**Notes of the Tarvin Parish Council meeting held 26th February 2024**

These notes are produced immediately following the meeting to give anyone interested a timely update of the most significant issues discussed. They are not the official minutes . The minutes will be considered and approved at the next meeting on 25th March 2024 at 19:15 in the Edna Rose room at the Community Centre.

1. At the Open Forum members of the public identified **inappropriate parking, particularly by HGVs**, on the A54 near the entrances to Millside Close and the Co-op car park plus the difficulty turning into each from the centre of the road. The Parish Council (PC) will take this up with Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) Highways to see if anything can be done. The residents will provide photographs that illustrate the problem.

Other residents asked about the **development off the A54** opposite ex- Cheshire Brick and Slate premises now used by Elite road surfacers. The residents were told that this site was not in the PC area but in Kelsall PC. However, it did not have planning permission.

Finally, another resident asked how the **HS2 bonus money** for the north, announced that day, would be spent. The Chairman said that no decisions had been made. As far as he was aware the money would not start to flow until 2025/26 and be spread over 7 years. However, the Chairman was able to inform the resident that in 2023/24, the current financial year, CWaC had received a £1.260m bonus following the cancellation of HS2 and so far one scheme in the Tarvin/Kelsall Ward would be funded from this pot of money, resurfacing Chester Road, Kelsall. In 2024/25 financial year a further £1.260m had been promised for potholes from the same source but as yet he had not seen a list of schemes.

1. The PC was pleased to note that following an appeal to the Planning Inspector, the opening hours of the supermarket**, Budgens**, on Church Street, would be reduced to that agreed when permission for the supermarket was originally granted. Currently the supermarket operates between 06:00 and 23:00 whereas the permission was for 07:00 to 22:30. This means the appeal for longer hours was dismissed and as soon as possible the supermarket should only trade between 07:00 and 22:30.

Note: It is always a matter of regret and concern to the PC when planning applicants fail to adhere to their permission because most applicants follow the rules. When it is notified or sees for itself that a permission has been breached the PC always follows up with the Planning authority (CWaC).

1. On 26th February **new steel goalposts** were erected on the King George V playing field and the pitch realigned. The PC asks the public to be vigilant and if they see children swinging on the posts to ask them to stop. The PC has provided a lot of facilities for exercise on the field, including swinging, so using the goal posts, with the risk of damaging them, is unnecessary. Please not the PC does not expect the public to put themselves at any risk, so if they feel uncomfortable tackling the issue please simply report the incident to the Clerk (mailto:Clerk@tarvinparishcouncil.org.uk or telephone 01829 741075).
2. The PC received updated costs for installing a **defibrillator** on Platts Lane which is in the Sheaf Conservation area, off Cross Lanes. As the total cost was now greater than £6,000 and the potential budget shortfall was nearly £2,200 the PC felt that it was not a scheme that could be justified. As the figures had only become available that day the PC agreed to make a final decision at their next meeting. As the defibrillator had already been purchased the Chairman said that he would ask the Community Centre committee to consider siting it there. It could be made available 24/7 by positioning it near to the car park entrance where there was a power source. The current defibrillator at the Centre is quite old and has the disadvantage of not being available 24/7.
3. The PC considered its Special Project budget for 2024/25 where £2000 is available. Following comments from Councillors and members of the public it was felt that the project should be to improve the **Christmas lights** in the High Street by installing white lights in the permanent trees and buying better trees for those that fit into the holders on many of the buildings in High Street and Church Street.
4. A member of the public had made a number of suggestions to the PC for **improving parking in the village centre**. The first thing to say was that the PC were very grateful that someone had taken time, trouble and thought to come up with proposals and each would be followed up. To be fair to the PC many of these had been looked at before but that did not mean they should not be reconsidered as, over time, circumstances and attitudes change. First businesses with parking spaces on High Street and Church Street will be asked to consider making 2/3 spaces available as a community offering. Second owners of Pool Bank industrial park, off the lower High Street, will be asked about making spaces available to the church when they have large weddings and funerals with access to the church using the existing footpath that goes from the estate to the back of the church. Third CWaC Highways would be asked for their views on time limited parking on the High Street (and Church Street). The PC accepts that this would mean some sort of resident parking having to be introduced and the issue of “policing” the parking would need to be resolved.

Finally, a member of a PC suggested that there was space for off street car parking on the east side of Church Street. This would be achieved by extending the bus turn-in as far as the cinder track. This suggestion will also be put to CWaC Highways with the thought that, if allowed by HS2 rules, it could be funded from the HS2 bonus.

1. 3 Tarvin residents from the lower High Street and 2 from Willington had received **speed watch training** from PCSO James Hanneth. Once suitable sites are identified this training will be turned into action. Before investing £150 in a camera the PC will investigate borrowing one either from a stock held by the Police and Crime Commissioner or owned by a neighbouring Parish Council.

A further training session is planned for 9th March. If you are interested please contact James Hanneth. James.Hannath@cheshire.police.uk

1. Finally on Saturday 16th March 2024 it will be the spring **community clear up day**. If you would like to volunteer to pick litter between 09:30 and 12:30 for

Tarvin come to the Community Centre to pick up bags, pickers, bibs and your “round”

Oscroft go the Green.

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