

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TARVIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE EDNA ROSE ROOM, TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2022.

PRESENT:

Councillor E Lush (Vice Chairman and Chairman for the meeting)
Councillor M Butler
Councillor D H Cotgreave
Councillor S Dutton
Councillor S Parker
Councillor P Ryan
Councillor P Twigg

IN ATTENDANCE:

3 Members of the Public
Parish Council Clerk – Mr M Hassall
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor J Leather

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor R Ford (Chairman) (holiday)
Councillor B Dean (business commitment)
Councillor M Pochin (out of the area on the day of the meeting)
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Councillor H Tonge

22/045 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS

22/045.1 New Written Requests for Dispensations

There were no new requests.

22/045.2 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.

22/046 OPEN FORUM

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

22/047 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Council meeting be reconvened.

22/048 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 had asked whether the travellers' sites along the A54 and A51 roads had received planning approval. The Chairman of the meeting had explained that the site on the A54 road was immediately outside Tarvin Parish and in Kelsall Parish. Kelsall were aware of the site and planning permission had not been given. He had added that the position regarding the site off the A51 road was that a decision on a second planning application was still awaited from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

22/049 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH MAY 2022.

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

22/050 REPORTS ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH MAY 2022 NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

There were no items under this heading.

22/051 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED: that Mr Duncan Howorth be appointed to serve until the next election.

22/052 PLANNING MATTERS

22/052.1 Planning Applications

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

22/01450/FUL – Two storey extension, alteration to change window to a door - Bridge Barn, Ryecroft Lane, Bruen Stapleford

Comment: No Objection

22/01392/FUL - Erection of garden building at rear of garden – Sunnyside, Church Street, Tarvin

Comment: We have no objection in principle but have a concern about the overall height and question the intended use of the building bearing in mind its extensive facilities.

22/01428/FUL - Construction of 4 no. kiosks and a temporary compound with vehicular access onto Mill Lane - Tarvin Sewage Works, Mill Lane, Tarvin

Comment: No Objection

22/052.2 Notices

There were no notices.

22/053 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

22/053.1 Scout and Guide Hut – entrance to the building (Previous Minute 22/036.1)

This matter did not appear to have been progressed by the Scout Group and the building contractor suggested at the previous meeting had been unable to assist.

22/053.2 Drains

United Utilities had visited the field and cleared the blockage. However, the problem had been caused by roots from a tree within the field and so resolving the problem was the responsibility of Council. Councillor Ryan had obtained three quotations.

RESOLVED (22/053.2.1): not to remove the tree by the main gate

RESOLVED (22/053.2.2): to accept the quotation from Metro Rod. The meeting noted that depending on what was found in the survey the full cost of repair may be between £1,500 and £2,000.

RESOLVED (22/053.2.3): that the work be paid for using the New Homes Bonus and if necessary, some of the Community Infrastructure Levy.

22/053.3 Behaviour on the Field

The meeting noted that complaints had been received by the Clerk regarding young people taking drugs and fire setting at the bottom end of the field, both by the picnic table and by the birch tree in the corner. The Police were aware and PCSO Leason had removed the most recent burnt wood from the field.

22/053.4 Grass Cuttings

An unknown person had deposited a large amount of grass cuttings in the corner of the field close to the birch tree. A resident living behind the hedge close to the birch tree had complained about the smell and requested that the grass be removed.

RESOLVED (22/053.4.1): to report the deposit to Cheshire West and Chester Council

RESOLVED (22/053.4.2): that the Clerk instruct a contractor to remove the grass if Cheshire West and Chester Council do not do so.

22/053.5 Spring See-Saw

The rotating part in the middle of the equipment was making a grinding noise and not working properly.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Councillor Twigg be authorised to have the equipment repaired.

22/054 SIDING/CLEARING OF VERGE ENCROACHMENT A54

A resident had written to the Clerk asking Council to inspect the standard of siding work carried out recently on footpaths and shared user paths alongside the A54 and then to ask the Borough Council's contractor to come back to complete the work. In the opinion of the resident the contractors had made a mess of the job leaving it looking unfinished and very untidy. Roots were left as a trip hazard on the SUP near Grosvenor Road and tarmac had been damaged near Park Road. They had also not cleared the verge encroachment from the SUP alongside Bye Pass Road to Tarvin Sands.

One Councillor had examined the area on behalf of the Streetcare Working Party and reported that the paths which had been cleared did look somewhat untidy but, in his opinion, did not merit in themselves asking Cheshire West to tidy them up as suggested. However, the shared path from opposite the High Street exit down towards Tarvin Sands had not been touched at all but Cheshire West had sided the path on the Co-op side of Bypass Road which was not a SUP.

The meeting noted that the Clerk had spoken with Cheshire West and Chester Council who had confirmed that the order to carry out the work along Bye Pass Road down to Tarvin Sands had been passed to their contractor.

22/055 SPECIAL PROJECT - FOOTPATHS

22/055.1 Footway alongside the A51 from the layby to Okells

Cheshire West and Chester Council had been asked to carry out siding work along the above path, but the response had been that the work would be done at some point, but limited funds meant that priority was being given to shared user paths and other footways that Cheshire West and Chester Council considered to be significant footfall.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk inform Cheshire West and Chester Council that although the work was their responsibility Council would provide funding of £3,000 in the current financial year which along with matched funding by them should enable some or all the footway siding could be undertaken.

22/055.2 Footway close to Ridgeway House

A Ridgeway resident had considered that the path close to Ridgeway House was a hazard. The Clerk had reported the issue and received the following reply:

"I have visited site today and although there is some minor deterioration on this path, most notably by the small car park, it doesn't meet the criteria required for action. I will monitor this, but no action required at present."

The meeting noted the report.

22/056 SPEEDING

A copy of a report from a resident is attached to the minutes under Appendix 1.

RESOLVED: that Council:

22/056.1 communicate the report to residents via Tarvin Times and social media using data in the report.

22/056.2 ask the Police to provide a speed indicator sign which would remind drivers of the speed that they were travelling

22/056.3 request a further survey later in the year to find out whether there had been any improvement.

22/057 THREE YEAR TREE SURVEY

22/057.1 A copy of the report on the trees on the King George V Playing Field and on the Green at Oscroft is attached to the minutes under Appendix 2.

RESOLVED: that the quote for the minor works amounting to £450.00 plus VAT be approved.

22/057.2 Birch Tree

A resident living behind the hedge close to the birch tree in the corner at the bottom end of the field had requested that the birch tree be cut back as it was overhanging into their property and because it was now a tall tree it was keeping the light away from their property. The resident had also requested a copy of the tree report along with comments made by the contractor on the birch tree.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk seek advice from the contractor and obtain a quote with a view to the contractor reducing the canopy of the tree.

22/058 REPORT ON MEETING WITH UNITED UTILITIES/MWH TREATMENT LTD

A copy of the report from MWH Treatment Ltd is attached to the minutes under Appendix 3. The meeting noted the report.

22/059 LAND OFF CHURCH STREET

A copy of a report from Gladman Ltd is attached to the minutes under Appendix 4. The meeting noted the report.

22/060 PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

RESOLVED: that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Lyn Hillier who chaired the group who organized the programme, thanking her for all her hard work and to ask her to pass onto all the volunteers who worked with her to make the celebration a resounding success.

22/061 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

22/061.1 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. The Eddisbury Report

c. OPAL Matters June 2022

d. Cheshire West and Chester Council – Connections Engagement – 11th July 2022
Councillors Ford and Lush would be attending.

e. Police and Crime Commissioner – Rural Crime Survey

22/061.2 Hedge

The meeting noted that Cheshire West and Chester Council were in the process of taking legal action and serving a notice on the residents of 1 Park Close as they had not cut the hedge back along Park Lane.

22/061.3 Tarvin Community Woodland Trust

Tarvin Community Woodland Trust were keen to fill in the gaps in its records about the early days of the formation of the Woodland.

RESOLVED: that an old file in Council archives be passed to the Woodland Trust to deal with as they considered appropriate.

22/062 FINANCIAL MATTERS

22/062.1 May 2022 Payments and Payments between meetings

Councillor Ford had not checked the payments but would do so before the next meeting.

22/062.2 RESOLVED: that the following payments made since the May meeting be confirmed:

Payee	Detail	Amount to be Paid
VAT	Net Amount to Charge against budget	Budget available before payment
Mrs P Twigg	Reimbursement of Expenditure – Barrier Padlock and Keys – King George V Playing Field	23.94
3.99	19.95	346.00
Groundforce Landscape Ltd	Grass Cutting King George V Playing Field + Millennium Garden + Oscroft Green May 2022	637.06
106.18	530.88	2,822.29

22/062.3 RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised, and that payments be made by internet banking:

VAT	Net Amount to Charge against budget	Budget available before payment
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00
0.00	36.00	325.56
Canopy Tree Care	Three-year tree survey King George V Playing Field and Oscroft Green	360.00
60.00	300.00	350.00
Cheshire Community Action	Annual Membership Year to 30th June 2023	50.00
0.00	50.00	289.56
Mr P Ryan	Reimbursement of Expenditure – Hawthorn Hedging for the Ridgeway	23.04
3.84	19.20	326.05
Mr M Hassall	Re-imburement of Expenditure – Paper and Printer Ink	68.98
11.50	57.48	320.01
Water Plus Ltd	Water King George V Playing Field – 10th April to 18th June 2022	56.45
0.00	56.45	279.43
Tarvin Community Centre	Hire of Room for full Council Meetings April to June 2022 and one meeting with United Utilities.	65.14
0.00	65.14	300.00
Payroll	June 2022	1,602.56
0.00	1,602.56	20,389.48
HMRC	PAYE and Nat Insce April to June 2022	1,452.02

0.00	1,452.02	18,937.46
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22/062.4 Direct Debit

The meeting noted the following direct debit payments

British Telecom Plc – 30th May 2022 – Telephone and Internet May 2022 – two venues – £120.13

Sage Global Services Ltd – 8th June 2022 - Payroll Software June 2022 - £8.40

22/063 LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The report was noted.

22/064 TOPICS FOR PUBLICATION

Speeding, new councillor, tree survey, drains, water treatment works, siding along A51

22/065 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 25th July 2022 – 7.15pm - Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre

Appendix 1

After receiving your reply, and in order to quantify the scale of the vehicle speeding problem along Hockenhull Lane, I requested from CWAC that a counter be installed on the lamppost opposite my house.

It was duly installed in early March 2022 and counted the number of vehicle movements passing it and their speeds, in both directions, over a 5-day period (24 hours a day but without number plate recognition).

I have now received the data back from the CWaC monitoring team:

The average daily flow was 478

The average daily number of vehicles travelling at 21 mph or above was 215.

The average daily number of vehicles travelling at 26 mph or above was 39

The average daily number of vehicles travelling at 31 mph or above was 3.

This means that, in just one location within Tarvin - close to our Primary School, a total of 257 vehicle movements per day, on average, are exceeding 20mph - 42 of which, per day, would make the drivers eligible for a speeding fine of £100 and 3 points. Put another way - over half of vehicles are exceeding 20mph!

This data reflects the experiences passed on to the Parish Council, and to our PCSO, by residents that speeding in the Hockenhull Lane 20mph zone is a problem.

One of the objectives of 20 mph zones is to make pedestrians and cyclists feel that they are in a safer environment. This then encourages more people to walk and cycle instead using a car. But because there are so many motorists not adhering to the 20mph **limit** this safety objective is not being fulfilled in Tarvin.

I would request that the Parish Council considers ways in which vehicle speeds can be controlled on Hockenhull Lane. Because CWaC uses speed averages in determining whether further calming measures should be taken, the location on Hockenhull Lane does not qualify for CWaC funding. The Parish Council could, however, decide to pay for additional measures like improving awareness of the issue, more 20mph repeater signs and, ultimately, traffic calming.

I look forward to the Parish Council considering this issue again soon in light of this data.

Appendix 2

Key to Report Tables

Age class

NE	Newly Established	Easily transplanted
Y	Young	Well established tree showing strong apical dominance.
SM	Semi Mature	Still gaining in size, but approaching optimum height. Apical Dominance less distinct.
M	Mature	Reached optimum height for environment.
OM	Over Mature	In natural state of decline.
V	Veteran	Tree that shows features of biological, historical, cultural or aesthetic value that are characteristic of individuals, surviving beyond their typical age range.

Condition

G	Good	Contains no obvious significant areas of damage or defects.
	Vigorous	tree with good prospects
F	Fair	Contains some areas of damage, minor defects that do not appear significant at present. Vigour may be slightly impaired
P	Poor	Contains serious area of damage or defects. Usually low in vigour with severely limited future prospects
D	Dead	Completely dead, showing no signs of life

Work Priority

U	Urgent	Works required immediately to make tree safe.
VH	Very High	Works required within 30 days.
H	High	Works required within 90 days.
MH	Moderately High	Works required within 6 months.
M	Moderate	Works required within 12 months.
ML	Moderately Low	Works required within 2 years.
L	Low	Works required within 3 years.
VL	Very Low	Works not required as part of Health and Safety Inspection (e.g. future tree management, improve aesthetics).
N	None	No works required, no target exists or is excluded.

Inspection Frequency

U	Urgent	Carry out a detailed inspection of the aerial parts and/or with the use of decay detection equipment as soon as can be arranged.
VH	Very High	6 month Inspection.
H	High	12 Month Inspection.
M	Moderate	18 month Inspection.
L	Low	3 year Inspection.
VL	Very Low	5 Year Inspection.
N	None	No target exists or is excluded.

Interim Inspections are recommended after periods of inclement weather (i.e. storms, gales, etc.)

King George V Playing Field

Tree No.	Species	Age	Condition	Height metres	Comments	Recommendation	Re-insp. Period	Work Priority
1	Sweet Chestnut	EM	G	12	Low upright limb over parking area with small wound.	No action required.	L	N
2	Field Maple	EM	G	12	Low fork with included bark.	No action required.	L	N
3	Birch	M	G	11	Twin-stemmed from 1.5m.	No action required.	L	N
4	Cockspur Thorn	M	F	4	Damage to base likely caused by grass cutting.	No action required at present.	L	N
5	Cockspur Thorn	M	F	5	Damage to base likely caused by grass cutting.	No action required at present.	L	N
6	Birch	-	G	2	Re-growth growing from old stump.	No action required at present.	L	N
G.1	Damson X4	M	F	5 (av)	Group of stems in corner and hedge line.	No action required.	L	N
7	Oak	SM	G	10	Ivy on main stem.	Cut Ivy at base so that it may die back.	L	ML
8	Oak + Beech	EM	G	11	Standing in neighbouring garden. Crowns overhang playing field. Base of trees not assessed.	No action required.	L	N

Tree No.	Species	Age	Condition	Height metres	Comments	Recommendation	Re-insp. Period	Work Priority
9	Damson	M	F	5	Stands within hedge.	No action required.	L	N
10	Mountain Ash	M	F	6	Poor fork with included bark at 0.8metres. Appears same as in 2017.	No action required.	L	N
11	Birch	M	F	12	Damaged surface roots from grass cutting. Reduced following previous survey.	No action required.	L	N
12	Norway Maple	SM	F	7	Small hedgerow tree.	No action required.	L	N
13	Damson	M	F	5	Ivy on main stem.	Cut Ivy at base.	L	ML

14	Holly	M	F	9	Multi-stemmed tree.	No action required.	L	N
15	Hawthorn	M	F	7	Old hedgerow tree close to fence.	No action required.	L	N
16	Hawthorn	M	F	7	Ivy prevents a thorough inspection	Cut Ivy at base so that it may die back.	L	ML
17	Oak	SM	G	13	Lean towards park. Low branching over play area.	Crown lift by removing low secondary branching.	L	ML

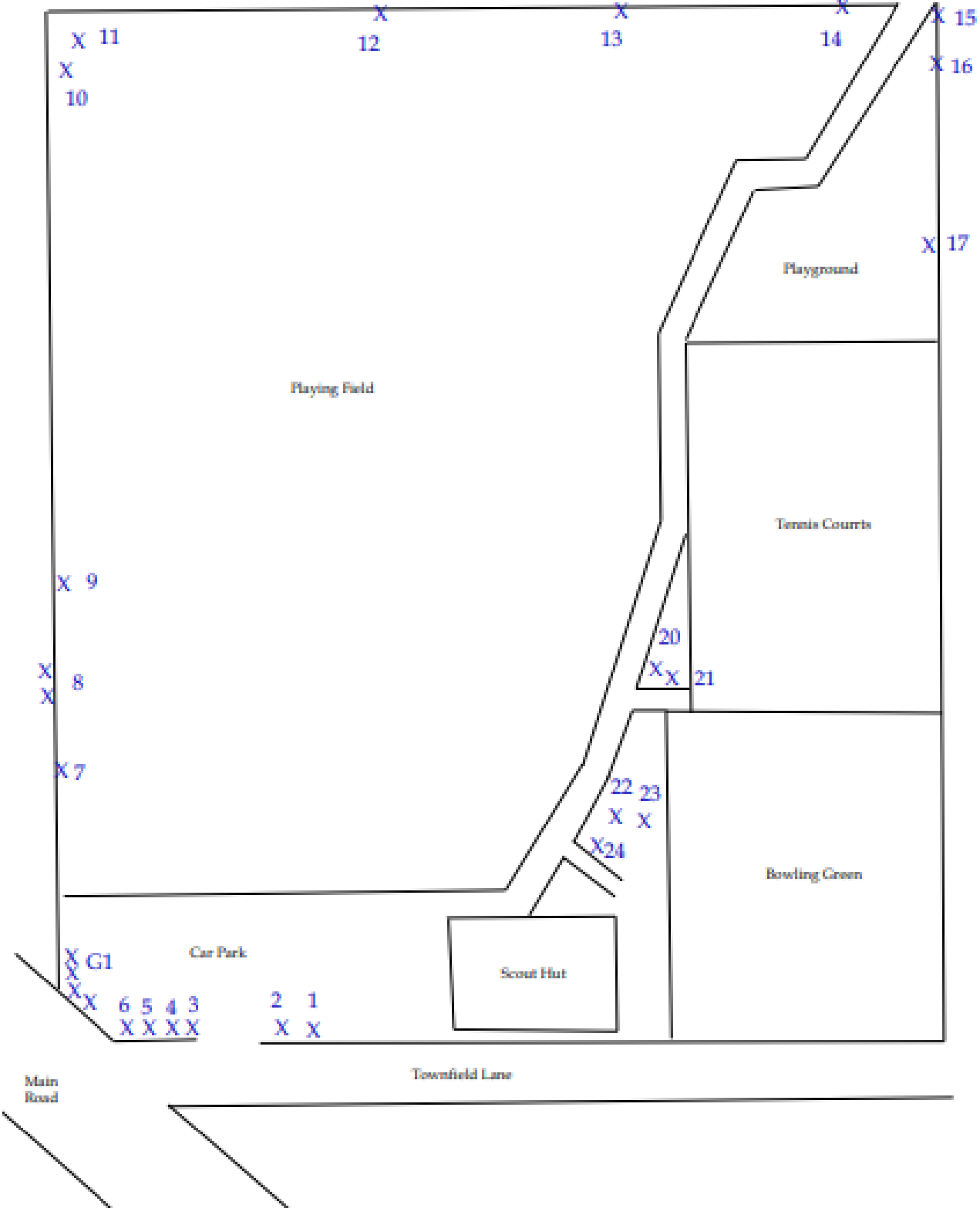
Tree No.	Species	Age	Condition	Height metres	Comments	Recommendation	Re-insp. Period	Work Priority
18	Birch	-	-	-	Now Removed	-	-	-
19	Oak	-	-	-	Now removed	-	-	-
20	Field Maple	M	F	9	Damaged bark on secondary stems. Sparse crown.	No action required at present.	L	N
21	Field Maple	M	G	8	Epicormic growth at base and some low branching.	Crown lift and remove epicormic growth at base.	L	L
22	Field Maple	M	G	10	Epicormic on main stem.	Remove epicormic growth on main stem.	L	L
23	Birch	M	F	13	Some damage to surface roots.	No action required.	L	N
24	Lime	SM	G	5	Young tree with low branching.	Crown lift to avoid future issue.	L	L

The Green Oscroft

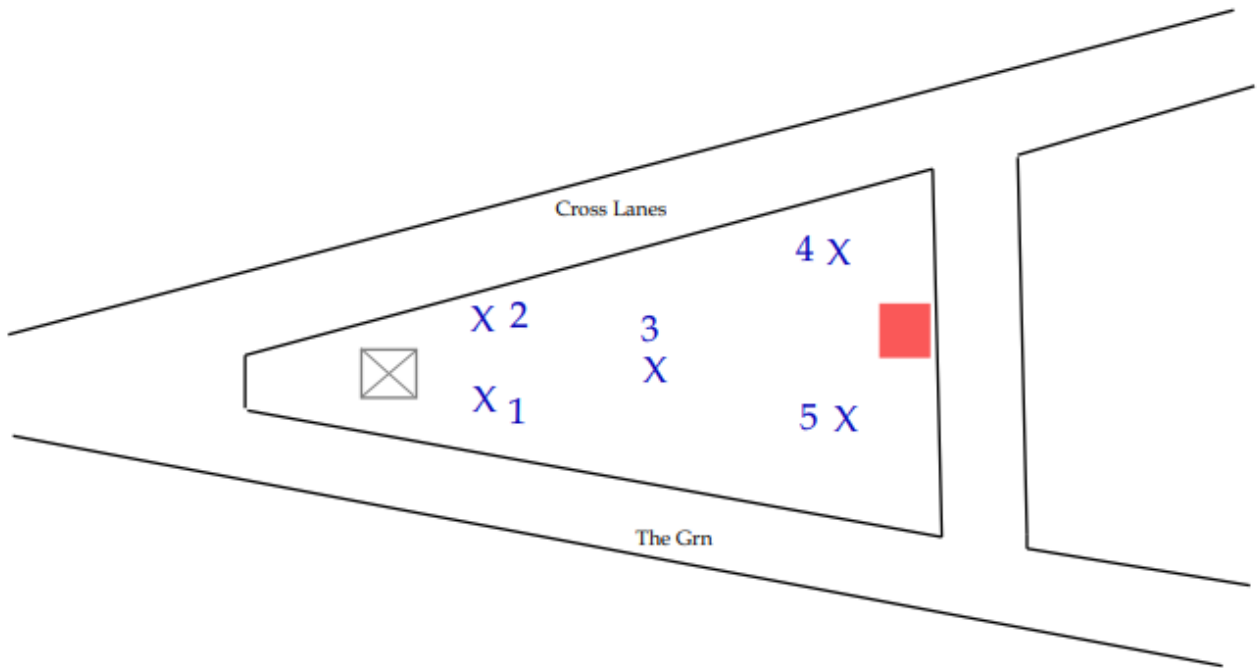
Tree No.	Species	Age	Condition	Height metres	Comments	Recommendation	Re-insp. Period	Work Priority
1	Hawthorn	M	G	5	Multi-stemmed from near ground level. Crown starting to encroach on the road.	Cut back from road and crown lift over grass area as required.	L	ML
2	Hawthorn	M	G	5	Multi-stemmed from 0.5m. Encroaching on road.	Cut back from road and crown lift over grass area as required.	L	ML
3	Cockspur Thorn	M	G	5	Broken branch in upper crown. Low branching over grass.	Remove broken branch and crown lift as required.	L	ML
4	Cockspur Thorn	M	P	5	Has suffered major branch loss in past with large wounds on main	Crown lift as required.	L	ML

					stem. Tree shows strong healing around wounds. Low branching over grass.			
5	Cockspur Thorn	M	G	5	Wide spreading crown starting to encroach on road.	Cut back from road and lightly crown lift over grass area as required.	L	ML

King George V Playing Field Tree Plan



The Green, Oscroft Tree Plan



Appendix 3

Thank you for arranging the recent meeting with the Parish Councillors and giving us the opportunity to provide an outline of our upcoming project.

As discussed, our project has been developed to deliver Environment Agency (EA) Water Industry National Environmental Programme outputs for future population growth and a more effective and efficient way of dealing with Waste Water, reduce flooding and delivering local water quality improvements.

This includes making targeted improvements to upgrade a number of Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) in NW Cheshire Area.

The WwTW included in this programme are:

- Tarvin
- Duddon
- Utkinton
- Waverton
- Helsby
- Runcorn

Part of the solution requires construction of a transfer pipeline between Utkinton, Duddon and Tarvin WwTWs.

The project is currently at an early stage of design and we are currently engaging with local landowners. Because of this we are unable to issue any plans without representatives of the Project Team being able to provide the relevant context. When we are able to do so we will arrange a meeting where all members of the public will be able to come along and view all our plans and discuss any queries or concerns they may have regarding the project. We'll arrange for several members of the team to be present at the meeting so hopefully we'll be able to answer all questions. This meeting will be in advance of any significant activity taking place.

We'll be in contact soon to check on room availability

Appendix 4

Following our closed meeting on Wednesday 23rd March, we have now finalised the preferred indicative Development Framework Plan (by Councillors Ford, Lush, Dean and yourself in attendance) for our land interest at 'land off Church Street, Tarvin'. I have attached the indicative Development Framework Plan to this email.

As discussed during the meeting in March, it is not Gladman's intention to look at preparing a new planning application on the site in the short-term. The purpose of the recent meetings was to engage with Parish Councillors to identify the best design for any future proposed scheme on the site and what they would like to see be delivered in terms of local community facilities if Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC) were to allocate any housing growth to Tarvin through the next iteration of the local plan. It is our current understanding that CWaC is now committed to updating its Part One Local Plan – and amending/replacing the policies of the Part 2 Plan as necessary. A new Local Development Scheme is anticipated to be published by the Council in the coming months.