

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor S Hardacre (Vice Chairman)
Councillor L Holmes
Councillor M Lloyd
Councillor P Twigg
Councillor R Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

1 Member 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 E Lush (Out of area on day of meeting)
Councillor D H Cotgreave (Prior Commitment)
Councillor C Jones (Work Commitment)
Councillor M Pochin (Family Commitment)

15/183 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

15/183.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

15/183.2 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.

No such declarations were made.

15/184 OPEN FORUM

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

15/185 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the meeting be reconvened.

15/186 REPORT ON OPEN FORUM

15/186.1 The member of the public had asked questions about seismic survey work and fracking and Parish and Borough Councillors had answered them.

15/186.2 Borough Councillor Deynem had:

15/186.2.1 provided some details of the Local Government Financial Settlement and made the point that by 2020 the Borough Council would be 100% funded by council tax, business rates, and other local revenues.

15/186.2.2 provided details of the Community Infrastructure Levy in the Local Plan which was to be discussed at a cabinet meeting later in the week. One proposal was for a £9,000 levy to be added to the cost of properties in rural areas with the levy being spent

across the Borough rather than locally. Should cabinet approve the proposals a consultation would follow.

15/186.2.3 made reference to recent Ofsted visits to Cheshire West and Chester Council Children's Services and Tarvin Primary School and had congratulated Tarvin Primary School on their good report.

15/186.2.4 highlighted the following two consultations

- a. Hackney Carriages, Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Private Hire Operators Consultation
- b. New Homes Bonus

15/187 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2015

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2015 be signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record

15/188 REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2015

15/188.1 Speed of Traffic along Tarporley Road (Previous Minute 15/165.2)

PCSO Ryan Reid had deployed the SID on Tarporley Road on 3rd December and monitored the traffic speed between 8.40 and 9.10am. During this time the equipment had displayed eight cars travelling between 45 & 49 mph, and eight cars 50 mph plus. As a result he had followed this up with further monitoring.

RESOLVED: that PCSO Reid be thanked for being so proactive on Tarporley Road and also with similar work in Oscroft and asked whether there had been any monitoring of traffic entering the village along Tarporley Road and if so with what results.

15/188.2 Pension Auto Enrolment (Previous Minute 15/182)

The Clerk had set up a scheme with NEST (National Employment Savings Trust) which had been established by the government especially for auto enrolment. The meeting noted that there was nothing further for Council to do until the staging date, 1st March 2016.

15/188.3 Saxon Heath (Previous Minute 15/177.8)

The new play area had been opened. Whilst Taylor Wimpey had not formally responded to Council's comments regarding the gate they had verbally said that they believed that a gate was more appropriate than concrete bollards. They did not consider that the gate would act as a barrier preventing local residents from using the path. Council accepted the explanation.

15/188.4 Overgrown Hedge (Previous Minute 15/160.5)

The owners of the field had agreed to look at the hedge.

15/189 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The meeting noted that there were still two vacancies to be filled by co-option. The positions would continue to be publicised.

15/190 PLANNING MATTERS

15/190.1 Planning Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 12th December 2015 be approved

15/190.2 Planning Applications

There were no applications for consideration.

15/190.3 NOTICES

15/04404/FUL - Replacement of the timber windows to double-glazed UPVC windows - The Vicarage, Church Street, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/04385/FUL - Two storey rear extension to provide new kitchen and living space together with additional bedrooms – 99 High Street, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/04446/FUL - Change of use from single dwelling unit with self-contained annex and residential outbuildings to 5 No. dwelling units – Abbeyfield, Holme Street, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/191 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

15/191.1 The minutes of the Steering Group meeting held on 12th November 2015 were noted. Council was encouraged to read that Cheshire Community Action had attended the meeting. Minutes of the Steering Group meeting held on 10th December 2015 were awaited.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Lloyd represent Council on the Steering Group. (This would increase the representation to two Councillors as Councillor Lush already represented Council)

15/192 COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS – GRANT SUCCESS

A copy of the report presented by Councillor Hardacre is attached to the minutes

15/193 TARVIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

A copy of an e-mail from Tarvin Primary School to Cheshire West and Chester Council expressing serious concerns about the poor state of the roof had been forwarded to Councillors on 30th November 2015.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk inform the Head Teacher, Borough Councillors, and Cheshire West and Chester Council that Council support the school in their efforts to have the roof repaired as soon as possible.

15/194 C84 BUS SERVICE

A couple of residents had contacted the Clerk to say that from 27th December the C84 bus would only run hourly between Tarvin and Chester rather than the 30 minutes at present. The residents were asking whether Council was aware of the reduction and whether anything could be done to reverse the change.

Councillor Hardacre reported that she had found out that whilst Arriva were reducing their service to hourly Routemaster would also be covering the route on an hourly basis thus local residents would continue to receive a 30 minute service. However it was thought that one significant disadvantage to the new service would be that return and saver tickets would only be able to be used on the same services.

15/195 WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: (15/195.1) that Councillor Lloyd become a member of the Finance Working Party

RESOLVED: (15/195.2) that Councillor Holmes become a member of the King George V Playing Field Committee

15/196 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

A copy of the report is enclosed

15/197 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

15/197.1 The following had been forwarded to Councillors:

- a. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Road Closure Notice – Tarvin Christmas Festival
- b. Cheshire Emergency Services 'Blue Light' Collaboration - Stakeholder update
- c. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Members Briefings Nos 908 to 913 and 915 to 925 inclusive
- d. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Public Rights of Way – Volunteer Wardens – request for volunteers cancelled
- e. New Year Honours 2017- Request for nominations
- f. Cheshire West and Chester’s Council’s Statement of Policy for Hackney Carriages, Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Private Hire Operators Consultation
- g. Kelsall and Willington Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation
- h. Cheshire Police Precept – Consultation

RESOLVED: not to respond to the consultation.

- i. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Planning Training Session – 2nd February 2016
- j. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Planning Forum – Tuesday 23rd February – afternoon and evening sessions
- k. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Training Calendar 2016

15/197.2 Street Lighting

BAM Nuttall Ltd had written to the Clerk informing him that they were no longer able to carry out street lighting maintenance on behalf of Council due to a company restructure. The Clerk was in the process of trying to find a company that were able to carry out the work.

The meeting noted that Council appeared to be one of the very few Parish Councils in the area that was a lighting authority in its own right but no one was quite sure why. It was thought that Councillor Cotgreave would know due to his long association with Council.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Cotgreave be asked if he would provide the background to the present position at the next meeting.

15/198 FINANCIAL MATTERS

15/198.1 Cheque Payments

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorized:

Payee	Detail	Amount to be Paid
VAT	Net Amount to Charge against budget	Budget available before payment
ThenMedia Ltd	Website	136.80
22.80	114.00	114.00
Mr R Waldock	Re-imbusement of Expenditure – Christmas Decorations	120.00
0.00	120.00	500.00
Mr P Maiden	Re-imbusement of Expenditure – Christmas Decorations	10.20

0.00	10.20	380.00
Mr R Hones	Re-imbusement of Expenditure – Christmas Decorations	83.94
0.00	83.94	296.06
Fastrack Maintenance Ltd	Grass Cutting November 2015	275.32
45.89	229.43	539.59
FCC Recycling UK Ltd	Third Party Funding for Community Centre scheme as approved by June 2015 Council meeting	2,625.00
0.00	2,625.00	0.00
Tarvin Community Centre	Hire of Room Council Meetings Oct, Nov, Dec £77.13 Field Committee Nov £12.86 Neighbourhood Plan Meetings 8 and 20 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec 4 meetings £51.44	141.43
0.00	141.43	272.51
Sanctuary Housing Services Ltd	Garage Rent – Qtr. to 31st March 2016	61.88
0.00	61.88	0.00
Proludic Ltd	Repairs to Play Area	1,265.98
210.99	1,054.99	1,220.40
Mr M Hassall	Clerk Expenses Qtr. to 31 December 2015	48.72
0.00	48.72	141.37
Payroll Cheques	December 2015	870.08
0.00	870.08	4,967.67

15/198.2 Direct Debit

The meeting noted that the following payment had been made by direct debit on 30th November 2015

British Telecom Plc – Telephone and Internet November 2015 – £57.62

15/198.3 Budget Thoughts

The Clerk highlighted a report that Councillor Lush had written and which had been forwarded to Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that he would continue to update the report

and then forward it to Councillors. Councillors were invited to comment on the report before the Finance Working Party Meeting which would be held on a date to be arranged but before the January Council meeting.

15/198.4 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 31st December 2015 by Internet Banking Transfer

15/199 TOPICS FOR TARVINONLINE

RESOLVED: that articles be written on the following:

The work done by PCSO Reid on speeding, Tarvin Primary School, and co-option of Councillors

15/200 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 25th January 2016 – 7.15pm - Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre.