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COUNCILLOR COMINGS AND GOINGS

The parish council are pleased to announce the appointment of a new councillor following acceptance of Steve Wiley's resignation at the extraordinary council meeting held in July. The parish council thanks Steve for his contribution whilst acting as a councillor.

Three applications were received to fill the resulting casual vacancy. All three applications were carefully considered at the July council meeting before council voted to appoint Rob Harrison as a councillor. Rob has lived in the Parish since 2018 and has been a barrister and law lecturer for a number of years. The council looks forward to confirming his appointment at the August meeting.

FORMER COUNCILLOR ANDY SHAW-POLLARD

It was with great sadness that the parish council noted that former councillor Andy Shaw-Pollard had died suddenly on 12th July. Andy, a long-term resident of Oscroft, was a councillor for a number of years. When he retired from the council, his local knowledge and understanding coupled with a very practical outlook on how to deal with an issue were sadly missed.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Another community litter pick is being arranged for Saturday 25th September 2021 following the successful event in the Spring, where nearly 30 residents attended including a contingent of guides and other young people. Details will be finalised nearer the time but the Tarvin pick will be organised from the Community Centre and start at 09:30 and the Oscroft pick from the Green. Litter pickers, bibs and bags will be provided.





NEW NOTICEBOARDS

The noticeboard at Oscroft has been refurbished by volunteer John Bloomfield of Tarvin. Mr Bloomfield has also fabricated a new board for the Red Lion wall in Tarvin which will be installed shortly.

ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The parish council is in the process of writing to a number of local community organisations whose finances or membership may have suffered as a consequence of COVID, inviting them to apply for grant support. Applicants will need to explain how they would use such a grant to re-establish the organisation's viability.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

The play equipment and play areas continue to be enjoyed by many Tarvin children and visitors to the village. Maintenance work carried out over the last few months includes the table-top and a green seat within the children's play area being replaced at a cost of £775 and a new sign being installed by the cableway to replace the one that had become hard to read.

Please be aware that inevitable wear and tear has taken its toll on the grass matting under the larger pieces of equipment at the car park end of the field. The matting will be replaced shortly once parts and contractor work teams become available. In the meantime, users should exercise care and do so at their own risk.

TRAVELLERS' CAMP ON THE A51

Residents will be aware that an unauthorised travellers' camp was established on a site adjacent to the A51 in 2020 which was followed by an application for a change of use to make the site permanent. This application was rejected by Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) planning department in June citing a number of reasons, not least it being contrary to the Local Plan and its siting on a dangerous bend in the road. The applicant now has a limited time period in which to appeal to the Secretary of State or comply with the decision.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Each year the parish council allocates a limited amount of its budget to 'special projects' – usually one-off items designed to improve general parish amenities. In previous years, these have included such items as renovating Ducker's Well and adding to the facilities on the playing field. The 2020 project, delayed because of Covid restrictions, was to formalise the cut through between The Ridgeway and the A54 into a graded, tarmac path and safely rail. This project will now be completed

during the financial year to March 2022, as highlighted elsewhere in this in this edition of Tarvin Times.

In addition, the Parish Council has received an allocation of funds from CWaC's Community Infrastructure Levy, which means that additional projects can be considered during the current financial year. Councillors are in the process of reviewing a number of schemes, including reinstating footpath widths where these have been encroached by vegetation and supporting local community-based organisations whose viability has been impacted by Covid restrictions.

PROPOSED RIDGEWAY RAMP

Consultations with CWAC Highways are progressing to investigate the options available for a permanent footway ramp which would allow pedestrian access the adjacent A54 footpath. This will formalize the gap in the hedge which has developed over time since the completion of the Ridgeway development. Approval of the scheme is anticipated in the near future.



It has been agreed that the council can employ their own, suitably qualified and experienced contractor to carry out the works.

All works are to be compliant with CWAC Highways Specifications. The proposed ramp gradient of 1 in 15 will be wheelchair compliant with pedestrian barriers set at the Ridgeway end of the ramp for safety reasons.

The opening in the existing hedge line will be enlarged to accommodate the ramp gradient.

The existing gap will be closed off to prevent access during the construction works. Temporary traffic management measures will be needed to facilitate construction works but vehicular access will be maintained.



OVERGROWN HEDGES

The parish council regularly receives complaints about hedges and trees overhanging footpaths. This makes life very difficult for pedestrians.

Please inspect the hedges and trees on your property and check that they have not encroached onto the footway. If they have, please arrange to have them cut back. Thank you.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next full council meetings will be held on Mondays 23rd August, 27th September, and 25th October. All will commence at 7.15pm and will be held in the Edna Rose room at the Community Centre.

All council meetings are public meetings and 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. There is no need to stay for the whole meeting. Feel free to come and go as is convenient to you.

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