

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor E Lush (Chairman)
Councillor S Hardacre (Vice Chairman)
Councillor D H Cotgreave
Councillor L Holmes
Councillor C Jones
Councillor M Lloyd
Councillor M Pochin
Councillor P Twigg

IN ATTENDANCE:

12 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 B Spruce (Unwell)
Councillor R Williams (Holiday)

15/108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

15/108.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

15/108.2 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 Lush declared an Outside Body Interest in Minute 15/118.2 as a member of the Bowling Club. (The Vice Chairman chaired Minute 15/118.2 later in the meeting)

No other declarations were made.

15/109 OPEN FORUM

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

15/110 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the meeting be reconvened.

15/111 REPORT ON OPEN FORUM

15/111.1 PCSO Ryan Reid had introduced himself as the new PCSO covering the Tarvin and Kelsall Borough Ward. He had confirmed that he was still getting to know the area but had been pleased to note that statistics showed that Tarvin Parish did not have a high crime record. During a brief question and answer session he had confirmed that he had recently informally cautioned seven drivers for speeding, travelling between 40 and 50mph, in a 45 minute period in Oscroft. PCSO Reid had confirmed that he would be holding regular informal surgeries at the Community Centre when local residents could

raise concerns with him. The first had been arranged for Thursday 1st October between 11am and 1pm

15/111.2 A resident had spoken about his concerns regarding the speed of traffic through Oscroft, particularly when approaching Oscroft from Willington.

15/111.3 Concerns had also been raised about the speed of vehicles travelling along Tarporley Road between the junction at the A51 road and the village.

15/111.4 Another resident had added that it was good to see a Police presence within the Parish but had added that there were concerns about the number of recent break-ins within the area.

15/111.5 A concern had been raised regarding a leaflet that had been delivered to many Tarvin households regarding advance notice of a geophysical survey within the area. The resident had expressed concerns about fracking and geophysical surveys and had asked Council to vote not to allow any geophysical survey on land owned by the Parish Council.

15/111.6 Concerns had been raised regarding vehicles parking on Hockenhull Lane both close to the junction with High Street and also close to the junction with Hockenhull Crescent.

15/111.7 Borough Councillor Deynem had welcomed the proposed debate regarding the geophysical survey and had encouraged people to study the facts on the Cheshire West and Chester Council website. He had also encouraged people to attend the IGAs exhibition due to be held on Thursday 8th October between 3 and 8pm at Chester Rugby Union Football Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.

15/111.8 Borough Councillor Deynem had informed the meeting that there was an Empty Homes Strategy consultation underway for twelve weeks from 14th September 2015

15/112 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH AUGUST 2015

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

15/113 REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 24TH AUGUST 2015

15/113.1 A51 Turning into Tarporley Road (Previous Minute 15/093.9)

The meeting had been arranged for Thursday 1st October at 10.30am. Councillor Williams was unavailable so Councillor Cotgreave had offered to attend.

15/113.2 IGAS Presentation (Previous Minute 15/102)

IGAS had promised to attend a future meeting but had not said which one.

The concern raised in the Open Forum was noted. As Council owned very little land a geophysical survey on land owned by the Parish Council would not be an issue.

15/113.3 Blocked Path around Tarvin Mill/Sewage Treatment Works (Previous Minute 15/103.1)

Rights of Way had raised a worksheet and promised to clear the path in the very near future.

15/113.4 Seat for Children's Play Area (Previous Minute 15/103.2)

A Phoenix Jubilee Seat had been ordered from Glasdon UK Ltd at a cost of £728.94 plus VAT and delivered on 25th September. Mr R Woollam had been asked to install it.

15/114 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The meeting noted that there was still one vacancy to be filled by co-option. A number of residents had expressed an interest but no applications had been received.

15/115 SPEEDING REVIEW OSCROFT

Highways and the police had discussed the concerns raised by Council. The limit on Cross Lanes would be extended to the Tarvin side of the bridge. The other requests would not be supported as the locations did not meet the criteria for the limits being requested. Highways were happy to put 30mph roundels on the carriageway at the start of the limit and would incorporate that into the design. With regard to flashing signs they were recommending that Highways assess the impact of the initial change in limit first before any decision was made. A consultation letter was being prepared by Highways for Council to distribute and collect.

RESOLVED: that Council ask Highways to review the position regarding flashing signs six months following the completion of the project.

15/116 PLANNING MATTERS

15/116.1 RESOLVED: that the following comments be made on the planning applications submitted

15/03711/FUL - Proposed change of use of field from agriculture to use for grazing and exercising horses, retention of existing field shelter, construction of new stable block, improvement to existing access and provision of hard-standing/turning area – Land at Tarporley Road, Tarvin

Comment: No Objections

15/03872/FUL – Ground (rear in-fill) extension and first floor extension; replacement garage door – 64 Crossfields, Tarvin

Comment: No Objections

15/02685/FUL – Erection of one dwelling with parking and landscaping – Land at Lichfield House, High Street, Tarvin (Amended Plans)

Comment: We object to the proposal.

The land is within the Conservation Area. Any new build within the Conservation Area should preserve or enhance it. We consider that this proposal would be to the detriment of the Conservation Area.

The height and scale of the proposed building would be an over intensive use of the site and would also have a significant adverse effect on the occupiers of surrounding properties.

15/116.2 NOTICES

The following notices had been received:

15/02954/FUL – Single Storey Side Extension - Laburnum Cottage, Broomheath Lane, Tarvin – **PERMISSION**

15/03063/FUL - Two storey side extension & single storey rear extension – 47 Hockenhull Avenue, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/03121/FUL – Single storey rear extensions – Fox Hollow, Tarporley Road, Tarvin – **PERMISSION**

15/03042/TPO – Mature Oak Tree – Reduce side branches by approx. 2 metres and crown lift by approx. 4 metres, leaving the overall height – 1 Broomheath Lane, Tarvin - **REFUSED**

15/116.3 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 proposal. The appeal would be determined on the basis of written submissions

15/01151/OUT – Erection of two dwellings and access – Land adjacent to Willow Run, Barrow Lane, Tarvin

15/117 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

15/117.1 A copy of the response from Borough Councillor Nicole Meardon is attached to the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Councillor Meardon asking what difficulties she was acknowledging and how would they be overcome.

15/117.2 The meeting noted that the Clerk had received correspondence from a concerned parent on 8th September 2015 (following comments on the article on Tarvinonline). The correspondence had been forwarded to Borough Councillor Nicole Meardon. Since then the resident had received an acknowledgement from Cheshire West and Chester Council saying that Councillor Meardon would be responding to her concerns.

15/118 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

15/118.1 Annual External Report

A copy of the report had been forwarded to Councillors via e-mail.

RESOLVED: that approval be given for all the repairs to be carried out.

15/118.2 Bowling Club

Work on the new Tennis Club clubhouse was likely to start in October. The work would mean that the Bowling Club would lose their secure equipment store and the integral pavilion that fronted the store. The plans that the Bowling Club had drawn up and had costed envisaged a free standing, slightly larger pavilion with a secure store to one side. Given the nature of the replacement building the Bowling Club considered that Planning Permission was not required. The cost was estimated at £2,300 including ground works. The Parish Council had successfully brokered a contribution of £1,500 from the Tennis Club towards the replacement Bowling Club premises. £1,500 represented the cost of replacement on a like for like basis. The Bowling Club had requested a temporary interest free loan of up to £800 which they intended to repay as quickly as possible by running a series of fund raising events. Council was asked to agree an interest free loan of a maximum of £800 to the Bowling Club on the understanding that it was repaid as soon as possible but no later than 30th September 2016.

RESOLVED: by 6 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, that the request be granted

15/118.3 Fencing between Tennis and Bowling Club

Once the old Tennis Club clubhouse was removed there would be an open area between the two clubs. Council's Solicitor had recommended that Council (as landlord) pay for the

gap to be closed by fencing similar to that already partly along the perimeter rather than allow either club to choose what should happen in that area.

RESOLVED: that Council pay for the purchase and installation of the fencing and that the work be treated as a Special Project.

15/118.4 Waste Bins

The waste bins by the Scout and Guide Hut and Tennis Courts had been damaged over the weekend of 12th to 14th September and had been replaced by Highways on 15th September. The old dog bin by the main gate had been removed as the new larger bins took dog waste.

15/118.5 Tennis Club

The meeting noted that there had been some vandalism within the Tennis Club grounds on Saturday evening 19th September. The Tennis Club main gate and toilet hut door had been found open on Sunday morning. There had been no damage outside but papers and toilet roll had been thrown around the toilet/changing hut and there was graffiti on the notice board. Soap had also been poured on the toilet floor.

The Clerk had reported both of the above incidents to the Police and requested an increased Police presence, particularly at weekends.

15/119 LAND OWNED BY CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL – TARPORLEY ROAD

The ex-smallholdings house on Tarporley Road had been put up for sale by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Cheshire West and Chester Council's Head of Places Strategy, Dr Alison Knight, asking what their long term plans were for the land that they own.

15/120 SNOW ANGELS

Copies of two reports presented by Councillor Hardacre are attached to the minutes.

The meeting considered that Council would be unable to organise a Health Fair by the end of October as suggested in the paper.

RESOLVED: (15/120.1) that alternative providers be looked at and that Councillor Hardacre speak to Ashworth-Time Bank about their provision both in Ashton and the wider area.

15/121 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

15/121.1 The six week consultation period for the Neighbourhood Area Application had started on 3rd September 2015

15/121.2 The Steering Group had met on 10th September 2015 and minutes would be forwarded to Councillors as soon as they were available.

15/121.3 The meeting noted that minutes of Steering Group meetings were now published on the Council website.

15/121.4 Councillor Hardacre reported that at the Cheshire Association of Local Councils Planning Seminar that she had attended on 24th September the importance of getting the wording right had been stressed and Councils had been strongly advised to use groups such as Cheshire Community Action to mentor and support Steering Groups.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Lush inform the Steering Group that Council recommends using Cheshire Community Action as recommended at the seminar.

15/122 INSURANCE

Parish Council Insurance was due for renewal on 1st October 2015 and a copy of the paperwork had been forwarded to Councillors via e-mail.

RESOLVED: that Council enter into a new long-term arrangement with Came and Co, Insurance Brokers, until 30 September 2018, and that the renewal premium of £1,753.17 be approved.

15/123 SPECIAL PROJECTS

The meeting noted that the amount of money available under this budget heading at the beginning of the financial year had been £2,000.00. Since then a bench had been purchased at a cost of £728.94 reducing the balance to £1,271.06. The cost of installing the bench and removing an old blue seat would need to come from the £1,271.06. As earlier in the meeting it had been resolved to purchase fencing between the Tennis and Bowling Clubs no further consideration was given to this item.

15/124 NEW HOMES BONUS

The meeting noted that the current position was as follows:

NEW HOMES BONUS ACCOUNT

Received December 2013	3,518.00
Received December 2014	5,705.00
Sub Total	9,223.00
Less Payments	
Defibrillator - September 2014	765.00
Balance	8,458.00

The three brown tourist signs at the entrances to the village would be paid for from the New Homes Bonus as would 50% of the cost of implementing the review of speeding in Oscroft.

Councillor Lush reported that there may be requests from Tarvin Primary School and Tarvin Community Woodland Trust for grants from the fund.

15/125 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

A copy of the report is enclosed

15/125.1 Bus Shelters and Stops (Item 5.2)

The bus stop on High Street and close to the Hockenhull Lane junction had been moved further away from the junction towards the A54 road

15/125.2 George and Dragon Car Park (Item 6.1)

The Brewery had said no. The Landlord would, as far as practically possible, ignore vehicles parked using the Blue Badge Scheme.

15/126 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL – OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION STUDY – CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: that the recommended response put together by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group be approved and forwarded to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

15/127 CLERK’S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

15/127.1 The following had been forwarded to Councillors:

- a. Tarvin Community Woodland Trust – Minutes of August 2015 meeting

- b. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Community Energy Question Time – 10th September 2015
- c. Cheshire Community Action – Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter
- d. Working together for a Better Future – Meeting with the Police at The West Cheshire College, Handbridge on 7th October 2015 – 7 till 8pm
- e. Letter from Bruen Stapleford resident to Councillor Cotgreave.
- f. Tarvin Community Woodland Trust – Minutes of September 2015 meeting
- g. IGas Seismic Testing – Update Letter
- h. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Members Briefings 868, 869, 871
- i. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Reminder that their Annual General Meeting would be held on Thursday 29th October 2015

15/127.2 The Clerk reported that Tarporley Rotary Club's Santa Float was planning to visit Tarvin and cover the village over two evenings - Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December 6 - 8.30pm

15/128 FINANCIAL MATTERS

15/128.1 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
Fastrack Maintenance Ltd	Grass Cutting August 2015	374.77
62.46	312.31	
Morrall Play Services Ltd	External Annual Report of Play Equipment	54.00
9.00	45.00	
Sanctuary Housing Services Ltd	Garage Rent - Qtr. to 31st December 2015	61.88
0.00	61.88	0.00
St Andrews Church	Donation Re Maintenance of the War Memorial	100.00
0.00	100.00	100.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	Phoenix Jubilee Seat	874.72
145.78	728.94	2,000.00
Came and Co	Insurance Year to 30th September 2016	1,753.17
0.00	1,753.17	2,050.00

Tarvin Community Centre	Hire of Room Council Meetings 27th July, 24th August, 28th September £77.13 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meetings 9th July and 10th September £19.29 Playing Field Committee 2nd July £9.65 Snow Angels £12.86	118.93
0.00	118.93	408.58
Tarvin Methodist Church	Hire of Room Annual Parish Meeting	17.14
0.00	17.14	289.65
BDO LLP	External Audit Year to 31st March 2015	240.00
40.00	200.00	227.00
Mr M Hassall	Clerk Expenses Qtr. to 30 September 2015	47.10
Payroll Cheques	September 2015	905.17
0.00	905.17	8,258.51

15/128.2 Direct Debit

The meeting noted that the following payment had been made by direct debit on 1st September 2015

British Telecom Plc – Telephone and Internet August 2015 - £57.43

15/128.3 Internet Banking Transfer

RESOLVED: that HM Revenue and Customs be paid the sum of £645.11 to cover PAYE and National Insurance Contributions for the Quarter to 30th September 2015 by Internet Banking Transfer

15/128.4 External Audit

The External Auditor had completed his work and returned the certified Annual Return to March 2015. It was a clean Audit, with no amendments or concerns

15/129 TOPICS FOR TARVINONLINE

RESOLVED: that articles be written on the following:

Speed Review Oscroft, geophysical survey, oak tree along Broomheath Lane, home to school transport

15/130 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the next meeting be held on Monday 26th October 2015 – 7.15pm -
Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre