

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 22ND AUGUST 2022.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Ford (Chairman)  
Councillor E Lush (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor M Butler  
Councillor D H Cotgreave  
Councillor S Dutton  
Councillor D Howorth  
Councillor S Parker  
Councillor P Ryan  
Councillor P Twigg

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor B Dean (business commitment)  
Councillor M Pochin (holiday)  
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor H Tonge

**22/083 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS**

**22/083.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations**

There were no new requests.

**22/083.2 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 Cotgreave declared an interest in minute 22/093 as the landowner was a tenant of his agricultural land. No other declarations were made.

**22/084 OPEN FORUM**

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

**22/085 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the Council meeting be reconvened.

**22/086 REPORT ON OPEN FORUM** (This minute was not reported to Council in the formal meeting. It is a record of the items raised in the Open Forum)

**22/086.1.** A member of the public had stated that in his opinion a complaint made by near neighbours of the George and Dragon Public House regarding excessive noise, unsavoury language, rowdy behaviour, and late-night music noise was exaggerated. He had added that the pub had been in existence for over two hundred years, was a good community asset, and that the landlords were doing a good job. He was aware that steps had been taken to address some of the issues raised.

**22/086.2.** Concerns had been raised regarding speeding along Heath Drive where a resident felt that most vehicles were being driven well in excess of 20mph. He had

considered that there should be a more regular police presence and a speed indicator advice should be used to act as a deterrent.

**22/086.3** Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Leather had reminded the meeting about the Borough Councils Neighbourhood Pride scheme.

#### **22/087 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JULY 2022.**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2022 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a correct record after the word Guy had been replaced with the word Ryecroft under Minute 22/078.2.

#### **22/088 REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JULY 2022 NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA**

**22/088.1 Trees** (Previous Minute 22/071)

The work had been scheduled for Tuesday 13th September.

**22/088.2. Willow Statue** (Previous Minute 22/077)

The resident had promised to keep Council updated with any progress.

**22/088.3 Speed Limit Consultation** (Previous Minute 22/078)

Cheshire West and Chester Council had been asked to amend their letter as Council had made the comment that it considered that 40mph should be the maximum from Broomheath Lane to the junction with Ryecroft Lane (Minute 21/156 December 2021). The Borough Council had refused to amend the letter indicating that when considering changes to existing speed limits they and the Police followed current guidance produced by the Department for Transport to provide a consistent approach which helped with compliance and make roads safer. A speed limit of less than 50mph would not be supported by Cheshire Police who were the responsible authority for speed enforcement. They indicated that they would only proceed with the reduction from 60 to 50mph if Council allowed the letter to be issued without amendment.

**RESOLVED:** that Council very reluctantly approve the letter as originally written on the grounds that having a speed limit of 50mph was better than 60mph.

**22/088.4 Planning Notices** (Minute 22/072.2)

Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Tonge had asked about Planning Notices and was awaiting a response.

**22/088.5 Management Accounts** (Minute 22/079.5)

Councillor Ford reported that since the last meeting he had noticed that other items including streetlighting were likely to significantly exceed budget figures during the year. Under the circumstances he recommended an in-depth review of the management accounts when they were produced for the half year in October.

#### **22/089 PLANNING MATTERS**

**22/089.1 Planning Applications**

**RESOLVED:** that the following comments be made on the planning applications submitted:

**22/02651/FUL** - Two-storey side extension – 52 Crossfields, Tarvin

Comment: No Objection

**22/089.2 Notices**

There were no notices.

### **22/089.3 Other**

**22/089.3.1** Planning Application 21/03690/FUL - Change of Use of land for use as traveller site consisting of 1 static caravan, 3 trailer caravans, day room, septic tank and landscaping - Land at Tarporley Road, Tarvin.

An update had been received from the Planning Officer indicating that outstanding issues had been cleared up and it was expected that a decision would be made in the near future.

