefore advertisement consent was not required.

Item 4.3 Signage to the village from the A54 and A51

The proposed signage paperwork had been amended and corrected by Highways at the request of Councillor Hones and the order was about to be placed.

Item 4.5 Extension of 40mph speed limit Tarporley Road

The traffic order had been advertised and closing date was 7th March 2015.

Item 4.8 Footway from A51/A54 roundabout to the Limes Farm

The work had been completed

Item 6.2 Noticeboard Oscroft

The new noticeboard had been installed

Item 7.1 New Bench

The new bench had been installed

14/219 REPORT ON JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A copy of the report from Councillor Hones is attached to the minutes.

The meeting noted that the claw back date for Section 106 money reported by Sarah Dobbins was different to the date provided by Mr Kieran Collins.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk seek confirmation of the correct date from Cheshire West and Chester Council

14/220 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A copy of the report from Councillor Lush is attached to the minutes. Councillor Williams stated that his name should be removed from Item 2.4 as he had not volunteered. The meeting noted that under Item 2.4 the name Mervyn should read Merryn.

RESOLVED: (14/220.1) that Council agree that a Neighbourhood Plan be produced.

RESOLVED: (14/220.2) that Councillor Lush arrange the first meeting of the Steering Group

RESOLVED: (14/220.3) that other ways of getting people involved be added to the agenda of the first Steering Group meeting

14/221 TARVIN SUMMER FETE 2015

RESOLVED: that the theme for the stall be the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan.

14/222 SCHOOL TRANSPORT

A copy of a report on the meeting held at Tarporley High School on 11th February 2015 is attached to the minutes

14/223 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

A copy of the report from Councillor Hardacre is attached to the minutes. It was verbally reported that the Centre had obtained a small grant from Cheshire West and Chester Council under the Health and Well-being Programme.

14/224 COMMUNITY CLEAR-UP DAY - 21ST MARCH 2015:

The Government had designated Saturday 21st March, the first day of spring, as Community clear-up day.

RESOLVED: (14/224.1) that the Council arrange a Community Clear-Up. Councillor Hones agreed to co-ordinate the event in Tarvin and Councillor Shaw-Pollard agreed to cover Oscroft

RESOLVED: (14/224.2) that the Clerk ask Streetscene for a supply of bags, jackets, and litter pickers

RESOLVED: (14/224.3) that the Clerk purchase a supply of litter pickers.

RESOLVED: (14/224.4) that the Clerk order the Keep Britain Tidy pack

RESOLVED: (14/224.5) that the Clerk check on the position regarding Insurance for the event

14/225 PARKING ON GRASS VERGE OPPOSITE GREENACRE GARAGE AND THE VERGE NEAREST THE GARAGE ON THE VILLAGE SIDE

A number of complaints had been received regarding vehicles parked on grass verges in the locations specified above.

RESOLVED: (14/225.1) that the Clerk write to Greenacre Garage asking them where practically possible, and also safe to do so, to park vehicles on the Highway rather than on the grass verges.

RESOLVED: (14/225.2) to ask Borough Councillor Deynem to progress the idea of planting trees along the grass verges

14/226 LOCAL COUNCIL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

A copy of the report from Councillor Lush is enclosed

RESOLVED: that the entries be submitted

14/227 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

14/227.1 The following had been forwarded to Councillors:

- a. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Members Briefings No's 791 to 797
- b. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Adoption of Local Plan Part 1
- c. Tarvin Community Woodland Trust – Minutes of February 2015 meeting
- d. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Letter from Brandon Lewis MP and Stephen Williams MP regarding Neighbourhood Planning
- e. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Chester Area Meeting 4th March 2015 (only forwarded to Councillors Lush, Hardacre, and Williams). Councillor Lush would be attending the meeting.
- f. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Invitation to attend the Local Council Excellence Awards Evening on 25th March 2015
Councillor Cotgreave had been registered to attend

g. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Partnerships West – February 2015

14/227.2 The Clerk reported that the Community Centre Store Room was proving not to be as secure as hoped for the storage of Parish Council archives. The boxes were regularly moved around the store room by other users of the room, boxes were being damaged, and on the previous Friday the contents of one box were found on the floor next to a damaged box.

Councillor Hardacre offered to take up the matter with the Community Centre Committee of Management to try to get the problems resolved to the satisfaction of the Council.

14/228 FINANCIAL MATTERS**Cheque Payments**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised –

Payee	Detail	Amount to be Paid
VAT	Net Amount to Charge against budget	Budget available before payment
Tarporley High School	Printing Newsletter	56.00
0.00	56.00	52.00
F Morrey and Son	Four Trees + Greenery for Duckers Well	262.50
0.00	262.50	250.00
R S Law	Hedge Cutting King George V Playing Field	96.00
16.00	80.00	120.00
BT Payment Services Ltd	Telephone and Internet January 2015	55.84
9.30	46.54	11.27
ThenMedia Ltd	Internet Facility – 2 years to October 2015	273.60
45.60	228.00	114.00
A Markert	New Noticeboard - Oscroft	830.00
0.00	830.00	1,518.00
Payroll Cheques	February 2015	979.68
0.00	979.68	2,329.48

14/229 TOPICS FOR TARVINONLINE

RESOLVED: that articles be written on the planning application proposal for floodlights, national clear-up day, dog fouling campaign, and neighbourhood plans

14/230 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the next Council meeting be held on Monday 23rd March 2015 –
7.15pm - Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre