



TARVIN TIMES

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CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

We are pleased to report that Helen Flynn has been co-opted onto the Council and will serve until the next Parish election, which is expected to be held in May 2019.

Helen moved to Tarvin 18 months ago with her family and has joined the Council as she is keen to become more involved in Parish life. She previously practised as solicitor before moving into HR management and now runs her own consultancy business. She is hopeful that her knowledge of Local Government (which she gained working for Local Authorities) will assist her in fulfilling her duties as a Parish Councillor.

In her spare time, Helen enjoys spending time with family and friends, walking and yoga.

TARVIN VILLAGE QUIZ 2018

Congratulations to the Bowling Club who won the competition by beating Tarvin Meeting Point in the final.

NO INCREASE IN PARISH PRECEPT

The Parish Council has agreed its budget for the financial year 2018/2019 and is pleased to announce that there will be no increase in the Parish Precept. This is the amount added to the Council Tax bill of each householder that pays for certain local services and activities. It is only a small proportion of the total bill but, as Cheshire West and Chester Council are expected to increase the tax, the Parish Council is again playing a modest role in keeping that increase as small as possible for residents of Tarvin Parish.

GRANT AID

The Parish Council allocates a small amount of its precept each year to provide grants to voluntary organisations based in the Parish who are in need of financial support. The total amount available during the coming year will be £2,900.

Please note that the application process, including timings, has been amended. Organisations wishing to be considered for grant aid during the coming year should contact the Clerk requesting further details including an application form. Completed Application Forms must be received by the Clerk no later than Wednesday 28th February 2018.

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

The Parish is again supporting the annual Great British Spring Clean, which will take place over the weekend of 3rd – 4th March 2018.

Last year the event was well supported locally and many bags of rubbish were collected by an enthusiastic group of Tarvin Parish residents.



If you would like to volunteer to help pick up litter this year, please contact the Clerk. The main clear-up will be on Saturday 3rd March between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. Equipment and bags will be provided.

A54 BYPASS ROAD

The Parish Council has failed with its latest attempt to get the 40mph speed limit extended in the direction of Kelsall. A new assessment by the Highways Department and supported by the Police recommended no change.

However, Highways has agreed to the Parish Council's request for an additional pedestrian island on the road, which will be positioned further into the 40mph zone, nearer the Co-op. The crossing will be funded by the Parish Council rather than Highways and the Council believes that the crossing will improve safety for those needing to cross the road.

TARVIN EDUCATION TRUST

This is a charity established to manage the endowment of the old Tarvin Grammar School. Its purpose is to assist the educational needs of students of secondary school age and older who live in the Ancient Parish of Tarvin. This assistance may take the form of financial assistance for tuition fees, books, musical instruments, and travel on approved courses.

The next round of applications should be made no later than 4th April 2018 to the Clerk to the Governors, Mr D H Cotgreave, Brown Heath Farm, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8NE - Tel 01829 740231 or e-mail to dhcotgreave@btinternet.com

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Improvement works continue at the centre and the new storage shed has been completed. This will free up lots of room in the main building and save a lot of wear and tear on knees and backs.

The Committee is also applying for grant funding to renovate the Main Hall. A new ceiling, new black-out blinds and a flexible, controllable and more efficient lighting system are top of the list of requirements.

For details of all forthcoming events and regular classes and clubs, keep an eye on the noticeboards in the foyer or look out for the A-Fame outside the Post Office. We are online at www.tarvincommunitycentre.org www.facebook.com/tarvincc or www.tarvinonline.org

DOG FOULING

The majority of dog owners in the Parish act responsibly with their dogs but a minority are giving dog owners a bad name. All dog owners should act responsibly and pick up any mess that their pet makes.

The following reminder has been taken from the Brough Council website:

The Cheshire West and Chester Council (Fouling of Land by Dogs) (General) Order 2017 makes it an offence not to remove any faeces deposited by your dog. This removal must be done without delay. The Order applies to all open-air areas in the borough and where the public have access, even if warning signs are not displayed. The exception to this is Forestry Commission land or other land where the owner has given permission that faeces need not be removed. The Order does not apply to people who are blind and those with other trained assistance dogs for specific disabilities.

The offence carries a maximum penalty of £1,000. You may be given the option of paying a £80 fixed penalty notice if paid within 14 days or £50 if paid within 7 days. If a fixed penalty notice is accepted you also avoid a subsequent criminal record, if found guilty.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

The Parish Council is receiving an increasing number of complaints regarding overhanging hedges preventing local residents from walking past without stepping onto the road.



If you have responsibility for a hedge please ensure that it is always cut back sufficiently for those walking past it to do so without either having to duck or walk in the road.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 26th February, 26th March, 23rd April and 21st May. All will commence at 7.15pm and will be held in the Edna Rose room at the Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to attend Council meetings – there is an open forum at the beginning of every meeting, for you to have your say on any subject relevant to the Parish.

You don't have to stay for the whole meeting. Feel free to come and go as is convenient to you.

ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL

Tarvin Parish Council is comprised of the following 9 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829, are in brackets:



Cllr David Cotgreave (740231)

Cllr Ben Dean (07789 278827)



Cllr Rob Ford (740371)

Cllr Clare Jones (740186)



Cllr Mike Lloyd (741748)

Cllr Edward Lush (741468)



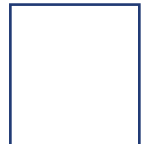
Cllr Matthew Pochin (741136)

Cllr Peter Ryan (740576)



Cllr Pet Twigg (740509)

Cllr Steve Willey (740737)



Cllr Helen Flynn (309300)

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