

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2022.

PRESENT:

Councillor R Ford (Chairman)
Councillor E Lush (Vice Chairman)
Councillor M Butler
Councillor D H Cotgreave
Councillor B Dean
Councillor S Dutton
Councillor S Parker
Councillor M Pochin
Councillor P Ryan

IN ATTENDANCE:

1 Member of the Public
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor P Twigg (work commitment)
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor J Leather
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor H Tonge

21/190 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

21/190.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

21/190.2 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.

21/191 OPEN FORUM

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

21/192 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Council meeting be reconvened.

21/193 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)

The member of the public had indicated that he was in attendance as he was particularly interested to hear the debate on speeding and parking.

21/194 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JANUARY 2022.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2022 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a correct record.

21/195 REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JANUARY 2022 NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

Speed Warning Signs (Previous Minute 21/180)

It was reported that Councillor Ford and the Clerk would be meeting Highways on 9th March to consider the project, and in particular the proposed positioning of the signs.

21/196 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

On the closing date one incomplete application had been received. The Clerk had requested that the applicant complete all the paperwork in order that it could be considered at the next meeting. Under the circumstances the position had been readvertised with a closing date of 21st March 2022.

21/197 PLANNING MATTERS

21/197.1 Planning Applications

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

22/00220/FUL - Addition of open porch above front door - 2 Pryors Hayes Barns, Willington Road, Pryors Hayes

Comment: No Objection

22/00432/CAT - 1x Pine Tree in rear of property - trim branches overhanging neighbouring property (number 60) and remove wind damaged bows - Arden House, 58 High Street, Tarvin

Comment: No Objection

21/197.2 Notices

21/02594/FUL - Construction of an all-weather horse manege (Retrospective) – Land at Oscroft – **PERMISSION** – but not as originally presented. The meeting noted that the site would be altered to the approved site plan meaning a large area of hardstanding would be removed and reinstated with a grass paddock and close boarded fencing would be changed to post and rail fence to be more in keeping. There was also a condition restricting the use to private and hours of illumination.

21/197.3 Greenacre Garage

21/03484/FUL - Change of use of existing vehicle workshop to retail E(b), expansion of area of the existing retail facility and cessation of use of existing vehicle workshop. Retention of existing fuel station and provision of managers flat within existing first floor area

Cheshire West and Chester Council had not yet reached a decision on the Planning Application. The Planning Officer had confirmed that most of the works undertaken to date had involved the replacement of the subterranean pipework to the existing pump positions and the installation of new pumps to maintain compliance as the existing pumps were old and failing. However, whilst undertaking those works they had replaced the existing totem sign with one lower in height but reflecting the new fuel supplier as per the submitted application for new signage. They had therefore carried out some work that hadn't been approved. They had been advised not to undertake any further works requiring Planning Permission or Advertisement Consent until the submitted applications had been determined.

21/198 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

21/198.1 Scout and Guide Hut

21/198.1 The Scout Group were seeking approval to improve safety at the 'Guides' entrance to the building and a copy of their proposal had been circulated.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk inform the Scout and Guide Management that whilst Council supported the proposal in principle there were concerns regarding drainage and compliance with building regulations.

Councillor Ryan offered to speak with a representative of the Management team.

21/198.2 George Heath Foundation

The Foundation had booked the field for their two annual football competitions to be held on Saturday 14th May and Saturday 11th June 2022.

21/198.3 Tarvin Village Fete

The Fete was scheduled for 2nd July 2022 and the field would be used.

21/199 RIDGEWAY PROJECT

Councillor Ryan reported that Cheshire West and Chester Council had approved the work. At a meeting held on 25th February it had been agreed that the area of hedge needed to accommodate the ramp construction could be removed and that was done the following day. The contractor was expected to start work on 14th March.

21/200 CHRISTMAS TREE HOLDERS

RESOLVED (21/200.1): that a quote of £750.00 plus VAT plus materials to carry out the work be approved.

RESOLVED (21/100.2): that the work be paid for using some of the New Homes Bonus.

21/201 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL – WILDFLOWER STRATEGY

Cheshire West and Chester Council were developing a Wildflower strategy as part of its plans to address the Climate Emergency. The strategy aimed to develop increased native wildflower coverage of areas of council owned verge or grassland. Details of the aims and objectives had been forwarded to Councillors.

Borough Councillors in each ward had been asked to identify one site within each ward where they could introduce the wildflower strategy this year and two possible sites had been identified in Tarvin by our Borough Councillors

- a. a stretch on the north side of Holme Street from the roundabout towards High Street
- b. the two areas of green space on either side of Gowy Crescent at its junction with Hockenhull Avenue in addition to two sites in other parishes.

Feedback had been requested as soon as possible so Councillors had met informally and unanimously recommended Holme Street for the trial.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation be confirmed.

21/202 LITTER

An e-mail had been received from a resident who had said that he would like to try to get those people who had volunteered in the past together with the aim of creating co-ordinated weekly 'mini picks' where a person would be a 'champion' for a small section of the village, a road, or just their side of a street. He had indicated that he would like to showcase the champions with their consent to foster a team spirit and hopefully help show the rest of the village a bit more community spirit and hopefully discourage litter bugs.

RESOLVED (21/202.1): that Council support the idea in principle and use the community clean scheduled for 9th April to publicise the suggestion.

RESOLVED (21/202.2): that the Clerk ask the resident what response he had received to his Tarvinonline article.

21/203 STREETLIGHTING

The meeting noted that the lighting column at the junction of Shay Lane and Cross Lanes, outside Dogwood Cottage, was on throughout the day. The contractor had been asked to correct the timer and also, if possible, adjust the shade to prevent the light shining into two properties. As the column was owned by Council there would be a cost.

21/204 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The meeting considered the guidelines document.

RESOLVED (21/204.1): to remove the words “for a specific purpose” from line two of the Policy Statement

RESOLVED (21/204.2): to replace the sentence commencing “A set of audited accounts” with “A financial statement must be submitted and when available audited accounts to demonstrate the stability and probity of the organisation.”

RESOLVED (21/204.3): under Procedure to remove the words “June 2021” and replace with “March each year”

RESOLVED (21/204.4): to replace the second sentence under Procedure with “Applications will be considered in detail by a small working party of Councillors who will normally make recommendations to the April Council meeting where decisions will normally be taken.”

21/205 PARKING AND SPEEDING ISSUES

21/205.1 A complaint had been received from a resident regarding poor parking on Lower High Street particularly close to the junction with The Ridgeway and opposite the chemist on High Street. The concerns had been forwarded to PCSO Wendy Leason and over a period of two weeks she had checked both areas at times which were identified as a problem but found no vehicles causing an obstruction by parking on the junction or blocking the pavements. She would continue to monitor the situation and had also asked Cheshire West and Chester Council to monitor the area as they dealt with parking on double yellow lines.

RESOLVED: that Council ask PCSO Leason to continue to monitor Lower High Street particularly in an evening when it was thought that vehicles may be travelling at a higher speed.

21/205.2 The Clerk had been copied into an e-mail to PCSO Leason regarding a complaint about speeding along Hockenhull Lane between both its junctions with Crossfields, Heath Drive and Heath Close with the worst times being commuting time and after dark. PCSO Leason had informed the resident that 20mph zones were not enforceable in Cheshire, but she would carry out speed monitoring at the location. The same resident had since forwarded an e-mail based on the same subject to the Council and this had been circulated.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk inform the resident that the comment in Tarvin Times saying that 20mph signs had helped to encourage motorists to moderate their speed as they make their way through the village had been arrived at based on personal experience and reference to a number of publicly available studies of the impact of 20 mph limits. Reports had included a Cheshire West and Chester Council document which said that the 125 schemes introduced over the previous four years indicated a reduction in average speeds of 0.6%, consistent with government research, in addition to a 43% reduction in collisions, 14% reduction in serious and fatal accidents, and 47% reduction in minor injuries and a RoSPA Factsheet which stated that 20 mph limits were generally positive at reducing traffic speed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk respond to the resident.

21/206 REQUEST FOR DEFIBRILLATOR

A number of residents from The Sheaf in Stapleford had requested a Defibrillator to be housed in that area as there were a significant number of residential properties with many walkers and cyclists passing through. They considered that there were huge advantages of using them in a medical emergency and they felt that they would greatly benefit and feel safer with having one nearby. Under the streetlight at the end of Platts Lane had been suggested as a possible location.

RESOLVED (21/206.1): to support the request in principle

RESOLVED (21/206.2): that Councillor Ryan and the Clerk move the project forward with residents of the Sheaf

RESOLVED (21/206.3): that funding be taken from the New Homes Bonus should a defibrillator be purchased

Councillor Cotgreave indicated that the charity London Hearts were offering a £300 grant and free training to organisations purchasing a defibrillator from them and that he had forwarded details to the Clerk.

21/207 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

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 E Bulletins
- b. Cheshire West and Chester Council – appointment of Parish representatives who may be consulted where a complaint is made about the conduct of a member of a parish or town Council.
- c. Police and Crime Commissioner - Stakeholder Bulletin – February 2022
- d. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – new Members Code of Conduct effective from 1st April 2022.
- e. Cheshire West and Chester Council – New Garden Waste Scheme
- f. Cheshire Community Action - free online training session on housing needs – 16th February - 10am to 11am. Councillor Twigg had attended the session
- g. Town and Parish Councils Connections Event - Meet Cheshire West and Chester Council's Leaders – 23rd March 2022 6pm – 7pm
- h. ICO Newsletter February 2022
- i. The 2023 Boundary Review
- j. PCSO Wendy Leason – February 2022 report

21/208 FINANCIAL MATTERS

21/208.1 December 2021 and January 2022 Payments and Payments between meetings

Councillor Ford would check the payments before the next meeting.

21/208.2 RESOLVED: that the following payments made since the January meeting be confirmed:

Payee	Detail	Amount to be Paid
VAT	Net Amount to Charge against budget	Budget available before payment
Deva Print Ltd	Tarvin Times – February 2022	175.00
0.00	175.00	861.00
Deva Print Ltd	Tarvin Times – Inserts	70.00
0.00	70.00	686.00

Traffic Management Problems Ltd	Sheffield Stainless Steel Bolt Down Barriers for Ridgeway Project	273.36
45.56	227.80	2,805.00

21/208.3 RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised, and that payments be made by internet banking:

Payee	Detail	Amount to be Paid
VAT	Net Amount to Charge against budget	Budget available before payment
Cheshire Surveys Ltd	Ridgeway Project	168.00
28.00	140.00	2,577.20
Mr M Hassall	Re-imburement of Expenditure – 2 sets of pads for Defibrillator on King George V Playing Field	126.00
21.00	105.00	461.65
Payroll	February 2022	1,596.81
0.00	1,596.81	1,881.87

21/208.4 Direct Debit

The meeting noted the following direct debit payments

British Telecom Plc - 31st January 2022 – Telephone and Internet January 2022 – two venues – £152.40

Sage Global Services Ltd – 7th February 2022 - Payroll Software February 2022 - £8.40

21/209 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Unrecorded rights of way

The meeting noted that the government had announced that it would scrap the s.56 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 1st January 2026 deadline to formally register on the definitive map unrecorded rights of way over private land created before 1949. Had the cut-off date been applied, after that date historic routes would no longer have been able to be added to official plans, meaning public rights of way would have been lost.

21/210 TOPICS FOR PUBLICATION

Various items were suggested.

21/211 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 28th March 2022 – 7.15pm – Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre