

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor E Lush (Chairman)
Councillor S Hardacre (Vice Chairman)
Councillor D H Cotgreave
Councillor L Holmes
Councillor C Jones
Councillor M Lloyd
Councillor M Pochin
Councillor R Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

58 Members of the Public
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor H Deynem

APOLOGIES:

Councillor B Spruce (Unwell)
Councillor P Twigg (Unwell)
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor J Leather

Council asked the Clerk to send their best wishes to Councillor Spruce, via an appropriate card, wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

15/131 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

15/131.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

15/131.2 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.

15/132 OPEN FORUM

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

15/133 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the meeting be reconvened.

15/134 REPORT ON OPEN FORUM

15/134.1 A large majority of those present had attended the Open Forum to voice concerns about seismic survey work being carried out locally by Tesla International on behalf of IGas. Mr Gordon Grant, a representative of IGas, and Mr Dave Hounds, from Tesla, had been in attendance for most of the forum and had answered many of the questions. Where questions had not been answered Mr Grant had promised to e-mail the Clerk with responses at a later date. The Chairman had stated that responses would be published on the Parish Council's website and on Tarvinonline.

15/134.2 A resident from Field Lane had reported that she had not received a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. The Chairman had promised to provide her with one and also find out why she had never received one.

15/135 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2015

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

15/136 REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2015

15/136.1 A51 Turning into Tarpoley Road (Previous Minute 15/113.1)

Councillors Cotgreave, Hardacre, and Lloyd, along with the Clerk, had met with Dave Reeves and Kay Parry from Highways on 1st October 2015. Highways had agreed that the work to reduce the width of the area used by vehicles turning right from the A51 to three metres carried out earlier in the year had not been done correctly and that the work would need to be done again.

15/136.2 IGAS Presentation (Previous Minute 15/113.2)

Mr Gordon Grant, a representative of IGas, and Mr Dave Hounds, from Tesla, had attended the Open Forum.

RESOLVED: not to hold a public meeting to examine this matter further unless a planning application was received for a test well

15/136.3 Blocked Path around Tarvin Mill/Sewage Treatment Works (Previous Minute 15/113.3)

Councillor Williams reported on a meeting that he had held with Mr Peter Atkinson, Public Rights of Way Officer. Mr Atkinson relied on Streetscene to carry out work as no one was employed within Rights of Way to carry out this type of work. The work to clear the blocked path had been done and work on other public paths was planned.

15/136.4 Seat for Children's Play Area (Previous Minute 15/113.4)

An installation date was awaited.

15/136.5 Home to School Transport (Previous Minute 15/117)

Borough Councillor Meardon had not replied to the e-mail sent on 7th October 2015.

15/136.6 Land owned by Cheshire West and Chester Council – Tarpoley Road (Previous Minute 15/119)

Cheshire West and Chester Council had confirmed that they had no long term plans for land that they owned in Tarvin Parish.

15/136.7 Vehicles parked on Hockenhull Lane both close to the junction with High Street and also close to the junction with Hockenhull Crescent (Previous Minute 15/111.6)

RESOLVED: not to take any action.

15/137 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The meeting noted that there was still one vacancy to be filled by co-option. A number of residents had expressed an interest but no applications had been received.

15/138 SPEEDING REVIEW OSCROFT

Councillor Lloyd reported that 107 houses had received the consultation questionnaire and responses had been received from 90 addresses. The vote was 89 in favour and 1 against.

Thanks were expressed to Councillors Lloyd and Pochin along with those who helped them deliver and collect the paperwork.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk forward the consultation papers to Highways.

15/139 PLANNING MATTERS

15/139.1 Planning Applications

There were no applications for consideration.

15/139.2 NOTICES

The following notices had been received:

14/04786/FUL – Key Workers Dwelling (Permanent) – Land opposite Brook Cottage, Willington Road, Willington – **APPEAL SUCCESSFUL – PERMISSION GRANTED**

15/03121/FUL – Single storey rear extensions – Fox Hollow, Tarporley Road, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/02954/FUL – Single Storey Side Extension - Laburnum Cottage, Broomheath Lane, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/03464/FUL - Erection of a single storey side extension – 14 Deansway, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/03276/FUL - Two storey side, front elevation alterations and single storey side extension - Fleetwood House, Cross Lanes, Oscroft - **PERMISSION**

15/02771/FUL – New Driveway – Retrospective – The Cottage, The Green, Cross Lanes, Oscroft – **PERMISSION**

15/02685/FUL – Erection of one dwelling with parking and landscaping – Land at Lichfield House, High Street, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/03872/FUL – Ground (rear in-fill) extension and first floor extension; replacement garage door – 64 Crossfields, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

15/140 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

15/140.1 The Playing Field Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday 15th October 2015 had been postponed and rearranged for Tuesday evening 3rd November 2015.

15/140.2 Work on the new Tennis Club Clubhouse would not be starting in October as previously thought.

15/141 SNOW ANGELS

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

RESOLVED: that Council maintain an active watching brief and be prepared to offer support to the scheme in the future

15/142 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

15/142.1 The six week consultation period for the Neighbourhood Area Application had closed on 15th October 2015. A decision on the area designation was awaited.

15/142.2 The minutes of the Steering Group meetings held on 10th September 2015 and 8th October 2015 were received and noted.

15/142.3 It was thought that there were eight Neighbourhood Watch teams in the Parish

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ask the Police for details of the co-ordinators

15/142.4 Councillor Lush reported that as part of the Local Plan Part 2 settlement boundaries would be fixed.

RESOLVED: that at the next meeting Council agree where the eastern village boundary should be positioned

15/143 NEWSLETTER

Councillors were asked to supply the Clerk with articles by 1st November 2015.

15/144 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

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

RESOLVED: that the recommendations under point 7 be approved subject to Council receiving, and auditing, the Implementation Team Accounts and Cheshire Community Action then approving the transfer of the closing cash balance in the accounts.

15/145 MILLENNIUM GARDEN

Council had received a complaint from a local resident who was concerned that the bushes in the Millennium Garden behind numbers 54 to 56 Hockenhull Avenue were overgrown and needed cutting back.

RESOLVED: not to take any action as Council did not agree with the concerns

15/146 PENSION AUTO ENROLMENT

The Clerk had attended a briefing seminar led by Jeff Houston, Head of Pensions for Town and Parish Councils, on 12th October 2015. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation had been forwarded to Councillors via e-mail. Whilst Council was the body responsible for ensuring that Council complied with the new legislation the work to achieve it would fall on the Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk assess the workforce, as defined in the PowerPoint presentation, and write appropriate letters and then report the outcome at the November Council meeting.

15/147 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

A copy of the report is enclosed

15/147.1 Tarvin Off Licence (Item 1)

The Enforcement Officer had closed the case as the local shopkeeper had presented written evidence to show that fluorescent tube light had been in place for a number of years

15/147.2 Brown signage to the village from the A54 and A51 (Item 4.2)

The signs had been installed

15/147.3 A51 Road Traffic Issues (Item 4.7)

Cheshire West and Chester Council had said that it didn't have any proposals in its future capital programme for the A51 road. They were aware of the traffic problems and Highways were considering a number of "little tweaks" along the route to try to improve traffic flow.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk inform Highways that Council considered that the tweaks should include the following:

1. adjustments to the lights at Stamford Bridge
2. encourage two-lane traffic on the A54 on the approach to the Tarvin roundabout and on the A51 beyond the roundabout
3. providing a yellow box junction on the roundabout to allow traffic from the A51 to get onto the roundabout to turn right onto the A54 towards Northwich

15/148 CHRISTMAS TREES

Broomheath Plantation had again kindly offered to donate the trees for the village. The working group (Messrs Ralph Waldock, Peter Maiden, and Roger Hones) had met on 21st October and Council noted the following:

15/148.1 Trees will be going up on Saturday 28th November from 9.30 to 12.30

15/148.2 Trees will be taken down on Saturday morning 9th January 2016

15/148.3 Volunteers were required and Council was being asked to put an article on Tarvinonline asking for adult volunteers to turn up dressed warmly and with strong gloves and High viz jackets if they have them.

15/148.4 Pete Maiden would ask Simon Harding whether he would like a written request/thank you for the trees from Council.

15/148.5 the working group would like to meet with Councillors next summer to discuss ideas for enhancing/changing the lighting up of Tarvin Village centre beyond what they already do.

15/149 LETS TALK CONSULTATION

Cheshire West and Chester Council was undertaking a “Let’s Talk” consultation which closed on 6th January 2016. Some details had been forwarded to Councillors via e-mail.

RESOLVED: that Council responds to this consultation and that Councillors forward comments to the Clerk no later than 13th November to enable a preliminary discussion to take place at the November meeting with a view to leading to an agreement of a final response at the December meeting.

15/150 CLERK’S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

15/150.1 The following had been forwarded to Councillors:

a. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Cheshire West and Chester Council Members Briefings Nos 868, 869, 871

b. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Reminder of their Annual Meeting – Thursday 29th October 2015

c. Cheshire West and Chester Council – New Guidance Notes for Neighbourhood Planning Toolkit

d. Cheshire Police – Commissioner to Working Together Event – West Cheshire College Handbridge – 7th October 2015

e. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Newsletter – October 2015

Councillor Lush had attended the Planning Seminar on 20th October referred to in the newsletter.

f. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Clerks and Councillor Induction Training – Crewe - Thursday 19th November 2015 – YMCA Crewe

g. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Mayor’s Charity Evening

h. Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Joint Area Meeting – Chester Area and Vale Royal Area – Monday 2nd November 2015

i. Police and Crime Commissioner – Meeting with Parish and Town Council representatives – 10th November 2015 – 6.30pm - Ellesmere Port

15/150.2 Village Quiz

RESOLVED: that Council enter a team in the 2016 Village Quiz to be held on 15th and 22nd January 2016 and that Councillors Holmes, Lush, Pochin, Twigg, and Williams represent Council

15/150.3 Letter from Local Resident

A local resident had written to Council expressing concerns about trees blocking the view of vehicles travelling along Church Street and turning right into Hockenhull Avenue.

RESOLVED: that the letter be forwarded to Highways for their consideration

15/151 FINANCIAL MATTERS

15/151.1 Cheque Payments**RESOLVED:** that the following payments be authorised

Payee	Detail	Amount to be Paid
VAT	Net Amount to Charge against budget	Budget available before payment
Fastrack Maintenance Ltd	Grass Cutting September 2015	374.77
62.46	312.31	1,081.33
Scottish Power	Street Lighting – July to September 2015	273.92
13.04	260.88	1,236.76
Tarvin Bowling Club	Expenditure on Green. Balance of work will be carried out early 2016	813.60
0.00	813.60	186.40
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Wreath	100.00
0.00	100.00	100.00
Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Planning Seminar 24th September 2015 – Councillor Hardacre	25.00
0.00	25.00	270.00
United Utilities Water Ltd	Water Qtr. to October 2015	93.19
0.00	93.19	211.77
Payroll Cheques	October 2015	870.28
0.00	870.28	6,708.23

15/151.2 Direct Debit

The meeting noted that the following payment had been made by direct debit on 29th September 2015

British Telecom Plc – Telephone and Internet September 2015 - £57.24

15/151.3 Management Statement of Accounts

Management Accounts for the 6 months to 30th September 2015 were presented and accepted.

15/152 TOPICS FOR TARVINONLINE**RESOLVED:** that articles be written on the following:

IGas, Snow Angels, Footpaths, Christmas Trees, Bench, Oscroft Speeding Consultation

15/153 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the next meeting be held on Monday 23rd November 2015 – 7.15pm -
Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre