



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

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### **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Council ('PC') is once again pleased to acknowledge local organisations who have this year received a grant towards their activities in the local community. All organisations who applied for a grant were supported and the Council allocated all monies it had set aside for grants in the current financial year.

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Tarvin Community Centre	850
Tarvin Community Woodland Trust	850
Tarvin Athletic FC	500
Tarvin Pre-School and Day Nursery	500
Tarvinonline	600
Tarvin Village Fete	450
Tarvin Scout and Guide Management Committee	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,000</b>

A number of factors were taken into consideration when determining the values distributed including the nature of the request, whether previous applications had been made, as well as the number of residents who would potentially benefit from the grant. Note that the maximum amount which an organisation can apply for in any year is £1,000.

It is anticipated that the PC will be looking to make grants available again in 2025 and interested organisations, based in Tarvin Parish, will need to complete an application form (available from the Clerk to the Council) by the end of March 2025.

### **TRAVELLERS' SITE**

Residents will be aware of the travellers' site on Tarporley Road, which was twice refused planning permission by Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council ('CWaC'). The site owner subsequently appealed to HM Planning Inspectorate which allowed the appeal in February 2024.

A number of conditions are attached to the permission, including restrictions on the number of mobile caravans (three) and commercial vehicles (one). The PC will look to engage with CWaC to ensure that the conditions are properly enforced.

## **TARVIN CHRISTMAS MARKET EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 20TH MAY 7.30PM IN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Tarvin Christmas Market has traditionally taken place on a Saturday in December in the early evening, with the High Street closed to traffic. The event is open to all and is for the benefit of the local community. The success of the event has been the result of the Christmas Market Committee's work throughout the years (helped by the weather).

Unfortunately, repeated requests for new volunteers last year failed to appoint key members of the committee and resulted in the event being cancelled. The Methodist Church did step in and ran a Christmas Fair in the church in the afternoon.

Tarvin Christmas Market is making a final appeal for the following key volunteers to allow the market to go ahead in 2024:

1. A Chairperson, to head the market committee and take overall responsibility for the event. All existing documentation will be passed to the person to help with the tasks.
2. A Secretary, to prepare agendas, complete minutes and liaise over the event documentation with the local authority.
3. A person to take overall responsibility for the booking of the stalls, checking of relevant documentation and planning of stall layout, both prior to the market and on the day.

The committee already includes a marketing member, pancake stall organizer, a treasurer and assistant treasurer, plus two potential new committee members. None of the existing committee members are in the position to step up to the more demanding roles listed above. There are also volunteers willing to help on the actual day but not able to make any greater commitment.

**Please come to the Extraordinary meeting to hear more about what is involved to volunteer, have your say and be part of the Tarvin Community;**

Tarvin Christmas Market Extraordinary Meeting, Tarvin Community Centre,  
7:30pm Monday 20th May

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN TARVIN HIGH STREET**

Following comments received from residents, the PC are intending to provide an improved Christmas lights display in the High Street later this year. This will include providing lights to decorate the trees on the footpath close to various retail premises. Over the next few weeks, we will be asking owners of adjacent premises to agree access to a power source for the lighting. We will also be looking for a handful of additional volunteers to help put up and later take down the lights as well as the small Christmas trees which we use to decorate High Street and Church Street.



## **THE FLAGGS AND HAMILTON HOUSE WIN CIVIC TRUST AWARD**

Each year, the Chester Heritage Trust's 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly' awards recognise developments in the Chester district which encourage high standards in the built environment.

The recent refurbishment of The Flaggs and Hamilton House on Church Street has been presented with a 2024 'Good Award'. The nomination quoted that the scheme "has been very positive and has largely preserved features of significance in both properties. The two houses form an important part of the wider conservation area's character and appearance".



The Grade II\*-listed properties are an integral part of the village's Conservation Area. Information on the area generally, including guidance notes for proposed alterations to properties within the area, can be found under the 'Your Parish' section of the PC's website.

### **CONTINUED REPORTS OF DOG FOULING**

The PC continue to receive complaints of dog fouling throughout the Parish. Incidents have been reported directly to Councillors and we have noted discussions between residents on local Facebook groups.



The vast majority of dog owners in the Parish appear to act responsibly and clear up after their dog/s. However, there are a number of people that are not. This is antisocial and unacceptable.

We again ask all dog owners to ensure that they please clear up after their dog/s. 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.

### **CWAC "REPORT IT" SYSTEM – ROADS AND PAVEMENTS**

The PC are aware of the poor condition of both roads and pavements in Tarvin Parish. This is something that is regularly discussed at our meetings. Road and pavement maintenance is the responsibility of CWaC and the PC has no influence on the allocation of CWaC budgets regarding road maintenance.

As Councillors, we continue to report known and new issues to CWaC, and we would also like to remind and encourage residents to do the same. The more reports that are made directly to CWaC, the more likely it is that action will be taken. Please visit the CWaC website to report issues via the following webpage: <https://www.cheshirewest-andchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/highways/potholes-and-road-faults>. You will see a link on the right-hand side of the page titled, "Report a highways fault".

## **KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

At the April PC meeting it was reported that the contractor who had for many years cut the grass on the King George V Playing Field, Millennium Garden, and Oscroft Green had ceased trading during the first week of April. Given that it is now the growing season the PC acted quickly to appoint a new contractor at a cost within the recently approved budget.

The new contractor, who gave all areas their first cut on 17th April, will also power wash the surfaces in the children's play area on the playing field, clean out the channel drainage system installed to the front of the field carpark by the wooden barrier, and cut the hedges around the field later in the year.

## **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES**

Residents wishing to discuss matters of concern over which the parish council 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.

In addition, the council will be trialling a drop-in session at 6.30pm on the night of parish council meetings, commencing in May, where residents who have a concern that they don't want to raise at an open meeting come along to discuss the matter with the Chairman and Parish Clerk. This will be held in the Small Room at the Community Centre.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 20th May, 24th June, and 22nd 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 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. All that we ask is that you do so quietly.

## **YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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