



TARVIN TIMES - The Newsletter of Tarvin Parish Council *Summer 2023* *Newsletter No.30*

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 2023

As only 8 names were nominated for 11 places on the Council the election was uncontested and the 8 people put forward (Peter Buckley, Mark Butler, Sarah Dutton, Rob Ford, Duncan Howorth, Ted Lush, Peter Ryan, and Pet Twigg) have been duly elected for the next four years. There are therefore three places still to be filled.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

If you are interested in how your Parish is looked after and how it develops then why not consider becoming a Councillor?

The positions are voluntary and take up as much time as you are prepared to give. The minimum commitment is at least to attend the monthly Parish Council meeting held on a Monday evening (normally the fourth Monday in the month). Councillors represent the views and concerns of the residents of the Parish to the Parish Council and, through it, to the Borough Council.

You must be over 18 and qualify under one of the provisions of Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972 below:

1. Be on the Electoral Register for the Parish, or
2. Have owned or rented land in the Parish for 12 months, or
3. Have worked in the Parish for 12 months, or
4. Have lived in the Parish or within 3 miles thereof during the whole of the 12 months preceding appointment.

If you think that you would enjoy being a Councillor and wish to put yourself forward for co-option onto the Council please let the Parish Clerk know (email Clerk@tarvin-parishcouncil.org.uk or phone 01829 741075). He will then provide you with a form to be completed and returned along with a letter of application which should explain why you are interested in applying and any relevant experience you think you can bring to the role of Parish Councillor and providing some information regarding yourself. Applications received by 21st May 2023 will be considered at the Council meeting on 22nd May 2023.

RETIRING COUNCILLORS

Matt Pochin, Steve Parker, and David Cotgreave were retiring Councillors who have decided not to stand again. We thank them for the contribution they made to the Parish whilst serving as Councillors.

RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLOR COTGREAVE

Parish Councillors, our ward Borough Councillors, and David's daughter Sarah joined together at the end of the April meeting to mark the retirement from the council of Councillor David Cotgreave. David will be sadly missed as his local knowledge, going back so many years, has been invaluable - he first joined the council in June 1969 - almost 54 years ago! During that time, he has held the position of chairman on several occasions and was also mayor of Chester in 1982/83. David has also acted for many years as the council's representative to the Tarvin Educational Foundation. We send David our very best wishes for the future and trust that he will make good use of the patio table presented to him as our parting gift.



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.

The Governors are pleased to consider any application made by students residing in the appropriate area. Initial Interest in an Application should be made to the Clerk by the 1st July 2023 with full name and local address and post code and e-mail and contact telephone number. A standard application form will then be sent which must be returned by Monday 6th September.

The present Clerk to the Governors is: Mr. D. H. Cotgreave Email: clerk@tedf.org.uk

GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Each year the Parish Council allocates a small amount of its precept to provide grants to voluntary organisations based in the Parish. The following grants were approved at the April council meeting:

Tarvin Community Centre	£1,000
Tarvin Community Woodland Trust	£1,000
Tarvin Online	£550
Tarvin Village Fete	£425
Tarvin Christmas Festival	£200
Tarvin Toddlers	£200

BUS SERVICE

As residents will be aware from a number of sources, including Tarvinonline, Arriva Buses have decided to close some local Bus depots, meaning they were unwilling to

continue to operate the 84-bus route from Chester to Crewe, via Tarvin. Stagecoach stepped in with an offer to run the service, albeit initially their proposed timetable was limited and did not include any late night or Sunday services. Following representations from a number of Parish Councils along the route, including Tarvin Parish Council, Stagecoach have now issued an amended timetable (effective from April 24th) which includes a late-night service from Chester on both a Friday and Saturday evening, as well as a Sunday service. This is great news for the village in terms of ensuring continued public transport links to both Chester and Crewe. For full details of the timetable please visit the Stagecoach website.

DOGS ON LEADS

In recent months the Parish Council have been aware of a number of incidents of dogs not being kept on leads on the King George V Playing Field. Councillors, the Clerk, and the Community Amenity Officer have personally witnessed incidents and Councillors have seen a number of concerned posts on social media (Facebook) from residents. The Council is aware of “repeat offenders” and when met with a kind reminder by others, it is often ignored.



The Parish Council would like to politely remind all users of the playing field that dogs must be kept on their lead at all times when walked/exercised on the field. This is a rule for all users. We are extremely lucky to be located in an area where there are a number of local forests and woodlands where dogs can be walked off lead - the playing field is not the place to do so. We would please ask you to be responsible users of the playing field and respect the rules that are in place for the safety and enjoyment of all users.

TRAVELLER'S SITE

Residents will be aware that an unauthorised travellers' site was set up on Tarporley Road over two years ago. The original retrospective planning application in relation to the site's use was refused in September 2021 and was immediately followed by a second very slightly amended application. The Parish Council continues to push Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) for a decision on this second application, not least because it failed to address any of the grounds on which the original was rejected. CWaC have been dealing with a number of similar applications across the borough and they paused decisions on each until a final planning appeal on a different site in the borough was determined. That application has been decided and CWaC have confirmed that they are now working through all similar applications including the Tarporley Road site.

WAR MEMORIAL

Maintenance work on the war memorial is scheduled to start on 15th May. Work will include cleaning, rubbing down rough areas of stone, repointing open joints, recarving lettering as required, repainting lettering in black paint, and replacing some paving slabs by the memorial in matching sandstone.

TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Future events at the Community Centre include:

Family Film Night

Friday 26th May from 6.00pm

Please note, tickets will only be available for sale on the door

MUMMIES (U) at 6.00pm (Doors open 5.30pm)

NB! Tickets now only available on the door: £3 - £4 per seat

The film follows the fun adventures of three ancient Egyptian mummies who live in an underground secret city, hidden in ancient Egypt. The trio includes a princess, a former charioteer, and his younger brother, along with their pet baby crocodile.

Through a series of unfortunate events, the mummies end up in present-day London and embark on a wacky and hilarious journey in search of an old ring belonging to the Royal Family, which was stolen by the ambitious archaeologist Lord Carnaby.

ALLELUJAH (12A) at 8.00pm (Doors open 7.30pm)

ALLELUJAH is a warm and deeply moving story about old age. When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanizing the local community: they invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse. What could go wrong? ALLELUJAH celebrates the spirit of the elderly patients whilst paying tribute to the deep humanity of the medical staff battling with limited resources and ever-growing demand. Starring Jennifer Saunders & Judi Dench

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 22nd May, 26th June, and 24th July. The May meeting will commence immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held at 7.15pm. The June and July meetings will commence at 7.15pm. All meetings 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 members of the public to have their 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

Cllr. Rob Ford (740371)

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Cllr. Peter Ryan (740576)

Cllr. Sarah Dutton (07722 853120)

Cllr. Mark Butler (309129)

Cllr. Ted Lush (741468)

Cllr. Peter Buckley (07771 967 664)

Cllr. Duncan Howorth (07974 438758)

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