

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2014

PRESENT: Councillor E Lush (Chairman)
Councillor D H Cotgreave
Councillor S Hardacre
Councillor C Jones
Councillor P Miles
Councillor M Pochin
Councillor B Spruce
Councillor P Twigg
Councillor R Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: No Members of the Public
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor H Deynem

APOLOGIES: Councillor R Hones (holiday)
Councillor J W Shaw-Pollard (business commitment)
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor J Leather

14/143 DECLARATION OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

14/143.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

14/143.2 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 Cotgreave declared a Close Associate Interest in Planning Application 14/04388/FUL and Minute 14/164. No other declarations were made.

14/144 OPEN FORUM

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

14/145 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the meeting be reconvened.

14/146 REPORT ON OPEN FORUM

Borough Councillor Deynem had made reference to the work that had been carried out to clear the Footways along Cross Lanes and Tarporley Road and the ongoing work along Church Street.

14/147 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH OCTOBER 2014

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

14/148 REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 27TH OCTOBER 2014

14/148.1 Footpath on Church Street (Previous minute 14/123.2)

The work had commenced on 3rd November 2014

14/148.2 Planning Application 12/01215/FUL (Previous Minute 14/126.4.2)

Osborne and Co Ltd had confirmed that they were in the process of seeking to purchase the land. Should the transaction be completed they would be happy to speak to Council.

14/148.3 Pre-application Advice Form (Previous Minute 14/128.1)

Cheshire West and Chester Council had yet to respond to the document that had been validated on 21st August 2014

14/148.4 Tree Pruning (Previous Minute 14/123.10)

RESOLVED: that Cheshire West and Chester Council be asked to remove the tree from outside the Chemist on High Street

14/148.5 Hedge Ridgeway (Previous Minute 14/123.8)

RESOLVED: that Borough Councillor Deynem ask Ms Sue Begley (Highways) to arrange for the hedge to be cut on the Ridgeway side

14/149 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

A copy of the list of outstanding items not covered elsewhere is attached to the minutes.

14/149.1 Report No 3.2 Informal Meeting with Tennis Club

The meeting had been rearranged for 7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at the Methodist Church. Councillors Cotgreave, Spruce, and Williams would attend along with the Clerk.

14/149.2 Tarporley Road Footpath

Most of the work had been completed

14/149.3 Report No 4.8 Gutters High Street and Lower High Street

The gutters had been cleared of leaves on 5th November 2014

14/149.4 Report No 4.12 Footway Cross Lanes

The work had been completed early November 2014

14/149.5 Report No 4.13 Meeting with Mr McHenry

The meeting had been arranged for 2.00pm on Monday 1st December 2014 at the Methodist Church. Councillors Cotgreave, Hardacre, Hones, and Lush would attend along with the Clerk.

It was considered that the list produced by Councillor Lush should be forwarded to Mr McHenry but not used as the agenda for the meeting which ought to be limited to three or four headings.

14/149.6 Report No 4.18 Crossing the A54 Road

The initial assessment for the provision of a formal crossing had been carried out. The results had shown that the location fell considerably below the requirements to meet the criteria for the provision of a crossing.

14/149.7 Report No 7.1 Bench.

Chester and District Housing Trust had said that the bench was damaged beyond repair and that they were getting quotes for a new bench.

14/149.8 Report No 7.2 New Noticeboard

The new noticeboard had been installed on 20th November 2014

14/149.9 Report No 7.3 War Memorial

The war memorial had been cleaned in time for the service on 9th November 2014. The Clerk had sent a note of thanks to Ms Wilson, Funeral Director

14/149.10 Report No 7.5 Meeting with Land Owner

The land was now owned by a Trust and the two Trustees were happy to meet Councillors for an informal meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk arrange for Councillors Hones and Williams to meet with the Trustees

14/150 STREETSCENE/HIGHWAYS

14/150.1 Lower High Street (Previous Minute 14/096.4)

Highways had responded to the request for Unsuitable for HGV signs by stating that they couldn't support the proposal. They had said that "The guidance on Unsuitable for HGV's signs specifies that these will generally be used where there are problems with drivers becoming stuck due to over-reliance on sat-navs, and as such we have only provided them on narrow lanes. We don't consider it appropriate to provide these signs on all the entrances to Tarvin as it could confuse HGV drivers who wish to access to the village to make deliveries etc."

RESOLVED: to accept the report from Highways

14/150.2 Oak Tree Tarporley Road

On 7th May 2014 Highways had been asked to obtain a report on the Oak Tree on Tarporley Road. The report from the Tree Surgeon received on 4th June 2014 had stated that "The tree is in decline with some large dead sections in the upper crown. However the tree is attempting to form a new crown lower in the tree with new growth forming on the stem and lower branches. We would recommend this tree is significant reduced by up to 50% to remove the deadwood and force the tree to retrench. This work should be carried out to ensure a continued contribution by the tree to the environment and to remove the risk of significant dead branch failure." The report had been forwarded to Streetscene who later had informed the Clerk that the work had been completed.

The work had not been carried out and the Clerk had spoken to both Highways and Streetscene who were investigating and had promised a report later in the week.

14/150.3 Public Footway

The public footway from the Roman Bridges to Walk Mill had been closed

RESOLVED: that the Clerk find out why this and other Public Rights of Way paths had been closed

14/151 PLANNING MATTERS

14/151.1 Planning Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 8th November 2014 be approved

14/151.2 RESOLVED: that the following comments be made on the planning applications submitted

14/04388/FUL - Single storey extension to rear (demolition of existing) – Church Farm, Church Street, Tarvin

Comment: No Objections

14/04421/FUL – Alterations and extension to rear of the dwelling – Downtdale Cottage, Cross Lanes, Tarvin

Comment: No Objections

14/04534/FUL – Widen existing vehicular access – Broomheath Cottage, Platts Lane, Old Moss

Comment: No Objections

14/151.3 NOTICES

The following notices had been received:

14/03816/FUL – Erection of detached dwelling – Land adjacent, 57 Hockenhull Lane, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

14/03604/OUT – Construction of one dwelling with associated outbuildings – Land Adjacent to Well House, Willington Road, Willington - **REFUSAL**

14/151.4 PLANNING APPEAL

14/03019/FUL – Single storey extension – 9 Hockenhull Lane, Tarvin. An appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Cheshire West and Chester Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the above proposal. The appeal would be determined on the basis of **written representations**. The procedure to be followed was set out in Part 1 of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009. As the appeal was proceeding under the **Householder Appeals Service**, there was no opportunity for anyone to submit further comments.

14/151.5 GROVE HOUSE, HOLME STREET, TARVIN

A local resident had expressed concerns that some of the work being carried out may not be in accordance with Planning Approval

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ask the Enforcement Officer to check

14/152 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

RESOLVED: to hold a public meeting early in 2015 to ascertain whether sufficient members of the public were prepared to assist with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan

14/153 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

14/153.1 Wooden Gate and Style between Playing Field and Community Centre

The proposal to purchase a 6ft wide wooden gate plus a style had not been accepted by Cheshire West and Chester Council mainly because the gap was not wide enough. The Clerk had agreed with the Borough Council that a 4ft wide and 3ft 8inch high 5 bar wooden gate would be purchased and installed in the gap. The gate would have a self-locking gate latch. The cost to be split between Council and the Community Centre would be £148.41 plus VAT. Cheshire West and Chester Council had ordered the gate and agreed to install it free of charge.

14/153.2 Lighting Column (Previous Minute 14/131.2)

The lighting column had been repaired on 19th November 2014

14/154 A51 ROAD TRAFFIC ISSUES

RESOLVED: that Cheshire West and Chester Council be asked what transport proposals it had in its future capital programme for the A51 and whether it was liaising with Cheshire East Council on this matter.

14/155 TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

A copy of the report presented by Councillor Hardacre is attached to the minutes. Councillor Lush added that it was likely that the Children’s Centre would be deregistered in the near future.

14/156 WEST CHESHIRE RURAL REGENERATION BOARD’S RURAL HOUSING SYMPOSIUM – TATTENHALL – 10th November 2014

A copy of the report presented by Councillor Miles who attended the event is attached to the minutes.

14/157 CALENDAR 2015

14/157.1 RESOLVED: that 2015 Council meetings be held on the following dates:

January	26
February	23
March	23
April	27
May	18
June	22
July	27
August	24
September	28
October	26
November	23
December	21

14/157.2 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 18th April 2015

14/158 GEORGE AND DRAGON CAR PARK

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ask the manager of the George and Dragon whether two of the parking bays closest to the road could be marked up for disabled use by the general public (blue badge holders) and whether it would be possible for the public to use the rest of the car park during the working day

14/159 CLERK’S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

14/159.1 The following had been forwarded to Councillors:

- a. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Members Briefings No’s 748 to 763
- b. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Joint Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 25th November 2014 – Councillors Hardacre and Lush would be attending.
- c. Cheshire Community Action – AGM – Wednesday 19th November 2014 – St Johns Church Centre, School Lane, Hartford
- d. Cheshire West and Chester Council – New Funding Opportunities for Neighbourhood Planning Groups

- e. NALC Elections for three directly elected members of Smaller Councils Committee 2015
- f. Tarvin Community Woodland Trust – Minutes of November 2014 meeting
- g. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Partnerships West - November 2014
- h. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Local Council Bulletin November 2014

14/159.2 Christmas Trees.

Councillor Hones and Mr Peter Maiden had confirmed that the sizes required were available and so the offer from Broomheath Plantation had been accepted.

Councillors were encouraged to help erect and decorate the Christmas Trees on High Street. They were asked to meet in the Red Lion Car Park at 9.30am on Saturday 29th November

14/160 FINANCIAL MATTERS

14/160.1 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 October 2014	264.73
44.12	220.61	717.89
Tarporley High School	Printing Newsletter	56.00
0.00	56.00	108.00
DKC Contracts	Removal of tree from Playing Field	540.00
90.00	450.00	475.00
BT Payment Services Ltd	Telephone and Internet November 2014	52.95
8.82	44.13	146.19
Mr R Woollam	New Noticeboard High Street	185.00
0.00	185.00	500.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Book – Practitioners Guide	23.00
0.00	23.00	220.00
Mr M Hassall	Re-imburement of Expenditure – Computer Cartridges £244.94 + New Telephone £40.35	285.29
47.54	237.75	152.44

Mr R Waldock	Re-imbusement of Expenditure – Christmas Decorations	273.68
44.95	228.73	600.00
Payroll Cheques	November 2014	925.37
0.00	925.37	5,687.12

14/161 TOPICS FOR TARVIN ONLINE

RESOLVED: that articles be written on the erection and decoration of Christmas Trees, Neighbourhood Plans, and Lower High Street

14/162 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the next Council meeting be held on Monday 15th December 2014 – 7.15pm - Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre

14/163 RESOLUTION – “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw” (affecting the valuation of land in that part of the Parish and personal data)

14/164 FUTURE LAND USE MASTERPLAN

RESOLVED: (14/164.1) that the Clerk write to the local landowner inviting him to meet Councillors Hardacre and Pochin to discuss possibilities of future land use.

RESOLVED: (14/164.2) that Councillor Pochin make contact with Denton Clerk to discuss the possibility of Council taking an option on the purchase of a piece of land.