



TARVIN TIMES - The Newsletter of Tarvin Parish Council *Autumn 2022* *Newsletter No.27*

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council ('the PC') welcomes Tarvin resident Duncan Howorth as a new parish councillor.

TRAVELLERS' SITE PLANNING APPLICATION

A number of residents have asked councillors for an update on this planning application. The original application for five mobile and one static caravan on the site on Tarporley Road was submitted in September 2020 and was refused by Cheshire West and Chester Council ('CWaC') in June 2021. A slightly amended version was then resubmitted on 7th September 2021 and we are still waiting on a decision. The PC has previously chased the CWaC Planning Department for an update and were informed that responses were still awaited from a third-party stakeholder. We have again chased them for a decision and will continue to pursue this until one is received.

TARPORLEY WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

At the July meeting of the PC, a trustee of the Tarporley War Memorial Hospital briefed the meeting on the new role for the site, which is now designated as a 'rural hub' for the Countess of Chester Hospital. A consequence of this change, which puts the Tarporley facility on a much more financially stable basis, is that the trust will be able to fund community initiatives aimed at both physical and mental conditions as well as providing a base for professionals such as consultants, nurses, and physiotherapists.



The PC will be considering the impact and opportunities of this change for residents at its meeting in August. Part of this discussion will be an initial assessment of the current provision that helps our community address physical and mental health issues. If you have a view on current health-related services or what should be made available locally, please write to the Clerk at Clerk@tarvinparishcouncil.org.uk so that your views can be taken into account.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

The next litter pick will be on Saturday 8th October at 09:30, finishing no later than midday. Volunteers for Tarvin village should go to the Community Centre at 09:30 to collect their picker, bib and bags and be allocated the street/area that they should pick. Oscroft volunteers should meet on the Green at 09:30.



Filled bags should be left next to street litter bins for collection by CWaC. Any bulky items, for later removal that day, should be notified to Councillor Ted Lush, who is coordinating the pick. He will be at the Community Centre at the beginning and end of the morning as well as doing a round himself.

Following the last litter pick in April, several volunteers came forward who now pick 'their' street more regularly. The PC is grateful for their efforts. Ross Brunton, a local resident, has also carried out a lot of litter picking over a wider area and the PC appreciates the impact that his work has had.

SPEEDING UPDATE

A few updates on speeding issues following on from articles in the previous two editions of Tarvin Times:

- **Proposed speed warning signs on Tarporley Road and the three roads leading into Oscroft** (see spring newsletter). Our proposals are currently with CWaC for consideration and a response is awaited.
- **Speeding on Hockenhull Lane** (see summer newsletter).

A resident concerned at the speed of traffic along the 20 mph section of Hockenhull Lane recently asked CWaC to undertake a speed survey over a 5-day window. Results showed the average number of daily movements was 478 and that of these, 257 or 54% were above the speed limit. 42 vehicles were doing a speed which would have warranted a fine of £100 and 3 points on the driver's licence.

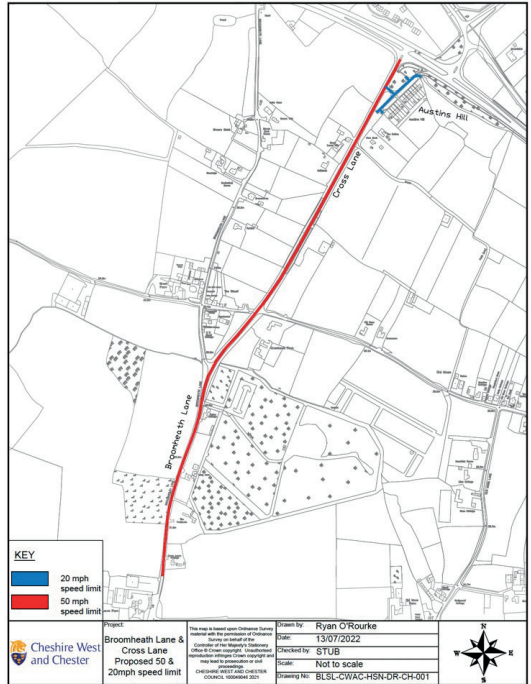
The PC agreed that the survey results were concerning and are undertaking three specific actions:

- Publicise the results, hence this update. By doing this it hopes that all drivers will reflect on their driving habits in the built-up area and respect the 20-mph speed limits.
- Ask Cheshire Police to provide a speed indicator sign which would remind drivers of the speed that they were travelling. This has been requested and we await a response.

- Ask CWaC to repeat the survey in the autumn to see if there has been an improvement in compliance. If not, the PC will consider what other, physical measures might be put in place.

- **Cross Lanes, Broomheath Lane and Austins Hill speed consultation**

Residents who live on the road between the A51 and Ryecroft Lane, leading to Waverton, are being consulted by CWaC regarding a proposed reduction in the speed limit to 50mph, and a 20mph limit on the Austins Hill cul-de-sac. The map printed below shows the limits of the consultation.



The PC had been consulted some time ago about vehicle speeds on Cross Lanes and Broomheath Lane and their view was, and remains, that the Broomheath Lane part should be 40mph as a maximum, as the road narrows at that point and there is also no footpath in front of properties.

However, CWaC are obliged to follow national guidelines which appear to give no discretion for local circumstances. Nevertheless, the proposal for Austins Hill, given the nature of the road, a short cul de sac, seems to the PC to be a total waste of time and money.

The PC are encouraging all residents who are consulted regarding the above to respond to CWaC with their views.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

The PC is receiving an increasing number of complaints regarding overgrown and/or overhanging hedges preventing local residents from walking past on the footpath 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.

TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre in Meadow Close is an important community asset helping to meet the social, physical and mental well-being needs of our community. It is one of the best, if not the best, in rural west Cheshire. Not only does the centre host many groups, ensuring all age groups are included, it is also the venue for a wide range of entertainment. Dates for your diary over the coming months include:



- Films for children (6pm) and adults (8pm) on September 23rd, October 21st, and November 25th.
- September 30th: A Cheshire Rural Touring Arts promoted play, “**The Killer Question**”, described as a ‘dark comedy thriller’.
- October 7th: The George Heath Foundation will be holding their annual bingo with fantastic prizes.
- October 11th to 15th: The award-winning Ashton Hayes Theatre Club will showcase “**One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest**”
- November 4th: A show for families and children, again promoted by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts, “**The Chronicles of Atom and Luna**”
- December 3rd: Annual Christmas pantomime “**Goldilocks and the Three Bears**”, followed by the Tarvin Christmas Market on the High Street.

The success of the Centre is only made possible by its committee of volunteers. If you are interested in joining the committee and therefore making a genuine contribution to the life of your community, contact the community centre chairman on chairman@tarvincommunitycentre.org

FEEDBACK

The Parish Council welcomes feedback on topics included in this edition of Tarvin Times or indeed on any other matter. Please contact the clerk using the details below who will acknowledge receipt and ensure that the content is passed to councillors for consideration.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full council meetings will be held on Mondays 22nd August, 26th September and 24th October. 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.

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