

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 22ND JULY 2019

PRESENT:

Councillor E Lush (Chairman)
Councillor R Ford (Vice Chairman)
Councillor D H Cotgreave
Councillor B Dean
Councillor S Dutton
Councillor J Norrie
Councillor P Ryan
Councillor P Twigg

IN ATTENDANCE:

8 members of the public
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor H Tonge
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor H Flynn (holiday), Councillor M Pochin (holiday), Councillor S Wiley (holiday), Cheshire West and Chester Councillor J Leather

Councillor Lush welcomed Councillor James Norrie to his first meeting.

19/076 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

19/076.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

19/076.2 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 Dutton declared a "Family, Friend or Close Associate Interest" in minute 19/085 as she had learnt since the previous meeting that a couple very well known to her were living in one of the five properties. She confirmed that under the circumstances she would not vote on any proposal.

No other declarations were made.

19/077 OPEN FORUM

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

19/078 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Council meeting be reconvened.

19/079 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)

19/079.1 A resident had indicated that a number of people were in attendance for an update on previous minute 19/057. She had added that one of the households that opposed the locked gate had indicated that they were happy for anyone to purchase a key from them.

19/079.2 It had been reported that the footpath between Pool Bank and the Sewerage Works was impassable.

19/079.3 Concerns had been expressed regarding the number of vehicles parked along the Ridgeway particularly close to the junction with Lower High Street and also on Lower High Street close to the junction. The Chairman of the Council had indicated that parking was not on the agenda and so the matter would be examined as an agenda item at the August Council meeting.

19/079.4 Borough Councillor H Tonge had provided a brief update on the A51 Road Tarvin to Chester project which had been approved by the Borough Council

19/080 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2019

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2019 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a correct record.

19/081 REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2019 NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

19/081.1 Kelsall Road, Tarvin (Previous Minute 19/056.2)

The following response had been received from the Fire Service:

“Following our telephone conversation today please find below the Crew Managers response in relation to your concerns, the fire engine which attended the incident came from Tarporley:

I am responding to an Email concern raised by Mike Hassall, Clerk to Tarvin Parish council following a fire in the open incident number 1904010481 on the 23rd April 2019. It appears that there is some concern surrounding the location of the incident and in particular if the control staff allocating the incident our ourselves as operational fire fighter's new the location of the incident and in particular Kelsall road.

As far as I am concerned as the incident commander on the day, I was fully aware of the location of the incident and our crew responded as timely and safely as possibly to meet operational requirements.

I have taken a look at Firecore and taken an excerpt of the mobilisation times:

Time of call was 19:17

Incident was allocated at 19:19 to E10P1

E10P1 mobile to incident at 19:24

Caller stated she was waiting at the side of the road to meet the FS at 19:27

E10P1 booked in attendance at 19:33

I believe that there was concern that the appliance had passed the incident location, I can confirm that this was not E10P1, possibly another appliance attached to another incident or another emergency service vehicle.’

Further to the above I can confirm that control operators who take Emergency Calls will ask for the full address of the incident including postal code if available to the caller. The mapping system which is utilised in North West Control utilises UPRN's (Unique Premises Reference Numbers) to identify the premises this linked to the postal code of the premises.

Once identified this is visually displayed on the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) within the appliance to allow the Officer-In-Charge and the driver to visually see where the incident is on the mapping system.

I hope that the above allays any concerns you might have in relation to Cheshire Fire and Rescue service being able to locate premises / roads within Tarvin area.

Kind regards

Station Manager”

RESOLVED: that the Clerk forward the full report to the resident who had raised the issue.
19/081.2 A51 Road (Previous Minute 19/061)

The A51 improvement scheme had been discussed by Cheshire West and Chester Council Cabinet before going to full Council. Councillor Lush had spoken at the Cabinet meeting and made the following points:

- the Parish Council supports the proposed scheme but it should be only the first step in addressing the problems on the road between the M6 and the A55. Developments already under way or planned (including HS2 to Crewe) will only make matters worse. A comprehensive study of the whole route should be commissioned so that a robust sustainable solution can be identified and put in place
- the scheme includes extra signs and road markings on the A51 (northbound) approach to Tarvin roundabout, telling drivers to use both lanes on the Chester side of the roundabout. There is no similar proposal for the A54 (westbound) approach. Is this an oversight?
- the report on the scheme states that while the work is under way there will be “a temporary increase in route uncertainty” i.e. disruption and delays. It is hoped that when work starts in 2020 there will be no works planned on the alternative routes (residents will remember that when the A51 between the Tarvin roundabout and Stamford Bridge was resurfaced a few years ago there was also work on the road between Tarvin and Waverton)
- the key points of the scheme have not been clearly communicated with residents. The meeting noted that the £7m investment will provide:
 - additional signs (as described above)
 - signal and lane marking changes at Stamford Bridge to give eastbound traffic two lanes straight ahead
 - an extra westbound lane at Stamford Bridge by widening the carriageway to the south, with a long merge for westbound traffic coming away from the junction
 - widening of the bridge at Stamford Bridge with a kerbed island between the two carriageways
 - changes to the Hare Lane/Littleton Lane junction

19/082 PLANNING MATTERS

19/082.1 Planning Applications

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

19/02186/FUL - Single storey rear extensions, single storey front infill extension / open porch, addition of roof lights to front / rear elevations, replacement windows and other external alterations - amendment to application 19/00221/FUL – Hollytrees, Cross Lanes, Oscroft

Comment: No Objections

19/02203/FUL – Demolition of existing farmhouse and garage. Erection of replacement dwelling and garage. Link to conversion of redundant farm building to residential use. Change of use of agricultural land to form tennis court on site of former turkey shed - Moss Lane Farm Old Moss Lane Bruen Stapleford

Comment: No Objections

19/02461/S73 – Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) on Planning Permission 16/04928/FUL – Abbeyfield, Holme Street, Tarvin

Comment: No Objections

19/02322/FUL – Conversion of buildings to 6no residential units with associated works and landscaping – The Moss, Ryecroft Lane, Bruen Stapleford

Comment: No Objections

19/02524/FUL - Single storey rear extension and front entrance porch (retrospective application) - Cross Hey Cross Lanes Oscroft

Comment: No Objections

19/082.2 Notices

19/01438/S73 – Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of 18/03625/FUL - Oak Tree Cottage Ryecroft Lane Bruen Stapleford - **PERMISSION**

19/083 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

19/083.1 Scout and Guide Movement – Legal Agreement

The Scout and Guide Movement had agreed in writing that they were happy with the draft contract. The Clerk had asked Cullimore Dutton to forward the agreement to the Scout and Guide Movement and then the Parish Council for signing.

19/083.2 Tree Work

The work had been completed on Tuesday 2nd July.

19/083.3 Wooden Gate – bottom of field by Meadow Close

The bottom post had snapped off due to rot. Councillor Twigg reported that replacing the post in the same position was not an option as it would not meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act. She added that she was in the process of obtaining a quotation for a fence from Jackson Fencing that would stop people from running/cycling directly onto the road.

19/083.4 Defibrillator

On Sunday 30th June someone had collapsed and died of a heart attack at Tarvin Tennis Club. From reports received it appeared that the defibrillator on the High street could not be used because the Ambulance Service could not find it on their system and therefore give them the access code. This was being investigated (not by the Parish Council). There was another defibrillator in the porch of the Community Centre but that was not registered with the Ambulance Service as it was not accessible at all times.

RESOLVED: (19/083.4.1) that the Clerk obtain a quotation for a defibrillator that could be housed on the Playing Field

RESOLVED: (19/083.4.2) that the Clerk approach the organisations based on the field to see whether one of them would be prepared to house the equipment by their boundary and provide an electricity supply.

19/083.5 Summer Youth Event

The meeting noted that PCSO Sue Keers was planning to hold a Summer Youth Event on the field on 21st August from 6 to 8pm. It would be the inflatable game which was used during the Tarvin Fate and was part of a programme of events that Cheshire Police were holding during the Summer Holidays.

19/083.6 Annual External Inspection of Play Equipment

The Annual Inspection had been scheduled for early August and would be carried out by Morral Play Services. Cost the same as last year £45.00 plus VAT.

19/084 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN/TARVIN TIMES/REFERENDUM

The date for the Referendum had been confirmed as 5th September 2019 by Cheshire West and Chester Council with Purdah beginning on 26th July 2019. Tarvin Times had been published earlier than normal in order that all copies could be delivered to households in the Neighbourhood Plan area before the beginning of Purdah.

19/085 LOCKED GATE AT TOP FARM

The meeting had been arranged for Friday 19th July but cancelled due to the small number of residents being available.

RESOLVED: (19/085.1) that the Clerk re-arrange the meeting giving residents a number of dates to choose from.

RESOLVED: (19/085.2) that a minimum of three and a maximum of five Councillors meet with the residents.

RESOLVED: (19/085.3) that Councillor Dean find out what relevant information was on the Land Registry regarding the land.

19/086 FOOTPATHS

19/086.1 The two issues raised at the last meeting had been reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council. A response was awaited.

19/086.2 Councillor Ryan reported on an issue regarding the footpath between Oscroft (FP10) and Kelsall (FP11). Concerns were regarding the pedestrian safety of the bridge over a stream where the banks were unstable due the high-water level in the stream. This had been caused by the build-up of silt in the stream, up to the underside of the bridge timbers.

Upstream of the footbridge Commons Farm had cleaned out their section of the stream. However downstream of the footbridge remained silted up and water was flowing over the bridge timbers, due to a failure of the downstream landowner to maintain the ditch. Councillor Ryan had reported the issue to Cheshire West and Chester Council and received the following response from the Public Rights of Way Officer:

“I have managed to take a look today and can see the issue you refer, as you state an easy option is to higher the bridges, but this no easy task. Ask the neighbouring landowners to clear their ditches also. Having been on site and this is only my opinion I think the best solution would be to actually pipe the 2 ditches and then cover them with earth to make a sound footing to walk on. It may need a guard rail, but I think this may be an option to resolve the issue. I walked in from the Oscroft end and noted the first bridge you come to is in a poor condition and a potential H&S issue, it's very wobbly and not secure at one end as the fixings seem to have rotted through. I will speak to my Line Manager and see if this is something I can raise and have replaced, it may be feasible if budgets allow that both jobs could be done at the same time possibly, but I give no promises. Would the PC be willing to contribute to any of the works maybe?”

RESOLVED: (19/086.2) that Councillor Ryan speak to the Public Rights of Way Officer stating that Council expect the other landowner to meet the costs

RESOLVED: (19/086.3) that Councillor Ryan discuss the concerns raised under minute 19/079.2 and request that the path is cleared.

19/087 BAY FOR PARKING FOR DISABLED

Highways had informed the Clerk that following an assessment by occupational therapists it was proposed to place a disabled persons parking place (disabled bay) outside 123 High Street, Tarvin. Highways had requested a response indicating Council support or otherwise before the date of the Council meeting.

After consulting with Councillors the Clerk had responded by stating that Councillors had no objection in principal but would wish to see the disabled bay available only to the resident at 123 and that it was removed as soon as either the resident moved or no longer required it whilst at that address.

19/088 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The meeting noted that the white lines had been placed on the A54 road where the Traffic Island was to be installed.

19/089 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

19/089.1 The following e-mail correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors.

Councillors were provided with an opportunity to comment on them.

a. Cheshire Association of Local Councils E Bulletins

b. ChALC Chester & Vale Royal Area Meeting - 'Get to Know' – 2nd July at Cheshire View, Christleton – Presentation by Ken Prior, Parking Services Manager.

c. Meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner – Tuesday 6th August – 6.30pm – Cheshire Constabulary Headquarters, Winsford

The meeting noted that no one was available to attend on this occasion.

d. Tarvin Community Woodland Trust – Minutes of their July 2019 meeting.

19/089.2 Gowy Crescent

A complaint had been received from a Gowy Crescent family regarding a resident of Gowy Crescent burning left over paint from their work. The complainant had also reported the matter to the Police and Environmental Health. As the matter had already been reported to Environmental Health and the Police the meeting noted the report.

19/090 FINANCIAL MATTERS

19/090.1 June 2019 Payments

The CPRE payment had not been made as they would not accept payment by Internet Banking. A cheque would be raised to cover this payment. Councillor Ford had confirmed in writing that all the payments made by the Clerk were as approved by Council.

19/090.2 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
Groundforce Landscape Ltd	Grass Cutting King George V Playing Field June 2019	459.85
76.64	383.21	2,182.68
Tarvin Community Centre	Hire of Room for Council Meetings April to June 19	83.25
0.00	83.25	570.00
Canopy Tree Care	Tree Work on the King George V Playing Field, as per estimate	636.00
106.00	530.00	200.00
Scottish Power	Electricity Qtr. to June 2019	270.90
12.90	258.00	2,144.76

Deva Print Ltd	Printing Newsletter	170.00
0.00	170.00	1,805.50
Mr M Hassall	Clerks Expenses Qtr. to 30th June 2019 Home Allowance £52.00 Postage £5.54 Travel Re Internal Audit £45.90	103.44
0.00	103.44	318.00
Payroll	July 2019	1,307.31
0.00	1,307.31	13,915.82

19/090.3 Direct Debits

The meeting noted that the following payments had been made by direct debit:
British Telecom Plc – 1st July 2019 - Telephone and Internet June 2019 – £144.90
Information Commissioners Office – 28th June 2019 – Annual Fee - £35.00

19/090.4 Management Accounts Qtr. to 30th June 2019

Management Accounts for the year to 30th June 2019 were presented and accepted.

19/091 TOPICS FOR TARVINONLINE

RESOLVED: that articles be written on the A51 road, parking along Lower High Street and the Ridgeway, footpaths, summer youth event, defibrillator

19/092 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 19th August 2019 – 7.15pm – Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre