



# TARVIN TIMES

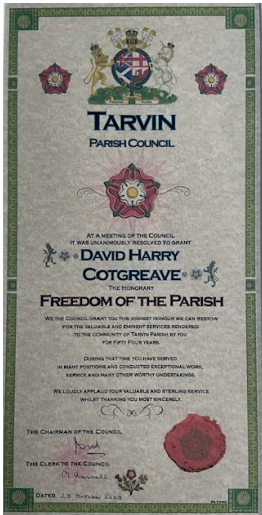
## TARVIN TIMES - The Newsletter of Tarvin Parish Council *Spring 2024* Newsletter No.33

### FREEDOM OF THE PARISH PRESENTATION

Prior to the start of the January Parish Council (PC) meeting, the chairman, Cllr. Robert Ford, presented former Councillor Mr. David Cotgreave with the inaugural Freedom of the Parish of Tarvin award. The award recognises David's exceptional public service, not only to the parish but to the Chester area generally.



David first joined the PC in June 1969 – almost 55 years ago! Since that time, he has held the position of chairman on several occasions and was also mayor of Chester in 1982/83. For many years he acted as the council's representative to the Tarvin Educational Foundation which provides grants for educational purposes to students residing in the ancient parish of Tarvin. This in addition to serving on all of the Councils committees and working parties at different times. David stepped down as a Councillor in April last year. Our huge thanks and best wishes go to David.



### 2024-25 PARISH PRECEPT

Each year, the PC makes a request, known as the Parish Precept, to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) in order to support its activities for the next twelve months. The PC considered the budget for 2024/25 at its January meeting. The new Band D rate from 1st April 2024 will be £45.00, up from £41.71 in 2023/24, an increase of 7.9%. The PC regrets this above inflation increase. It is because the budget is so low tiny changes in spending result in a large percentage change.

The main reasons for the increase are, the forecast cost of insurance and the need to increase general reserves to meet the cost of inflation greater than predicted in the budget estimates, unforeseen events not covered by the provisions that the PC already make, and unusual circumstances.

## TARPORLEY ROAD FOOTPATHS

Residents who enjoy walking around the village footpaths will have noticed that the footpath on the A51 towards Okell's Garden Centre has recently been 'sided', with the encroaching grass and vegetation cleared.

The PC have received a number of complaints regarding other overgrown footpaths and will continue to prompt CWaC to clear those which are becoming difficult to use.

## VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED WARNING SIGNS

After considerable red tape and delay, the PC have contracted for the installation of two vehicle activated speed warning signs, one will be on Tarporley Road as one enters the village and the other on Shay Lane on the approach to Oscroft. These should be installed in the next month or two.



Two other sites were surveyed by CWaC Highways (on Cross Lanes and Willington Road, Oscroft) but these did not meet the average excess speed criteria as measured by speed surveys carried out in 2022.

## REPORTS OF DOG FOULING

The vast majority of dog owners in the Parish appear to act responsibly and clear up after their dog's. However, we believe an increasing number of people are not. As Councillors we have seen an increase in dog foul being left on pavements and grass verges, the King George V Playing Field and in Tarvin Community Woodland. We have also received correspondence from residents regarding an increase in dog foul and discarded bags containing dog foul, along the cinder track from Church Street to Cross Lanes.



We would ask all dog owners to ensure that they clear up after their dogs. If your dog is off lead, then please ensure you are keeping a close eye on what your dog is doing (this does not apply to King George V Playing Field where dogs must be kept on a lead at all times). Once you have picked up the dog foul, please ensure that you are not disposing of it anywhere but a bin. There are public and dog waste bins across the village so there is no excuse not to dispose of bags correctly.

Please ensure that you clean up after your dog/s to keep the village clean, safe and tidy for all.

## **KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

New goals and nets have been ordered for the football pitch on the playing field and are expected to be installed by the end of February. At the same time the pitch is being moved very slightly towards the community centre end of the field which should give the new goals a more solid ground and move the crater in front of each goal slightly so that they can be filled in after the season finishes. We are grateful to CWaC Councillors Tom Cooper and Ted Lush who have provided significant grants from their members budgets to enable this improvement to take place

## **COMMUNITY 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 £4,000.

There are a number of conditions for organisations to meet. For example, grants will only be given where the groups membership or activities are open to all of Tarvin Parish. Also grants will not be given 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 March 2024. Applications will then be considered at the April Council meetings and the approved grants distributed in May.

## **PARISH SPRING CLEAN**

Each year the PC organises two community activities which help keep the area looking tidy by litter picking. The next clean up is scheduled for Saturday 16th March 2024. More details will be posted nearer the time on Tarvinonline and the PC website.

## **GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION**

A reminder that residents can subscribe to have their garden waste collected in 2024, with collections due to restart on the week of 26th February 2024.

The service operates on an opt in basis and will cost £50 per bin per calendar year for 2024. Residents can subscribe for as many bins as they need, but each will be subject to a £50 charge. If a resident is in receipt of full council tax reduction at the time of applying for the permit there is a £10 reduction on the cost of one garden waste bin permit.

For more information or to subscribe to the service, please visit the CWaC website [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our future full Council Meetings for 2024 will be held on Mondays 26th February, 25th March, 22nd April, 20th May, 24th June, 22nd July, 19th August, 23rd September, 28th October, 25th November, and 16th December. 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.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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