

munity Centre, but the community must be willing to run it. Call 01829 741962/741468 for more information or talk to any current Committee member.

*To tempt you into the Community Centre over the next few weeks:*

A new social group for anyone who might be isolated or lonely has started on alternative Thursdays in the Lounge. Run by Community Compass, it offers companionship, laughter, lunch and activities. Please call Simone on 01606 827131 for more information.

Film Nights continue to be very popular. Our February offering is early on the 15th Feb. when Mary Poppins will entertain the children and Stan and Ollie the grown-ups. Ticket prices remain the same, £3/£4 for the early film and £5 for the later one.

The George Heath Foundation will be holding their very popular Table Quiz on March 8th

Continuing the comedy theme, broadcaster and raconteur Robin Ince is bringing his one-man show, 'Chaos of Delight', to Tarvin on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Expect dazzling wit and verbal acrobatics from this award-winning, Radio 4 writer and performer. Tickets are £12 and are available from at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts)

For all other events, regular and one-off, at the Community Centre go to [www.tarvincommunitycentre.org](http://www.tarvincommunitycentre.org) or [www.facebook.com/tarvincc](https://www.facebook.com/tarvincc) or keep an eye on the A-Frame in the High Street

### Parish Council Meetings

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 25th February and 25th March. Please note that the April meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th and the May meeting will be held on Monday 13th. 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/go as is convenient to you.

### About Your Council

Cllr. David Cotgreave (740231)	Cllr. Rob Ford (740371)	Cllr. Mike Lloyd (741748)
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## TARVIN TIMES - The Newsletter of Tarvin Parish Council Spring 2019 Newsletter No. 15

### TARVIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The draft Neighbourhood Plan has been accepted by Cheshire West and Chester Council ("CWaC") as compliant with the relevant regulations. CWaC began a 6-week consultation on the document on 25th January and this will be followed by an independent examination. Once this stage is complete residents in the plan area will have the opportunity to vote on the plan. If so approved, it must be referred to when future planning matters are considered by CWaC.

### 2019/20 REVENUE BUDGET

The Parish Council ("PC") has agreed a parish precept increase of 2.0% for the financial year that begins 1st April. This means that element of Council Tax attributable to the PC and paid by residents in a Band D property will be £32.92 compared to £32.27 in the current financial year. This will be the first increase in the PC precept for three years.

The money raised by the precept will be used by the PC to maintain current standards of service, to invest in improvements and also to undertake some important, albeit minor tasks that are really the responsibility of CWaC which that Council does not have the resources to undertake.

### PARISH AND BOROUGH ELECTIONS 2nd MAY 2019

Both elections will take place on 2nd May 2019. Eleven Councillors will need to be elected to represent Tarvin Parish Council. Existing Councillors can be re-elected but not all are likely to be standing again. The PC are keen that as many new candidates as possible put their names forward for election, as fresh ideas are vital for a vibrant community.

*Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?*

If you are interested in how your area is looked after and how it develops then why not consider standing for election? The positions are voluntary and take up as much time as you want to give. The minimum commitment is to attend the monthly PC meeting held on a Monday evening. Councillors are usually also members of committees and working groups. Councillors represent the views and concerns of the residents of the Parish to the PC and, through it, to the Borough Council.

How to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor. Come along to our next meeting. Listen to a Parish Council session and see if it's something you would enjoy being part of. Alternatively contact any of our existing Councillors to find out what's involved. Our Parish Clerk can also be contacted for more information. (Contact details on back page).

Further details on how to stand at the May election will be published nearer the time and will be available from the Parish Clerk.

### GRANT AID

The PC allocates a small amount of its precept each year to provide grants to voluntary organisations based in the Parish and who are in need of financial support. The amount available during the coming year will be £3,000.

Voluntary Organisations within the Parish 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 Thursday 28th February 2019.

### CWac HIGHWAYS

The PC will be represented at a CWac Scrutiny Committee in March which will be discussing the Highways service. The type of issues the PC will be raising will be familiar to many and include:

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- \* Failure to install a new refuge on the A54 road last May/June as promised.
- \* Failure to complete jobs, e.g. after four years we are still waiting for all of our bus stopping bays to be marked out or extended.
- \* Consultation not appearing to be genuine – the 20 mph speed limit proposals were billed as a consultation when the PC believe it was a *fait accompli*.
- \* Claiming work has been completed when it has not, e.g. dealing with flooding on the A51 Tarvin by-pass
- \* Wasting resources – e.g. someone comes out to measure potholes to see if they meet the criteria for repair. Someone else then comes out to repair the qualifying potholes but ignores any which are immediately adjacent but do not meet the criteria
- \* Denying responsibility – trees and shrubs on the bank on the east side of Tarporley Road from Brown Heath Farm boundary to Cross Lanes are a Highways responsibility but this is always denied.

### GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2019

The PC will again be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean and volunteers would be very much appreciated. The Oscroft clean will be held on Saturday 6th April and the Tarvin clean on Saturday 13th April. Volunteers should assemble at 09:30 on the appropriate day when they will be issued with reflective bibs, a litter picker and plastic sacks.

If you wish to volunteer for the Oscroft Clean please let Cllr. Peter Ryan know.

(Tel: 01829 740576 or e-mail: ryan218@btinternet.com).

For the Tarvin Clean please contact Cllr. Ted Lush so that "rounds "can be worked out in advance (Tel: 01829 741468 or email: lushfamily2@tiscali.co.uk

### A51 ROAD

The PC is delighted that the notes of the meeting attended by all the Parish councils along the route of the A51 that Tarvinonline published recently has proved so popular based on the number of "hits" on the website. The PC knows how important the issue of congestion on the A51 is and it will continue to fight hard for solutions and will ensure residents are kept up to date with developments. Action to alleviate some of the 'pinch points' between Tarvin and Vicars Cross are scheduled to be carried out in the financial year starting in April 2019.

### FOOTPATHS

When the Neighbourhood Plan was being prepared, many residents said that easy access to the countryside was one of the things that they liked most about living in Tarvin parish. Access to the countryside is mainly achieved by using the many public footpaths that radiate from the built-up areas. Sadly, many of our footpaths are in a poor state of repair or even blocked.

It would be very helpful to compile a comprehensive database of those local footpaths which need maintenance or unblocking. If you are out walking around Tarvin or Oscroft, it would be very helpful if you could send Cllr Lush details of any problems you come across. You will need to be as precise as possible about the location and nature of the problem. When there is a comprehensive list, the problems will be reported to CWac which is responsible for maintaining the footpath network and to the PC, which is interested in seeing that footpaths in the parish are fit for purpose.

Please send information to Cllr. Ted Lush – contact details under Spring Clean article.

### NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The improvements to the main hall have been completed and have made the space look much brighter and fresher. Apart from some adjustments to the stage lighting, this has completed the planned renovations, mainly paid for from reserves which have been accumulated from the support given by attendees at the various activities that go on throughout the year.

The Community Centre Committee has begun succession planning to manage the forthcoming retirement of the Chairman and some other long-term Committee members. The Chairman's role has been divided up into discrete jobs and some have been distributed to others but there are still gaps that need filling. The Committee is therefore seeking interest from people who might like to join the 'team'. However, if you are hesitating stepping forward because you fear you will be overwhelmed with work, please be reassured. If you were to join the Committee, you will be asked to contribute no more time than you can comfortably and willingly offer.

We do need a new generation of people to step forward. The village values the com-