

Notes of the Tarvin Parish Council (PC) meeting held 23rd June 2025

These notes are produced immediately following the meeting to give anyone interested a timely update of the most significant issues discussed. They are not the official minutes. The minutes will be considered and approved at the next meeting **on 28th July 2025 at 19:15** in the Edna Rose Room at the Community Centre. All are welcome to attend PC meetings and stay as long as they want. Meetings do not normally go beyond 21:00.

1. The Chairman welcomed members of the public, many of whom spoke at the Open Forum. A resident of the lower High Street spoke about speeding and the difficulty of parking. A permit scheme had been considered many years ago – it was agreed this should be re-examined, although it was thought unlikely to be a workable solution. The resident said she would explore with the owner of the Pool Bank industrial site using some of the site for off-street parking. On speeding, it was pointed out that speeds had been monitored in the past and that insufficient volunteers had come forward to learn how to use a speed gun. This prompted 4 residents to volunteer. The PC will now contact the Police Community Support Officer to move this forward.

Several residents spoke about the proposed housing development on land off Tarporley Road. Issues raised included the capacity of the infrastructure (especially sewage treatment) to deal with more houses; the provision for younger children; and facilities for older children including a skate park. The PC had also received written representations about the proposal, all of which were welcomed as important. Probable new housing is a key issue for the PC, not least because the current Government wishes to see much more housebuilding. This has already resulted in Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) being told that their target for new houses has been doubled to nearly 2,000 units per annum. CWaC is in the process of updating their Local Plan and an “Issues and Options” consultation with the public will start soon. The PC has already asked CWaC what the new housing target would mean for a parish like Tarvin. No figures are currently available, but they should be next month. The PC has seen a draft of the “Issues and Options” report which shows a number of different scenarios for housing development in our community. Once the CWaC consultation starts, the PC will want to know what residents think should or could happen over the next 10 years. To gauge this, the next edition of Tarvin Times will concentrate on this matter to be followed in September/October by public meetings.

2. Equipment on the King George V (KGV) Playing Field, which is currently broken, will soon be back in action. The two new benches have been installed.

3. Tree inspection work on the KGV and the Green in Oscroft has been commissioned and any resulting remedial/safety work will be carried out.

4. The PC will inspect the lampposts it owns to assess their condition and whether any maintenance work or painting is needed.

5. One of the important things the PC does is to make grants to organisations that improve the life of our residents. The PC approved the following grants in 2025/26: Tarvin Community Centre £1,000, Tarvin Community Woodland Trust £1,000, Tarvin Athletic Football Club £550, Tarvin Pre-school and Day Nursery £550, Tarvinonline £700, Tarvin Christmas Market £200.