

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 24TH AUGUST 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor E Lush (Chairman)
Councillor D H Cotgreave (Councillor Cotgreave joined the meeting during minute 15/096)
Councillor S Hardacre
Councillor L Holmes
Councillor M Lloyd
Councillor B Spruce
Councillor P Twigg
Councillor R Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

11 Members of the Public
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor J Leather

APOLOGIES:

Councillor C Jones (Holiday)
Councillor M Pochin (Holiday)

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Larry Holmes to his first meeting.

15/088 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

15/088.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

15/088.2 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 15/101.2 as a member of the Bowling Club. (The Vice Chairman chaired Minute 15/101.2 later in the meeting)

During the meeting, and when the appropriate agenda items were raised, the following declarations were made:

Councillors Cotgreave and Twigg – Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in Minute 15/097. As the item was merely to note receipt of a letter they did not leave the room. The meeting noted that Councillor Cotgreave had still not received any clear guidelines from Cheshire West and Chester Council on this matter. Had the guidelines been received a different declaration may have been made.

Councillor Hardacre declared an Interest in Planning Application 15/03325/REM.

No other declarations were made.

15/089 OPEN FORUM

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

15/090 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the meeting be reconvened.

15/091 REPORT ON OPEN FORUM

15/091.1 A resident had asked whether Council had been aware of the Planning Application regarding the mature oak tree on the land being developed along Broomheath Lane. The Chairman had confirmed that Council had made comment on the application at the previous meeting.

15/091.2 A Governor from Tarvin Primary School had enquired how they would go about applying for funding from the New Homes Bonus and had also expressed concern that Cheshire West and Chester Council were only passing on 20% of the total pot, in his opinion considerably less than a number of Local Authorities. The Chairman had told him that the Clerk would write to him regarding funding from the New Homes Bonus.

15/091.3 The resident from Crossfields who had attended the two previous Open Forum sessions to enquire about ownership of part of the Townfield Lane hedge had thanked the Council for helping him to resolve the issue.

15/091.4 A number of comments had been made regarding the Highways report on the speeding review for Oscroft. It had been felt that whilst the proposals were an improvement they did not go far enough. As well as having a lower speed limit for a larger area requests had been made for speed indicator display boards and appropriate signage written on the roads. Concern had been raised about the length of time it had taken Highways and the Police to reach the present stage and the question had been asked as to how long it would take for any scheme to be implemented.

15/092 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH JULY 2015

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

15/093 REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 27TH JULY 2015

15/093.1 Extension of 40mph speed limit Tarporley Road (Previous Minute 15/068.6)
Highways were aware that the work along Cross Lanes had not been completed. The work along Tarporley Road had been completed and Highways considered that the 40mph repeater signs met the legal requirement.

15/093.2 Lighting Column outside Broomheath House (Previous Minute 15/068.8)
The lighting column had been repaired.

15/093.3 Bye Pass Road Sign (Previous Minute 15/076.2)
The sign had been replaced

15/093.4. Cycle Route (Previous Minute 15/082.5)
The work was progressing. Highways had stated that it wasn't possible to put a time limit on completion as it was dependent on the availability of the signs that were required.

15/093.5 Neighbourhood Plan – Application (Previous Minute 15/073)

15/093.5.1 Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area (Previous Minute 15/073.1)
The application had been sent to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

15/093.5.2 Neighbourhood Plan - Bruen Stapleford (Previous Minute 15/073.2)
The Hargrave and Huxley Neighbourhood Plan was nearing completion. The Steering Group considered that they had completed their work and the final document was about to be presented to the Parish Council.

15/093.6 Gutter Weed Treatment (Previous Minute 15/068.5)
The work carried out to date had been cleaning. Maps for weed treatment had been passed to Cheshire West and Chester Council contractor.

15/093.7 Path to Roman Bridges (Previous Minute 15/079.1)
Highways had stated that the hogweed along the path was native hogweed and as such was not classified as controlled waste.

15/093.8 Muddy Deposit on Ditch (Previous Minute 15/082.3.2)

The Landowner had the matter in hand. The contractor had been contacted and had agreed to remove the deposit.

15/093.9 – A51 Turning into Tarporley Road (Previous Minute 15/082.4)

It was confirmed that Council was still not happy with the road markings.

RESOLVED: that Councillors Lush, Hardacre, Lloyd, and Williams meet with Highways, if available, when the meeting was arranged

15/094 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The meeting noted that there was still one vacancy to be filled by co-option. The position had been publicised in Tarvin Times and on the noticeboards.

15/095 SPEEDING REVIEW OSCROFT

A copy of the report from Highways is attached to the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the following comments be made to Highways:

15/095.1.1 that the limit on Willington Road from the current 30mph sign to Oaklea should be 40mph and not 50mph as recommended in the report

15/095.1.2 that along Shay Lane the 30mph sign should be moved out to Brook House

15/095.1.3 that the 30mph sign along Cross Lanes should be on the Tarvin side of the bridge

15/095.1.4 that there should be flashing speed signs along Cross Lanes and Shay Lane

15/095.1.5 that there should be some 30mph signs painted on the roads

15/095.2 RESOLVED: that the Clerk inform Highways that Council does wish to continue with the project and that Council has the necessary funding available to cover 50% of the cost of implementation.

15/096 PLANNING MATTERS

15/096.1 RESOLVED: that the following comments be made on the planning applications submitted

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

Comment: No Objections

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

Comment: No Objections

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

Comment: No Objections

15/02771/FUL – New Driveway – Retrospective – The Cottage, The Green, Cross Lanes, Oscroft

Comment: No Objections

15/03276/FUL - Two storey side, front elevation alterations and single storey side extension - Fleetwood House, Cross Lanes, Oscroft

Comment: No Objections

15/03337/AGR – Agricultural Machinery repair and maintenance building – Hockenhull Hall, Hockenhull Lane, Hockenhull

Comment: No Objections

15/03464/FUL - Erection of a single storey side extension – 14 Deansway, Tarvin

Comment: No Objections

15/03325/REM - Access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale being sought. Outline planning application was not an environment impact assessment. Please see attached cover letter detailing submitted information against respective conditions on the Outline Approval – Land between Bank Cottage and Hillcrest, Townfield Lane, Tarvin.

Comment: Townfield Lane should be resurfaced at the expense of the occupants/ developer. Hedge on A54 to stay and be maintained by future occupants.

15/096.2 NOTICES

The following notices had been received:

15/02293/FUL – Erection of a two storey side extension – 77 Hockenhull Lane, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/01605/LBC – Replacement Signage (in retrospect) – The Red Lion, Church Street, Tarvin - **REFUSAL**

15/096.3 APPEAL

An appeal has 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 will be determined on the basis of a hearing

14/04786/FUL – Key Workers Dwelling (Permanent) – Land opposite Brook Cottage, Willington Road, Willington

15/097 POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OFF CHURCH STREET

A copy of a response from Cheshire West and Chester Council is attached to the minutes. The meeting noted the response. Councillor Lush stated that the letter would be considered by the next Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting.

15/098 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Copies of two responses from Cheshire West and Chester Council are attached to the minutes.

Councillor Lush felt the policy as interpreted by Cheshire West and Chester Council seemed to be very confusing, particularly for parents. He suggested that the following points be made to Cheshire West and Chester Council by letter:

- that if a parent had applied to Tarporley High School as their first choice they would

have had to have done so without knowing if they would get free transport. This was because transport eligibility could only be determined after places had been allocated. Cheshire West and Chester Council Transport team then have to ask Cheshire West and Chester Council Admissions team if there were spare places at closer secondary schools.

- if there were spare places at closer schools it is not clear which Tarvin pupils would be deemed ineligible for free transport
- the letters say that some of the mitigation money has been allocated to Tarporley High School but it would have been helpful to know how this money will be used. Presumably a school bus contracted by Tarporley High School, but as the Public Service bus no.84 is mentioned, it is not clear
- Council was promised that it would be consulted on the mitigation fund and this has not taken place. Clearly partnership working are just warm words which sound good but which can be simply ignored.
- Council is still not clear if Tarvin pupils go to a secondary school closer to Chester how they are going to get there.

RESOLVED: (15/098.1) that the Clerk write to Cheshire West and Chester Council along the lines suggested and also include comment on the apparent climb down by Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding Tattenhall.

RESOLVED: (15/098.2) that the Clerk copy the response to Churton Parish Council representatives of whom were in attendance at the meeting

15/099 SNOW ANGELS

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

RESOLVED: that Councillor Hardacre take the proposed project to the next stage and call a meeting of all parties who may be interested to developing the scheme.

15/100 REPORT ON THE MEETING WITH THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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

RESOLVED: that the Clerk invite PCSO Ryan Reid to attend the Open Forum of Council meetings on an occasional basis.

15/101 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

15/101.1 Scout Hut – request for outside Lighting.

The Scout and Guide Management Committee were proposing to initially install two 50watt LED floodlights, one at the apex of each hall. These would each have a light output of 4500 lumens. Should these prove to be insufficient they would upgrade to either four 50 watt LED floods or two 70 watt sodium floodlights. Therefore the maximum light output would be 18,000 lumens. For comparison a single 400 watt halogen floodlight of the type commonly used in residential garden floodlighting has a light output of approximately 8500 lumens.

The floodlighting of the carpark would only be used during periods when the hall was in use (they had no plans to extend later than 9:30pm). Both immediate neighbours had been contacted by the Scout and Guide Management and had raised no objections.

RESOLVED: that the request from the Scout and Guide Management Committee be approved.

15/101.2 Bowling Club

The Bowling Club were having significant problems with the condition of their green that were being exasperated by the prolonged spell of dry weather. The surface had become severely compacted and any rain just ran off with very little effect. They had taken expert

advice and the conclusion was that unless remedial work was carried out during the Autumn they were in danger of losing the green. The Bowling Green required deep coring to break up the compacted pan, then scarifying, top dressing and reseeding. Once this was done a wetting agent would have to be applied in the Spring to help retain any moisture. The cost of the work was in excess of £1000, which the club didn't have, and a grant had been requested.

RESOLVED: that Council provide a grant of £1,000 to enable the work to be carried out.

15/101.3 Tennis Club and Bowling Club

The meeting was concerned that the two clubs had failed to reach an agreement regarding the removal of the old Tennis Club Hut and the making good the back of the structure belonging to the Bowling Club. The Council would meet as Trustee of the Playing Field following the Council meeting to discuss the situation in more detail.

15/102 IGAS PRESENTATION TO LOCAL COUNCILS

On 11th August 2015, and on behalf of the Council, Councillor Lush had attended the above presentation. The initial IGas Energy proposal was to do seismic survey work in the Ellesmere Port/Ince area to assess the sub surface rock layers. Only in that way could IGas assess the potential for future gas and/or oil extraction in the area. A copy of the information that was displayed on the boards that were shown at the meeting is attached to the minutes. IGas Energy were asking whether local Councils would like them to make a presentation during the Open Forum at a Council meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk invite IGAS to provide a presentation at a future meeting.

15/103 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

A copy of the report is enclosed

15/103.1 - Item 4.1 Blocked Path around Tarvin Mill/Sewage Treatment Works

RESOLVED: that Councillor Williams and the Footpath Working Party try to progress this item.

15/103.2 - Item 7.2 Seat for Children's Play Area

Councillor Twigg reported that the supplier was no longer able to provide the seat that Council had chosen.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Twigg order a different seat providing that it was in a similar price range and quality.

15/104 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

15/104.1 The following had been forwarded to Councillors:

a. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Planning Seminar – 24th September 2015 –

RESOLVED: (15/104.1.1) that Councillor Hardacre would attend

b. IGas Energy – meeting 11th August 2015 – Holiday Inn Ellesmere Port – Councillor Lush attended and a report is shown under minute 15/0491

c. Tarvin Community Woodland Trust – an invitation to all Councillors to attend their village celebration on Saturday 24th October at 2.00pm

d. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Individual Elector Registration Household Canvass - information for local councils

e. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Smoke Free Playgrounds

RESOLVED: (15/104.1.5) that Council should not ask for smoke free signs for the Children's Play Area.

f. Defibrillator – Training on how to provide emergency life skills – Tarvin Community Centre - 7th September 2015 – 6 to 8pm

15/104.2 Council Printer

The Clerk had replaced the Council’s Brother Printer. A quote to repair the old printer had amounted to £102.00 for new drums. In addition the belt unit had been badly worn and would have needed replacing in very near future. The new printer cost £147.00.

RESOLVED: that the action taken by the Clerk be approved

15/105 FINANCIAL MATTERS

15/105.1 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 July 2015	374.77
62.46	312.31	
Digital Impressions	A3 Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires £125.00 Neighbourhood Plan Planning Leaflets £25.00 Tarvin Times £50.00	240.00
40.00	200.00	
Willington Parish Council	Balance as approved by Council 18th May 2015	93.02
Tarvin Gardening Society	Grant for maintenance of Duckers Well and Shrub Bed by Well Cottages	200.00
0.00	200.00	200.00
Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Chairmanship 2 Training Session – Councillor Sue Hardacre	30.00
0.00	30.00	300.00
Mr M Hassall	Re-imburement of Expenditure Brother Laser Printer + 2500 sheets of white paper	185.99
31.00	154.99	
Payroll Cheques	August 2015	870.28
0.00	870.28	9,128.79

15/105.2 Direct Debit

To note that the following payment had been made by direct debit on 29th July 2015

British Telecom Plc – Telephone and Internet July 2015 £57.33

15/106 TOPICS FOR TARVINONLINE

RESOLVED: that articles be written on the following:

Speed Review Oscroft, School Transport, Snow Angels, Welcome to Councillor Holmes,
Light on the King George v Playing Field Car Park

15/107 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the next meeting be held on Monday 28th September 2015 – 7.15pm -
Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre