



TARVIN TIMES

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New Parish Council Chairman

At its April meeting, the Parish Council (PC) welcomed Cllr. Rob Ford as its new chairman, succeeding Cllr. Ted Lush. Rob has lived in Tarvin for the past thirty years and joined the council in 2016. He assumes the role at a challenging time, as the parish emerges from the Covid pandemic and is keen to ensure that the council supports the parish by delivering visible community benefits over the coming months. His 'pet hate' is litter and hopes residents will support the litter picks in Tarvin village and Oscroft, scheduled for Saturday June 5th, as part of the nationwide 'Great British Spring Clean'. Rob's contact details, along with those of other Councillors, are on the last page of Tarvin Times.



Grant Aid

The PC 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 amount available during the coming year will be £3,000.

There are a number of conditions for organisations to meet. For example, grants will only be given where the group's membership or activities are open to all of the Parish. Also grants are not awarded for purposes which are commonly considered as the work or responsibility of businesses or bodies funded by any Government Department.

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 the end of June 2021.

TARVIN VILLAGE FETE

We're delighted to tell you that, after the long lockdown, the village is able once more to organise our annual village fete. The event will take place on Saturday July 3rd on the King George V Playing field, starting at 12:30pm when our Borough Councillors will perform the opening ceremony. This year the Fete is being organised under the supervision of St Andrews and Duddon St Peters Church.



There will be the usual stalls and attractions we all enjoy including the dog show, wellie throwing and tug of war. The Community Centre will be open and serving drinks both alcoholic and non-alcoholic as well as café style refreshments provided by Tarvin Methodist Church. We'll be holding our traditional Victoria Sponge Cake competition with categories for both children and adults.

Changes brought about by the events of the last year mean that we may not be able to bring you all the attractions you're accustomed to but we can promise you that the community will be able to come together to share a fun afternoon.

Prior to the fete opening there will be the procession through the village when you be able to see this year's Fete King and Queen in all their glory, accompanied by their retinue and all the other lovely people who make up this grand procession. The procession will begin at 12:00pm from the bottom of Lower High Street and process along High Street, Hockenhull Lane, Crossfields, through the Community Centre grounds and on to the field for the crowning ceremony.

Look out for the posters around the village with details of the dog show and the cake competition as well as the details of the fete itself and if you would like to book a stall at the event, email Sandra at Stalls-tarvinfete@outlook.com

If you would like to be part of the planning or you can help us on the day, please ring Jo on 07545255680 or email Adam at friendie@talk21.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

At the October 2020 meeting, the PC discussed increasing our social media activity by engaging with the local community via Facebook. Although we have a dedicated website and work closely with Tarvin Online, our Facebook activity had been limited. Three Councillors expressed an interest in contributing to the Facebook page, with the Parish Clerk acting as Moderator. At our April meeting, the Social Media Working Group were pleased to report that engagement with our Facebook page has increased over the last 6 months, and feedback has been positive.

We will continue to engage with our local community through our Facebook page, so please spread the word! You can find us at www.facebook.com/TarvinParishCouncil - follow or 'like' the page to be kept up to date with local Parish news. We aim to update our followers with key information about the local Parish, the wider community and our

upcoming meetings. If you have any updates that you would like us to include, then please do get in touch.

PLANNING MATTERS

Residents will be aware of the unauthorised Travellers' camp near to Okell's nursery that has been in place for several months. The owner of the site applied for Change of Use planning permission in September 2020 which was objected to by the PC citing a number of reasons. These included the site's entrance being adjacent to a dangerous bend on the A51 and failure to comply with multiple national and local planning policies, including those adopted by the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan. A decision on the application is still awaited, although the PC have been led to believe that one will be forthcoming in the very near future.

SPEED SURVEY ON CROSS LANES

A number of small grey box-like attachments have been noted in recent weeks attached to street lights and traffic signs on Cross Lanes. Investigations via our Borough Councillor Harry Tonge have identified these as being in relation to the speed/traffic survey requested by the PC in 2019 but delayed by Covid restrictions. The results of the survey are awaited with interest.

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

The PC will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean on the first Saturday in June (5th June). Volunteers to take part in the Tarvin clean-up should meet at the Community Centre at 9.30 am. Oscroft volunteers should meet on the Green at 9.30 am. Litter pickers, bibs and rubbish bags will be available and picking areas will be assigned. Those taking part can do as much or as little as they wish, but the clean-up is recommended to end at 12.30 pm. Filled bags should be left beside the nearest litter bin, and bibs/litter pickers returned to the original assembly point.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The PC usually budgets to spend £3,000 each year on special projects. In 2021/22 the main project will be to formalise the gap in the hedge that separates the A54 from the Ridgeway. This work will make using the gap safer and more accessible to all, as well as improving its appearance

At its meeting in July the PC will also consider other projects it could carry out in 2021/22. So far Councillors are researching three possibilities:

- A formal track around the King George V Playing Field. This would mean constructing a path from the existing path near the children's play area, running parallel to the hedge between the Playing Field and the Community Centre grounds, and then following the hedge on the far side of the Playing Field as far as the car park. The PC will also consider more benches which could be sited between the football pitch and the tennis courts
- Improving those pavements in Tarvin village which are in the worst condition
- Increasing the pot of money available for grants to local organisations, which may be struggling to re-establish themselves after the pandemic.

TARVIN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Tarvin Educational Foundation is the Charity set up to manage the endowment of the old Tarvin Grammar School. The purpose of the Charity is to assist the educational needs of students of secondary school age, or older, who live in the Ancient Parish of Tarvin. The assistance may take the form of financial assistance for books, instruments, tools for a trade and other projects. Usually today this takes the form of help with the costs of University or College courses, apprenticeships and also for overseas projects of an educational nature. These awards are made by the Governors of the Trust who are representatives of the Parish Councils of Tarvin, Kelsall, Ashton Hayes and Clotton Hoofield, together with a representative of Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council as the Local Education Authority and up to three co-opted members.

The Governors are pleased to consider any application made by students residing in the appropriate area.

Initial interest in applying for a grant should be made to the Clerk by the 1st July with full name and local address and post code and an e-mail & contact telephone number. An application form will then be sent which must be returned by Monday 6th September.

The Clerk to the Governors is:

Mr D.H.Cotgreave

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NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The PC is aiming to restart face to face Council meetings in Tarvin Community Centre on Monday 26th July at 7.15pm.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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