

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 25TH JULY 2022.

PRESENT:

Councillor R Ford (Chairman)
Councillor E Lush (Vice Chairman)
Councillor M Butler
Councillor D Howorth
Councillor S Parker
Councillor M Pochin
Councillor P Ryan

IN ATTENDANCE:

1 Member of the Public
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor H Tonge

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor D H Cotgreave (family commitment)
Councillor B Dean (business commitment)
Councillor S Dutton (holiday)
Councillor P Twigg (family commitment)
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor J Leather

22/066 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

22/066.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

22/066.2 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.

22/067 OPEN FORUM

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

22/068 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Council meeting be reconvened.

22/069 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)

22/069.1. A Trustee of the Tarporley War Memorial Hospital had spoken of the new role of the Hospital which was now designated a rural hub for the Countess of Chester Hospital. A consequence of this change, which put the Tarporley facility on a much more financially stable basis, was that the Trust would be able to fund community initiatives, aimed at both physical and mental conditions, as well as providing a base for Countess professionals such as consultants, nurses, physiotherapists, and first responders.

22/069.2. Cheshire West and Chester Councillor H Tonge had highlighted the following open consultations: In House Mental Health Provider Services, Ageing Well

Accommodation and Support Services, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Commission, and a cumulative impact policy/guidance on spiking to the statement of licensing policy.

22/070 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2022.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2022 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a correct record.

22/071 REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2022 NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

Trees (Previous Minute 22/057)

Work commitments and holidays meant that it would be September before the contractor would be able to carry out the minor works. Councils request on the birch tree had been noted by the contractor but he had said that he would meet with the Clerk on site before carrying out any work to that tree.

22/072 PLANNING MATTERS

22/072.1 Planning Applications

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

22/02009/FUL - Single Storey rear extension, alteration to windows and addition of roof lights – 60 High Street, Tarvin

Comment: No Objection

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

Comment: No Objection but would wish to see left turning only onto the A54 road and no right turn onto the field from the Kelsall direction.

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

Comment: No Objection

22/072.2 Notices

There were no notices.

The Chairman asked Borough Councillor Tonge to investigate any underlying reason why Council had received only one notice so far during 2022.

22/072.3 Enforcement – Platts Lane, Tarvin (Previous Minute 21/220.3)

An Enforcement Officer had advised the resident that he needed to reduce the fence to 1m or remove it, he was also advised that if he submitted an application it would not be supported in its current state. Since then the resident had tried to add some boundary treatment in front of the fence and had submitted an application which had yet to be validated.

22/073 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

22/073.1 Scout and Guide Hut – entrance to the building

Little progress was being made.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Ryan and a second Councillor meet with a representative of the Scout and Guide Management Group.

22/073.2 Drains

The report from the contractor had been forwarded to Councillors along with a quotation by a second contractor for different work.

RESOLVED (22/073.2.1): that Council need to be clear on who would be responsible for each piece of work before making any decisions.

RESOLVED (22/073.2.2): that the Clerk study the legal agreements for the Scout Group, Tennis Club, and Bowling Club and report back to Council.

RESOLVED (22/073.2.3) that the Clerk inform the Scout Group that some of the costs may be their responsibility.

22/073.3 Repairs

Councillor Twiggs had provided the following report:

22/073.3.1. The matting under the big mobilus swing at the scout hut end – one piece of matting needs replacing. Leisure and Play have confirmed to supply, deliver & lay one grassmat with cable ties - £85.00 plus VAT. They have been instructed to complete this repair as soon as possible.

22/073.3.2 Proludic two person see-saw spinning equipment. Replacement parts had been ordered. Cost £335.92 + VAT

22/073.3.3 Wicksteed Parts - supply only - £1,120.48 + VAT

22/073.3.4 Installation services for above - £450 + VAT

Approval for the above repairs had already been given at previous meeting.

Total spend £1,991.40 + VAT

RESOLVED: that the above costs be shown against Inspection/Maintenance of the Play Areas with the overspend against the budget heading taken from the New Homes Bonus.

22/073.4 Shelter

This item was withdrawn with a view to being considered at the next meeting.

22/074 SPECIAL PROJECT – FOOTPATHS

Cheshire West and Chester Council had said that they would get back to Council with a response when they had considered the kind offer.

22/075 NEWSLETTER

RESOLVED: that articles be provided as follows, all to be with the Clerk by Friday 5th August 2022: Speeding issues - Crossfields assessment, Broomheath Lane 50mph, Oscroft/Tarporley Road speed limit signs (Councillor Butler), Travellers Site planning application (Councillor Ford), Community Clear up in September, Community Centre update, and Tarporley War Memorial Hospital hub (Councillor Lush).

22/076 ASSIMILATION BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the work along Tarporley Road from Brown Heath Farm to Cross Lanes be approved.

22/077 WILLOW STATUE

A member of the gardening society had asked Council for its view on the possibility of a willow statue being commissioned for the community by an expert willow weaver who lived in Tarvin.

The meeting considered that if affordable a statue would be an asset to the community and it supported the suggestion of a small community led committee to work through different possibilities and costs. However, it was felt that none of the pieces of land over which Council had control were appropriate and the most suitable location would probably be somewhere in Tarvin Woodland.

22/078 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. Town and Parish Online Connections Event: New Kerbside Recycling Service 26th July 6pm to 7pm
- c. Healthwatch Cheshire West Annual Report for 2021-22
- d. PCSO Wendy Leason – update July 2022
- e. Cheshire West and Chester Council - Consultation on speed limit on Broomheath Lane and Cross Lanes

RESOLVED (22/078.1): that the Clerk look back in the minutes to confirm the comments made by Council.

RESOLVED (22/078.2): that if the minutes show that Council had made the comment that it considered that 40mph should be the maximum from Broomheath Lane to the junction with Rycroft Lane the following action be taken by the Clerk:

Write to Cheshire West and Chester Council asking them to amend the letter as it was misleading, giving the impression that Council had agreed. Also highlight the 20mph where Council was not consulted and remind them that they had agreed to reduce the speed limit on Rycroft Lane to 50mph.

22/079 FINANCIAL MATTERS

22/079.1 May and June 2022 Payments and Payments between meetings

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

22/079.2 RESOLVED: that the following payment made since the June meeting be confirmed:

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 + Millennium Garden + Oscroft Green June 2022	488.84
81.47	407.37	2,291.41

22/079.3 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
Metro Rod Ltd	CCTV Survey, Drains, King George V Playing Field	714.00
119.00	595.00	
Scottish Power	Electricity Qtr. to June 2022	1,027.58

48.93	978.65	799.06
Mr M Hassall	Clerk Expenses Qtr. to 30 June 2022. Work at Home Allowance £78.00, Postage £2.04	80.04
0.00	80.04	332.00
Payroll	July 2022	1,555.26
0.00	1,555.26	17,334.90

The meeting noted that the Scottish Power invoice showed a significant price increase which according to Scottish Power was the first review that they had carried out on unmetered supply accounts for seven years. The Clerk had requested a change of contract in order to obtain better prices but had been informed that Council was on the best contract.

22/079.4 Direct Debit

The meeting noted the following direct debit payments

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

Information Commissioners Office – 29th June 2022 – Annual Registration Fee - £35.00

Sage Global Services Ltd – 6th July 2022 - Payroll Software July 2022 - £8.40

22/079.5 Management Accounts

The accounts for the three months to 30th June 2022 were presented to the meeting. Concerns were raised regarding expenditure on staff salaries, maintenance of the play areas, and streetlighting, all of which were likely to significantly exceed budget figures during the year. In addition there were potential drainage costs which had not been expected or budgeted for.

22/079.6 Funding Request

A funding request had been received from Tarvin Primary School

RESOLVED (22/079.6.1): that in principle Council support the request. However, there were no surplus unallocated funds available to provide a grant.

RESOLVED (22/079.6.2): that the matter be considered by Council again in January 2023 when preparing the 2023/24 budget.

22/080 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The report was noted.

22/081 TOPICS FOR PUBLICATION

As the list for the newsletter

22/082 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 22nd August 2022 – 7.15pm - Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre