

Notes of the Tarvin Parish Council (PC) meeting held 24th March 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 April 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. At the Open Forum members of the public spoke about a retrospective planning application for Cherry Tree House on Church Street, Tarvin. Their concerns were about the use of the house, once refurbished (and extended), being operated as an Airbnb type property; the fact that the new annex had not been built in accordance with the original permission and the size of the rear extension to the main house.

Borough Councillor Tom Cooper told the PC that Kelsall PC were concerned that as a consequence of Government plans for increased housebuilding, it had specified new (increased) housing targets for Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) i.e. nearly doubling the annual new housing requirement, from 1,100 to 1,914. The immediate impact of this target was to half the CWaC 5-year housing land supply that had been previously identified. And because the supply was less than 5 years it made it more difficult for CWaC Planning to reject often speculative proposals for new houses from housing developers. Areas like the parishes of Kelsall and Tarvin were very attractive to developers and so would come under immediate pressure and the fact that both had a Neighbourhood Plan, had met the previous new housing target would count for little.

Both these items were already on the agenda and the response of the PC is set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 below.

2. The PC agreed with the residents that the rear extension of Cherry Tree House was very large and did impact on their visual amenity. It agreed to ask CWaC Planning to check that it had been built in accordance with the original approval. In respect to either the house or new annex being used as an Airbnb type property the PC again agreed that this would be detrimental to the immediate neighbours and was not part of either the original or current application.

3. Concerning potential, significant, new house building in the Tarvin PC area, the PC agreed to meet with Kelsall and other PCs that might be impacted. This initial meeting would be to share information and consider what actions could or should be taken. The PC also discussed whether the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan should or could be revised as quickly as possible. A working party of Councillors will meet between now and the next meeting to compare the Borough Council land availability assessment sites document and the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan and make a recommendation for the next meeting regarding whether to update the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan.

4. The PC is concerned about the amount of **dog dirt** that IS NOT being picked up and deposited in a bin. Areas of particular concern are the Community Woodland and Tarporley road. If you are a dog owner, it is your responsibility to pick up and dispose of the mess your dog leaves. Not doing so is an offence and puts very young children at serious risk of illness if they pick it up.

5. The recent **community clear up** attracted 15 volunteers. The work makes such a difference to how our streets, alleyways and roads look. Thank you. There will be another session in the autumn.
6. The PC had been advised BT that they proposed to remove the 'phone kiosk on Church Street because it had only been used 18 times in 12 months. The PC had no objection to the proposal and did not want to adopt the kiosk.
7. Due to a need to review the legal framework under which the Tarvin Educational Foundation operates, no grants will be offered this year. The PC will work with the Foundation to create a way forward that hopefully will mean from 2026 grants will again be offered to our children in secondary and university education.
8. Tarvinonline, the community website, needs new editors. If you are interested, please come along and find out more. A meeting has been arranged at the Tarvin Community Centre, 19:00 on April 16th.
9. The PC agreed to appoint solicitors to produce the paperwork that would formally bring the site of the Tarvin War Memorial into Tarvin Parish Council ownership. The cost of this work is specifically budgeted for 2025/26.