

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2023.

PRESENT:

Councillor R Ford (Chairman)
Councillor E Lush (Vice Chairman and Cheshire West and Chester Council Councillor)
Councillor P Buckley
Councillor S Dutton
Councillor D Howorth
Councillor N Poole
Councillor P Ryan
Councillor P Twigg
Councillor M Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

4 members of the public
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor T Cooper
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor M Butler (out of the area on the day of the meeting)
Councillor A Sheppard (prior commitment)

23/186 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

23/186.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

23/186.2 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.

23/187 OPEN FORUM

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

23/188 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Council meeting be reconvened.

23/189 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)

Two residents from Oscroft had provided an update on planning application 23/03042/FUL which had been considered by Council at the October meeting. At that meeting Council had indicated no objection to the application but it appeared that Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) were likely to reject their proposal as it was considered over development of the site. The residents had been informed that it was too late for Council to make further comments, but Cheshire West and Chester Councillors Lush and Cooper had promised to follow the matter up.

23/190 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2023.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2023 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a correct record.

23/191 REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2023 NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

23/191.1 Meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner (Previous Minute 23/179j)

A report from Councillor Williams was noted.

23/191.2 Footway – Tarporley Road (Previous Minute 23/171.2)

Work had commenced on 18th December 2023.

23/192 ROAD SAFETY

23/192.1 Signage

The quotation for two vehicle activated signs, from the contractor recommended by CWaC was as follows:

Tarporley Road - £2,910.63 plus VAT

Shay Lane - £3,660.63 plus VAT

Installation of the above and Commissioning £750.00 plus VAT.

There would also be an additional charge from CWaC of approximately £500 plus VAT for their work on installation.

Total Cost £7,821.26 plus VAT.

CWaC had confirmed that the specification quoted was correct and that they had no objection to the proposed equipment although the device specified with corner clusters was different to what they usually provided on the network. (They typically provided 600mm diameter Roundel Only VAS without the alternating Slow Down message). They noted that the device would be significantly larger than a 600mm diameter roundel only device and so suggested that Council may wish to consider a 450mm speed limit roundel to reduce the overall surface area.

RESOLVED (23/192.1.1): to proceed with the purchase of two vehicle activated signs.

RESOLVED (23/192.1.2): to purchase 450mm speed limit roundels rather than the 600mm provided in the quotation.

The meeting noted that an amended quotation would be required which should show a small reduction in cost.

RESOLVED (23/192.1.3) that the Clerk be authorised to accept the updated quotation on behalf of Council and place the order.

CWaC had confirm that the commuted sum covering maintenance for 15 years would be £3,105.00 plus VAT per VAS.

RESOLVED (23/192.1.4) that this be accepted.

23/192.2 Speeding Issues

The meeting considered the two issues raised in the Open Forum of the previous meeting, speed of traffic from the A51/A54 roundabout towards Chester, and the road from Oscroft to Willington.

RESOLVED (23/192.2.1): to ask CWaC to review the speed limit from the A51/A54 roundabout towards Chester.

RESOLVED (23/192.2.2): to ask CWaC to review the signage close to and at the roundabout with a view to making it clearer and improving safety.

RESOLVED (23/192.2.3): to ask CWaC to review the speed limit along the road from Oscroft to Willington

RESOLVED (23/192.2.4): that the Clerk liaise with Willington Parish Council as part of the road was in Willington Parish.

23/192.3 Parking on the lower High Street

The meeting had been asked to consider a complaint from a resident on the Ridgeway that had been made to the two Ward Borough Councillors. She was concerned about the difficulty of exiting the Ridgeway in a car because of vehicles parked on the High Street, some on double yellow lines. The complainant had suggested that mirrors placed opposite the Ridgeway might help.

Whilst Council sympathised with the resident it was considered that it would be extremely difficult to find appropriate spots for mirrors to be installed.

RESOLVED: to ask parking enforcement to visit Tarvin more regularly and monitor the parking.

23/193 PLANNING MATTERS

23/193.1 Planning Applications

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

23/03855/CAT - Beech (T1) - Crown reduction by up to 5m to reduce sail area and leverage on weak and included branch union - Comfrey Cottage, Sandy Lane, Tarvin.

Comment: No objection.

23/193.2 Notices

23/03243/TPO - 1x Oak (T2) - crown raise over car parking bays and road area by 5.2 meters
1x Oak (T3) - clear branches from playground swing frame ensuring 2-meter clearance. Remove deadwood from over play area - Play Area and Land Adjacent, Gerard Close, Tarvin - **PERMISSION**

23/194 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Football Goal Posts

23/194.1 The application to the Football Association had been unsuccessful.

23/194.2 The following quotations had been received:

23/194.2.1 Senior Club 24x8 Football Goal Package - 11-A-Side Socketed Aluminium Specification:

- Aluminium Elliptical Socketed football goals 7.32 x 2.44m (24 x 8ft)
- 100 x 110mm reinforced elliptical aluminium with 8mm channel.
- Corners are fully welded with Internal steel corner joints for extra strength.
- External heavy duty steel corner plates to ensure parts are tightened securely.
- Moulded channel to incorporate UV stabilized enclosed net hook system.
- Durable powder coated finish.
- Supplied with aluminium 457mm sockets with drop in socket caps.
- comes with 7" net pegs for securing the rear of the net to the ground.
- Set of 4 32mm zinc plated Back Supports with top Brace.
- White Polyethylene 7.32 x 2.44m (24 x 8ft) 3mm nets –
- BS EN 748 Compliant

Cost £1,490.40 per pair plus VAT.

23/194.2.2 Removal and disposal of present goals and installation of new goals.

- To remove existing sockets and break out concrete, load redundant football posts and sockets and broken out concrete onto trailer and remove off site.
- Initial Mark Football Pitch using Turf Tank GPS Robot to size and dimensions required by client, to ensure correct and accurate positions of goal posts prior to installation.

- To provide operatives to hand dig 4 No. Holes to accommodate 4 No. sockets to receive 4 No. Football Posts, after excavating 4 No. holes, remove soil from site to a licensed waste facility.
- Excavations for each socket to be 225mm² by 700mm in depth, base of excavation to be 300mm square (pyramid formation).
- Install 4 No. sockets into excavated holes and set into rapid setting concrete (Sets within 30 minutes).
- Erect and assemble 4 No. Posts and crossbars and tighten up fixings.

Cost £945.00 plus VAT

RESOLVED (23/194.3): that the quotes be accepted.

RESOLVED (23/194.4): to apply for a grant of £1,500.00 from the two ward members budgets.

RESOLVED (23/194.5): that the balance of £935.40 be paid using the Community Infrastructure Levy.

23/195 DEFIBRILLATOR

This item had not been progressed.

23/196 FREEDOM OF THE PARISH

The scroll had been purchased at a cost of £104.55 plus VAT.

RESOLVED (23/196.1): to purchase an appropriate frame for it.

RESOLVED (23/196.2): that the Clerk arrange a time convenient to Mr Cotgreave when the presentation could be made. The evening of the Village Quiz or the January 2024 Council meeting were suggested as possible options.

23/197 CHRISTMAS TREES

23/197.1 Councillor Ford had spoken to the resident who had confirmed that she had spoken to some local businesses, and they had indicated that they would contribute to the trees next year. She had also repeated her offer of help.

23/197.2 RESOLVED: to remove the trees on Sunday 7th January if everyone was available.

23/198 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 (ChALC) – E Bulletins.
- b. Co-op Local Community Fund.
- c. CWaC - Statement of Licensing Policy-Hackney and Private Hire - Consultation Invitation.
- d. Town and Parish Council Connections Online Meeting - Cheshire's archives: a story shared - Thursday 18th January 6pm - 7pm
- e. Opal Matters – December 2023
- f. Police and Crime Commissioner – Newsletter December 2023
- g. Information Commissioner's Office – Newsletter December 2023
- h. Cheshire Community Action – Newsletter December 2023
- i. Civility and Respect Newsletter December 2023

23/199 FINANCIAL MATTERS

23/199.1 October and November 2023 Payments and Payments between meetings

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

23/199.2 RESOLVED: that the following payments made since the last meeting be confirmed:

Payments between meetings.

Payee and Detail	Amount to be Paid inc. VAT	Amount net of VAT (charge against budget)	Budget Provision available before payment
Communicorp Freedom of the Parish Scroll	125.46	104.55	500.00

23/199.3 RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised, and that payments be made by internet banking:

Payee and Detail	Amount to be Paid inc. VAT	Amount net of VAT (charge against budget)	Budget Provision available before payment
Mr M Hassall Clerk Expenses Qtr. to 31st December 2023. Work at Home Allowance £78.00, Postage £2.25	80.25	80.25	160.75
Payroll December 2023	2,044.72	2,044.72	11,198.72
HMRC PAYE and Nat Insce. October to December 2023	1,712.09	1,712.09	9,154.00

23/199.4 Direct Debits

The meeting noted the following direct debit payments:

British Telecom Plc – 29th November 2023 – Telephone and Internet November 2023 – two venues – £122.59.

Sage Global Services Ltd - 6th December 2023 - Payroll Software December 2023 - £9.60

23/200 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The report was noted.

23/201 TOPICS FOR PUBLICATION

Dates of 2024 meetings, Freedom of the Parish Scroll, vehicle activated signs, speed survey.

23/202 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 22nd January 2024 – 7.15pm - Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre