



TARVIN TIMES

TARVIN TIMES - The Newsletter of Tarvin Parish Council
Autumn 2024 *Newsletter No.34*

PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made for the coming year:

Chairman of the Council

Councillor R Ford

Vice Chairman of the Council

Councillor D Howorth

Planning Committee

All Councillors

Finance Working Party

Councillors M Butler, R Ford, E Lush, A Sheppard, M Williams

King George V Playing Field Day to Day Management

Councillors P Twigg, M Williams and the Clerk.

Streetcare Working Party

Councillors R Ford and P Ryan

Advisory Working Party

Councillors R Ford, D Howorth

Public Footpath Working Party

Councillors P Buckley and P Ryan

Grants for Local Organisations Working Party

Councillors M Butler, S Dutton, R Ford, and P Ryan

Social Media

Administrator: Councillor S Dutton

Moderator: The Clerk

Appointments to Outside Organisations

The PC will be represented by the following Councillors during the coming year:

Tarvin Community Centre Management Committee

Councillor N Poole

Tarvin Educational Foundation

Councillor P Twigg



VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED WARNING SIGNS

Further to the update in the Spring 2024 edition of Tarvin Times, we are pleased to report that the speed warning sign on Tarporley Road as one enters the village should be installed within the next few weeks.

Whilst it was also proposed to install a second warning sign on Shay Lane on the approach to Oscroft, consultations with local residents have failed to identify a site which is acceptable to them in terms of the potential glare from the sign. As a result, the Parish Council (PC) are looking at an alternative site on Willington Road, again on the approach to Oscroft, particularly as there have been a number of recent complaints specifically about speeding along Willington Road. It is hoped that following consultations with residents, a suitable site can be located, with installation of the sign in the coming months



PARISH AUTUMN CLEANUP

Each year, the PC organises two community activities in Tarvin and Oscroft which help to keep the area looking tidy by litter-picking the streets and hedgerows. The next clean-up is scheduled for Saturday 19th October 2024 and the Spring 2025 clean-up will be held on 15th March 2025.

Each will start at 9:30am when volunteers should assemble to receive their litter picker, some bags and the route to be picked. For Tarvin, assemble at the Community Centre and for Oscroft, the Green.

Everyone should finish no later than 12:30pm. All filled bags should be left adjacent to existing litter bins.

Details will be posted nearer the time on Tarvin Online and the PC website. This is an important, regular community project designed to keep the very special place we live in clean and tidy.

TARVIN WAR MEMORIAL

The PC are awaiting permission from Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) to remove the large overgrown holly tree situated to the right of the War Memorial on Church Street. The tree is very overgrown and is causing the fine sandstone wall alongside to bulge. It also detracts from the War Memorial and the Grade 1 listed church. When permission is received the tree will be removed and it is hoped that this will be carried out during the next couple of months.

Separately the PC is working to register ownership of land on which the War Memorial and tree stand. The Diocese of Chester and CWaC have both confirmed that they do not own the land and as a result neither wished to take any responsibility for the tree or indeed the retaining wall. The process will take some time mainly due to historical evidence of use having to be obtained and statements made by several people and organisations. It is hoped that the work will be completed within the next 12 months.

DOG FOULING AND POSTER COMPETITION

Dog fouling is an issue caused by a minority of dog owners who fail to pick up the mess their dog leaves. The PC constantly highlights the problem, with posters on the playing field and regular mentions in Tarvin Times.

In response, two residents recently sponsored a competition for children at Tarvin Primary school to create a poster highlighting the problem. One of the school years took this on as a project and 17 entries were submitted. In the event, two winners were selected, and each received a £25 cash prize. All entrants shared some chocolates.

The winning posters are now on noticeboards in Tarvin and Oscroft and in the Woodland. Well done to the children who entered and thank you to the school and concerned residents who sponsored the competition.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG - IT IS IMPORTANT AND IT IS THE LAW.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

Residents wishing to discuss matters of concern over which the PC has influence can contact us in a number of ways. These include by letter, e-mail or phone call to the Clerk (details on the back page) and by using the 'open forum' at a parish council meeting. Please note that we will not be continuing with the 'surgery' trial which ran over the early summer.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

The excessive amount of rainfall experienced recently means that regular hedge maintenance is more important than ever. The PC asks all residents to keep hedges maintained and in good order where these would otherwise impede safe use of parish footpaths.



ADDITIONAL PARISH NOTICEBOARD?

One of our residents has suggested recently that a public noticeboard would be useful in the vicinity of the primary school, where details of events and general parish activity could be displayed. If you think this would be a helpful initiative, please comment on the related article on the PC Facebook page or drop a note to the Clerk (contact details at the end of this newsletter).

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

The PC was pleased to note that the annual Independent Inspection Report covering all the play equipment on the field did not highlight any urgent work as being required. There were a number of very small low risk maintenance issues reported, which will be dealt with over the coming months.

Maintenance work to improve the quality of the football pitch is being carried out from 9th to 11th August. All are asked to keep off the pitch during those three days.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

A reminder that three volunteers are needed to attend a session of Community Speed Watch (CSW) to comply with safety criteria. CSW is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police force to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are contacted, initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. Repeat offenders receive a visit from the local police force. Beyond these friendly gestures, prosecution is likely to follow.

If you are interested in the scheme and becoming trained to assist, please contact the Clerk who will pass on your details to PCSO James Hannath at Cheshire Police.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 19th August, 23rd September, and 28th October. All meetings will commence at 7.15pm. All will be held at Tarvin Community Centre. The August meeting will be held in the Wilkinson Lounge and the September and October meetings will be in the Edna Rose Room.

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. All that we ask is that you do it quietly.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Margaret Williams (07917 356445)	Cllr. Neil Poole (740153)	Cllr. Arnie Sheppard (740759)
Cllr. Rob Ford (740371)	Cllr. Mark Butler (309129)	Cllr. Pet Twigg (740509)
Cllr. Ted Lush (741468)	Cllr. Peter Ryan (740576)	
Cllr. Peter Buckley (07771 967 664)	Cllr. Sarah Dutton (07722 853120)	

To Contact Us via the Clerk:

Mike Hassall, Clerk to Tarvin Parish Council, Roy Cottage, Townfield Lane, Tarvin CH3 8EG
e-mail: clerk@tarvinparishcouncil.org.uk telephone 01829 741075