**22/089.3.2** Planning Application 22/01450/FUL – Two storey extension, alteration to change window to a door - Bridge Barn, Ryecroft Lane, Bruen Stapleford.

A letter had been received from residents asking why Council had not objected to the application.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk inform the residents that in principle Council hadn't seen a problem with the application, the construction design was acceptable, there appeared to be no issues with neighbours outside the development, and Council does not get involved with covenants, that being the role of the Planning Officer.

### **22/090 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

**22/090.1 Scout and Guide Hut** – entrance to the building

Councillor Ryan had met with the contractor and a representative of the Scout Movement on 11th August 2022. The quote of £285.00 to reconstruct the steps to the building had been accepted by the Scout Movement. It had also been agreed that the contractor would grub out and remove all the roots from the area in front of the building between the two entrances and re-level the area for the sum of £150.00. Both works would be invoiced to and paid by the Scouts.

**22/090.2 Drains**

The Clerk had read copies of the three agreements. Whilst it was not 100% clear in places a reasonable assumption was that Council was responsible for the drain from the main gate and across the car park with the different organisations being responsible for the drainage on the land that they were responsible for.

The meeting noted that the Scout group were aware that they were responsible for some costs.

**RESOLVED (22/090.2.1):** that the work required from the main gate and across the car park be approved, items 13 and 14 on the report from the contractor amounting to £2,190.00 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED (22/090.2.2)** that item 15 on the report from the contractor, cleaning out the drain, amounting to £350.00 plus VAT be approved.

Councillor Ryan indicated that the quotes were out of date and that the prices may have increased.

**RESOLVED (22/090.2.3):** that work up to the value of £3,000 be approved.

**22/090.3 Shelter**

Council had been asked to consider housing a shelter on the field. It was considered that should a shelter be approved, it should be one positioned where it would be of benefit to all users of the field. It was also felt that the cost would mean it would be a long-term aim project.

**RESOLVED:** that the matter be considered by the Field Management Committee and that Councillor Twigg consult with Cheshire West and Chester Council and a neighbouring Parish Council.

### **22/091 SPECIAL PROJECT – FOOTPATHS**

A response was awaited from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

### **22/092 TARPORLEY WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Councillor Lush had provided a report which included a list of Community Centre users and highlighted whether they met a physical or mental need. The meeting noted that an article in Tarvin Times was requesting feedback from residents.

**RESOLVED (22/092.1):** that Councillors add to the list by providing details of activities provided by other groups/organisations.

**RESOLVED (22/092.2):** this item be reviewed at the next meeting after residents have had the opportunity to feedback from the Tarvin Times article.

### **22/093 DEFINITIVE MAP APPLICATION – FOOTPATH FROM CHURCH STREET TO CROSS LANES**

Cheshire West and Chester Council had appointed an independent specialist consultant to act on their behalf to investigate and report on the application for a definitive map and statement covering the footpath. The meeting noted that the consultant would be contacting the Clerk in the near future.

Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Leather indicated that old photographs would help support the application.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk ask Cheshire West and Chester Council whether the other two applications could be heard at the same time.

### **22/094 WOODEN BENCH HIGH STREET**

The bench positioned between Well Cottages and the George and Dragon Public House had been damaged beyond repair by persons unknown on the evening of 12th August 2022 and had to be removed by a working party of Councillors. The Police had been called and had attended. Since then, an article had been published on Tarvinonline highlighting the incident and a message had been received by Tarvinonline and forwarded to the Clerk from a local company offering to pay for a new bench.

A quotation of £979.09 plus fixing bolts and tamper resistant fixing covers had been received for a Phoenix Jubilee Recycled Material Seat.

**RESOLVED (22/094.1):** that Council ask the company who made the offer whether they would make a donation of £750.00 towards a new bench with Council covering the balance which would equate to the insurance excess otherwise payable.

**RESOLVED (22/094.2):** that the quote be approved if the donation is accepted.

### **22/095 CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

The meeting noted that the Street Market was scheduled for 3rd December. Councillor Ford indicated that he would not be available to order any of the Christmas Trees or help with putting them up and asked for a volunteer to cover this role by the next meeting.

### **22/096 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

**22/096.1** The following e-mail correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors who were provided with an opportunity to comment on them.

a. Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) – E Bulletins

Councillor Ford would be attending the Budgeting for Clerks and Finance Staff' training on 29th September 10.00am.

b. ChALC Board Membership – Recruitment

c. ChALC – Training of road marshalls for parades

d. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Home Support Grant Scheme

e. Information Commissioner's Office – Newsletter

- f. Charity Commission News
- g. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Neighbourhood Pride Scheme
- h. PCSO Wendy Leason Report August 2022

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk prepare an application for the Neighbourhood Pride Scheme covering footpaths

**22/096.2 Council Minutes**

The meeting noted that the minutes of meetings held between January 2019 and December 2021 had been deposited with Cheshire Record Office on 9th August 2022.

**22/096.3 Defibrillator**

The defibrillator on the King George V Playing Field had a software issue in that it stated that the battery status was full although the battery energy condition was low. The machine was being collected from the Clerk on 23rd August and would be returned two or three days later. There would not be a charge for correcting/upgrading the software but if the battery needed replacing there would be a charge for that.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £150.00 on a new battery should it be necessary.

**22/096.4 George and Dragon Public House**

The Clerk had been copied into an e-mail from a resident to the landlord. The points of complaint were excessive noise from a significant number of customers with very unsavoury language and rowdy behaviour and late-night music. Details of the pub’s music licence had been requested. Since then, the same resident had made contact with Councillor Ford who had attended a meeting at the pub with a number of residents and the landlord.

The meeting considered that at the present time the issue was one between residents and the pub and that ideally it needed to be resolved between them.

**22/097 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**22/097.1 July 2022 Payments and Payments between meetings**

Councillor Ford had confirmed in writing that all payments had been made as approved by Council.

**22/097.2 RESOLVED:** that the following payment made since the July meeting be confirmed:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount to be Paid</b>
<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net Amount to Charge against budget</b>	<b>Budget available before payment</b>
<b>Groundforce Landscape Ltd</b>	Grass Cutting King George V Playing Field + Millennium Garden + Oscroft Green July 2022	<b>488.84</b>
81.47	407.37	1,884.04

**22/097.3 RESOLVED:** that the following payments be authorised, and that payments be made by internet banking:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount to be Paid</b>
VAT	Net Amount to Charge against budget	Budget available before payment
<b>Play and Leisure Ltd</b>	One new grass mat with cable ties	<b>102.00</b>
17.00	85.00	561.00

<b>Wicksteed Leisure Ltd</b>	Parts for various play equipment on King George V Playing Field	<b>1,124.02</b>
187.34	936.68	476.00
<b>Mr S Burgess</b>	Installation of parts for equipment on the King George V Playing Field	<b>540.00</b>
90.00	450.00	0.00
<b>Mrs P Twigg</b>	Reimbursement of Expenditure – Topsoil for King George V Playing Field	<b>36.00</b>
0.00	36.00	0.00
<b>Deva Print Ltd</b>	Newsletter Autumn 2022	<b>185.00</b>
0.00	185.00	1,015.00
<b>Payroll</b>	August 2022	<b>1,555.26</b>
0.00	1,555.26	15,779.64

#### **22/097.4 Direct Debit**

The meeting noted the following direct debit payments

British Telecom Plc – 29th July 2022 – Telephone and Internet July 2022 – two venues – £120.13

Sage Global Services Ltd – 4th August 2022 - Payroll Software August 2022 - £8.40

#### **22/098 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

The report was noted.

#### **22/099 TOPICS FOR PUBLICATION**

Open forum items, speeding assessment, travellers' site, proposed addition to the definitive map, bench, Neighbourhood Pride Scheme

**22/100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 26th September 2022 – 7.15pm - Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre