

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

No Members of the Public
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor H Tonge
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor J Leather

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor S Parker (out of the area on the day of the meeting)
Councillor M Pochin (work commitment)

22/209 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

22/209.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

22/209.2 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.

22/210 OPEN FORUM

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

22/211 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Council meeting be reconvened.

22/212 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)

Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Tonge had reported that:

22/212.1 there were three live consultations - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy, Playing Pitch Strategy, and Standardised School Year.

22/212.2 the Planning Department now had the required number of staff and were working through a backlog of applications but the Enforcement team were still low on numbers.

22/213 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 2023.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2023 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a correct record.

22/214 REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 2023 NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

22/214.1 Speed Activated Signs (Previous Minute 22/194.1)

A response was awaited from Highways on the way forward.

22/214.2 Speed Indicator Device (Previous Minute 22/194.2)

Councillor Ford and the Clerk would be meeting with a supplier and PCSO Hannath on 2nd March 2023 to progress this item.

22/214.3 Public Electric Car Charging Point (Previous Minute 22/202)

Budgens had not responded to the letter and staff on site were unable to provide a response.

22/215 Neighbourhood Pride Scheme Application (Previous Minute 22/154)

The Chairman gave approval for this item from the November 2022 meeting to be raised as the work had not been started but needed to be completed by 31st March 2023 to comply with the terms of the grant.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Tonge ask Highways when the work would be undertaken.

22/216 PLANNING MATTERS

22/216.1 Planning Applications

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

22/04703/FUL - Construction of 17 temporary accesses from Utkinton and Duddon Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) to Tarvin WwTW - Land Between Utkinton and Duddon Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) and Tarvin WwTW

Comment: Council note the application.

23/00079/OUT - New dwelling to be constructed and site to be divided to accommodate residential amenity with increased access to the site - Rosebank Cottage, Cross Lanes, Oscroft

Comment: We object to the proposal. We consider the application description is inaccurate and misleading ... the proposal is for a new dwelling in the countryside. Policies STRAT 1, STRAT2 and STRAT8 of the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan Part One (LP1) and Policy DM19 of the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan Part Two (LP2) set out the strategy of the development plan to locate new housing development in identified settlements. The proposed development is in the countryside. It is not of a type listed in Policy STRAT9 of LP1 or Policy DM19 of LP2. It does not require a countryside location. The proposed development would conflict with strategic policies STRAT1, STRAT2, STRAT8 and STRAT9 of LP1, Policy DM19 of LP2, and the provisions of the NPPF.

22/216.2 Notices

22/02356/FUL - Erection of closeboard timber fence (retrospective) – 25 Platts Lane, Tarvin - **REFUSAL**

22/02963/FUL - Demolition of existing side garage, front porch extension, part single storey and two storey side extension, single storey rear extension – 16 Crossfields, Tarvin – **PERMISSION**

22/03014/FUL - Install an external biomass boiler and steel shipping container to store kiln drying logs - S P and G Blything, Cross Lanes, Oscroft - **PERMISSION**

22/04367/FUL - Proposed single storey side and rear extension – 1 The Pryors, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

22/03115/FUL - Installation of flue for a log burning stove (retrospective) - Harpers Barn, Ryecroft Lane, Bruen Stapleford - **PERMISSION**

22/02176/FUL – Single storey rear extension, construction of detached garage, alterations to existing vehicle access to include widening access and installation of sliding door and blocking up rear vehicle access. Construction of 1.8m wall/fence with vegetation to create a screening from road - Bank Cottage, Holme Street, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

22/00628/FUL and **22/00629/LBC** - Single storey rear extension - The Crofters, Pool Bank Farm, Pool Bank, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

22/02249/FUL - Widening of agricultural access – Land at Holme Street, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

22/216.3 Signage at Budgens (formerly Greenacre Garage) Church Street.

The following had been received from the Enforcement Team:

“The site is allowed one advertisement within their forecourt, subject to size restrictions. The case officer has advised me that the area to which the adverts are being displayed is on highways land and does not have deemed consent. We have requested that these signs are therefore removed and cease using the land in question for the displaying of adverts without the deemed consent effectively immediately. Failure to do this may lead to further enforcement action and highways action.”

The meeting noted that most of the signage had not been removed.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Tonge follow this up with the Enforcement Team.

22/217 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

22/217.1 George Heath Foundation

The GHF had booked the field for their two annual football competitions – Saturday 10th June and Saturday 15th July 2023.

22/217.2 Tarvin Churches Posada. The meeting noted that the churches would be housing the Mary and Joseph figures on the playing field for much of December 2023.

22/218 WAR MEMORIAL/ADJACENT WALL/TREE

22/218.1 Tree

Cheshire West and Chester Council had been asked to reduce the height of the tree and their response had been “Thank you for your enquiry regarding an overgrown tree in the grounds of St Andrews Church, Church Street, Tarvin. I have visited site today and although this tree is overgrown, it doesn't affect the public highway in any way. We wouldn't get involved in this situation.”

The meeting noted that St Andrews Church believed that the tree was on the Highway, not their land. The Church would be studying old records to see what evidence they could find to help show that the war memorial, tree, and front of the wall were part of the Highway.

22/218.2 War Memorial/Memorial Stone

A written quotation from the stonemason had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED (22/218.2.1): that the maintenance work on the war memorial, £2,535.00 plus VAT and on the memorial stone, £1,570.00 plus VAT be approved.

RESOLVED (22/218.2.2): that payment be taken from the 2023/24 Special Projects (£3,000) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (£1,105)

22/218.3 Wall

The stonemason had been asked to examine the wall when he met with Councillor Ryan and the Clerk. He had confirmed that whilst work was required at some point the wall was not dangerous. He had quoted £2,385.00 plus VAT for the work. As it was unclear whether St Andrews Church or Highways were responsible for the wall it was

RESOLVED: to wait to hear from St Andrews Church (see minute 22/218.1)

22/219 DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE SHEAF

Council had previously approved the purchase and installation of a defibrillator at the Sheaf subject to a grant being received from the Cheshire West and Chester Council members budgets.

The figures previously approved by Council were as follows:

Total cost of scheme £3,850.00 met by Council £1,925.00 (from Community Infrastructure Levy) and members budget £1,925.00.

An application had been made to members budget and a grant of £1,518.00 had been offered subject to the project being completed by 31st March 2023.

RESOLVED (22/219.1): that Council contribution (all taken from the Community Infrastructure Levy) be increased to £2,332.00.

Scottish Power would not give permission for the defibrillator to be attached to an existing pole that housed a Council streetlight but indicated that they would provide a new supply. The quote for their complete work amounted to £1,327.71 plus VAT. Since then, Councillor Ryan had spoken with a resident at the Sheaf who had kindly offered to run the cable from his residential property which would eliminate the need to use Scottish Power. Councillor Ryan had been in touch with Highways and was expecting them to approve the new position. Should this happen the project should be completed by the end of March 2023.

RESOLVED (22/219.2): that Council continue with the scheme. The meeting noted that this would mean making a payment of £600.00 to cover the defibrillator on 28th February, ordering and paying for a cabinet before the next meeting, arranging for an electrician to supply and install a meter and connect everything, and Council paying for the ongoing use of electricity.

22/220 LOCAL EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE KINGS CORONATION

The meeting was not aware of any planned local events.

Councillor Tonge reported that Cheshire West and Chester Council had announced that to help communities celebrate the occasion, each existing ward councillor was being given a budget of £500 to support the celebrations and activities in their own ward and/or the wider borough. Applicants could apply for a maximum of £500 and minimum of £100 per project, per ward councillor.

22/221 STREETLIGHTING

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ask Cheshire West and Chester Council whether they would take over streetlighting with the exception of the two on the King George V Playing Field.

22/222 STANDARD SCHOOL YEAR CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: that Council support the proposal but not respond to the consultation.

22/223 CHURCH STREET ROAD SURFACE

Highways had been asked to examine the rapidly deteriorating state of the tarmac on Church Street with a view to scheduling it for complete renewal rather than patching. They had responded as follows: “I have visited site today and although there are several areas of deterioration at this location, it falls short of the criteria required for immediate action. I regularly travel along this road and will keep a close eye on it, and take the necessary action when criteria is met.”

22/224 SIGNAGE A51/A54 ROUNDABOUT

Councillor Tonge had been asked to find out from Highways why signage which had been part of the A51 Tarvin road to Chester project had never been installed in the area of the A51/A54 Tarvin roundabout. Highways had responded saying that ‘Use Both Lanes’ could only be used at temporary roadworks and not as a permanent sign so they were looking to design up and order some site-specific signs to install which will hopefully assist the situation going forward.

22/225 CLERK’S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

22/225.1 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
- b. Cheshire Community Action – “Who needs housing? - An introduction to assessing housing need in your community” – 16th February 2023. Councillors Buckley and Twigg had attended.
- c. Cheshire West and Chester Council - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 22nd February at 6pm. Councillor Ford had attended.
- d. CPRE Cheshire - Online Rural Planning Event - Tuesday 21st March - 6.00 – 7.00pm Councillor Ford was planning to attend.
- e. ChALC Report - Climate Change Survey

22/225.2 Community Centre

The meeting noted that the Centre had reviewed its hiring rates and agreed a 6% increase to take effect from 1st April 2023. It meant that the hourly rate for hire of the Edna Rose Room by Council would be £10.23, and £7.67 for the Small Room.

22/225.3 Tarvin Community Woodland Trust

The Trust had reported that they were planning to hold 1K and 5K runs in the Woodland on weekend of 16th and 17th September 2023.

22/225.4 Cross Lanes Name Plate

The name plate at the junction of Cross Lane/Tarporley Road on the village side had been damaged and placed by the hedge. The Clerk had reported the issue to Highways and received the following reply: “Thank you for your enquiry regarding a damaged street name plate on Cross Lanes, Tarvin. I have visited site today and can see the issue you refer to, however, as we approach the final few weeks of the financial year, this is not currently being considered as a funding priority. This will be looked at again at the beginning of April, but no action at present as there are no safety issues attached to this.”

22/226 FINANCIAL MATTERS

22/226.1 January 2023 Payments and Payments between meetings

Councillor Ford had confirmed in writing that all payments authorised by the January meeting had been made as approved by Council and that the payment shown below as paid since the last meeting had been paid as shown.

22/226.2 RESOLVED: that the following payment made since the January meeting be confirmed:

Payment between meetings.

Payee	Detail	Amount to be Paid
VAT	Net Amount to Charge against budget	Budget available before payment
Deva Print Ltd	Newsletters February 2023	185.00
0.00	185.00	

22/226.3 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 Association of Local Councils	Finance for Councillors Session held on 25th January 2023. Councillor Butler attended.	30.00
0.00	30.00	270.00
Water Plus Ltd	Water King George V Playing Field – 20th December 22 to 19th January 23 - estimated bill	28.60
0.00	28.60	0.00
Payroll	February 2023	1,648.66
0.00	1,648.66	2,181.23

22/226.4 Direct Debits

The meeting noted the following direct debit payments:

30th January 2023 – British Telecom Plc - Telephone and Internet January 2023 – two venues – £120.13

6th February 2023 - Sage Global Services Ltd – Payroll Software February 2023 - £8.40

22/226.5 Contract for Grass and Hedge Cutting (KGV Playing Field, Oscroft, Millennium Garden)

The meeting noted that an increase of 5% on last year’s charge had been agreed between the contractor and the Clerk. Terms of payment within 14 days of date of invoice.

22/227 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The report was noted.

22/228 TOPICS FOR PUBLICATION

A small number of topics were highlighted including the Kings coronation.

22/229 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 27th March 2023 – 7.15pm - Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre