

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 10th September 2024** at 7.30 in Tiverton Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

CLLrs: J Chambers, A Wilson, L Woodhouse

Ward Cllr M Jones attended for part of the meeting

4 members of the public

1) 031/24.25 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

There were no members of Cheshire Constabulary in attendance but PCSO McEvitt had sent apologies

It was again raised that the vehicle is still parking on the pavement outside Railway Cottage.

Speeding on the A49 on the approach to the bridge was also raised.

Action Point 1: An email to be sent to the PCSO regarding the use of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) and to inform her of the matters raised above

It was also agreed to write to the new PCC regarding speeding and speed monitoring on the A49

2) 032/24.25 - Open Forum

The Chairman of Tiverton Village Hall again put out a plea for new committee members to run the hall.

The current committee will all be retiring at the AGM in Nov 2025 and they are wanting to have the new members in place before then. A Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and someone to take bookings would be the minimum but some other committee members would also be beneficial. He has written an open letter to the community and asked for it to go into the next newsletter.

Action Point 2: A copy of the village hall Chairmans letter to go in the newsletter and on the PC website.

A resident brought a document from the Land Registry that shows that, as well as the forecourt of The Dale, Cheshire West and Chester Council also owns Townfield Lane as it provides access to the land behind The Dale as well as The Dale itself.

3) 033/24.25 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received, and approved, from Cllr Lightfoot, Cllr Moore, Cllr Randles and Cllr Khan. The 6 months leave of absence for Cllr Khan had now expired and she had been consulted about remaining as a Cllr. The Chairman reported that he had subsequently received a letter of resignation.

Action Point 3 – Clerk to inform Democratic Services of a Casual Vacancy

4) 034/24.25 – Co-option of Councillor

An application had been received from Mr John Growney to fill the current casual vacancy. It was proposed by Cllr Sharma, seconded by Cllr Wilson that Mr Growney be co-opted on to the Council. All in favour

Mr Growney signed his Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting

5) 035/24.25 - Declarations of Interest

Cllr Woodhouse declared a Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 8 planning as the owner of Briar Lea

6) 036/24.25 – Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Sharma, seconded by Cllr Chambers and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 09th July 2024 were a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

7) 037/24.25 – Clerks Report

Consultations and surveys had been received on the following: Sandstone Ridge, Volunteering Strategy, the Safety of E-bikes. Cllrs could complete these as members of the public but if they felt a PC response was required then comments to be sent to the Clerk to collate.

Invitations had been received to webinars on Climate Action and Sustainable Energy. A further invitation had been received to an event at Tarporley War Memorial Hospital. Cllrs advised to apply direct if they wished to attend any of these

SLCC Conference: The Clerk had booked a place at the conference at a cost of £45.00

Remembrance Day: The documentation for CW&C to be completed and submitted by 20th September

Tiverton Green: the Clerk had contacted BT about the phone box. A job had been raised to clean it and assess if it needed to go on the painting list for next Summer. She still needs to contact Royal Mail about the post box

Action Point 4: Royal Mail to be contacted about cleaning and repainting the post box

8) 038/24.25 – Planning

i) Planning Applications - The following planning applications had been received and noted on the planning register:

24/0144/FUL: Tilstone Lodge, Nantwich Road, Tiverton, CW6 9JS – Proposed menage (retrospective) within residential curtilage

24/01957/FUL: Yew Tree Cottage, Huxley Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NB – New bi-fold doors to side, replacement of the rear door to window, replacement of rear first floor window to a Juliet balcony, new render to property.

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24/02114/FUL: the Limes, Nantwich Road, CW6 9HN – Single storey side and rear extension (amendment to 23/01259/FUL)

24/02222/FUL: 1 Townfield Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9NE – Replacement of front porch, single storey side extension with roof lights and replacement windows

ii) Decision Notices – All Decision Notices received since the last meeting were noted on the Planning Register.

iii) Planning Committee – Circulated planning comments were unanimously approved and will be submitted to the Local Planning authority.

iv) Enforcement Matters: Nothing had been heard from the Enforcement Officer on the query raised regarding Williams Cottage. However, Tarporley PC also raised a query and as the property is in their Parish the answers may have gone to them but it was disappointing that the Parish Council hadn't been consulted on an application on its boundary.

v) Consultations had been received on CW&C Housing Strategy, CW&C Design Codes and the Govt update to the NPPF. Any comments to be sent to the Clerk to collate.

There was also some discussion about reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan in conjunction with Beeston Parish. This to go on November agenda

Action Point 5: Beeston to be informed that this is being considered

9) 039/24.25 – Highways

i) Highways Issues – The spreadsheet of highways issues had been updated and circulated.

ii) New Issues – Concerns had been raised about heavy vehicles using Tilstone Bank Road, crossing the narrow bridge over the canal.

Action Point 6: Clerk to report any new issues on the online reporting system

10) 040/24.25 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct	Interest Received 1 st Monthly
1 st July 24	£835.39	£14,095.10	£15.66
1 st August 24	£796.00	£11,626.23	£16.21

Notes: September bank statement had not been received.

£500 was transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account on 8th July

ii) Budget Figures – Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of August. All expenditure was on target. It was noted that the Certificate of Exemption for the 2023/2024 audit had been accepted by PKF Littlejohn

iii) It was noted that prior to the meeting a payment of £146.40 had been made to Defib Store for defibrillator pads

iv) September Payments – Invoices detailed below were considered for payment

Came & Co.	Insurance Renewal	£641.95
Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)	Clerk Annual Conference	£45.00
Probin Ltd	Audit Fee	£50.00

This had not been received but the Clerk asked for permission to pay it on receipt

Resolved: That the above payments be made. All were in favour

iv) Future Expenditure:

War Memorial: Two quotations had been received which were very different in cost. One contractor had also asked about the “listed” status of the memorial. The memorial is Grade II listed and so it was felt that a conversation with the Conservation Officer was the next step forward

Action Point 7: Clerk to speak to the Conservation Officer about the best way to clean the War Memorial

Spring Bulbs: It was agreed to purchase a large bag of bulbs from Boston Seeds

Lamp Post Poppies: It is believed that the poppies are £3 each. It was agreed to purchase more

Action Point 8: Clerk to purchase the above items

Laying of mole traps: It was agreed to leave the laying of any further mole traps until the Spring

Action Point 9: Clerk to inform Contractor

11) 041/24.25 – Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – Plans to place a large planter(s) on the wide grass verge approaching the village on Huxley Lane are still ongoing. Ownership has not been ascertained and so it was agreed to apply for the licences from Highways to see if that clarified ownership

Action Point 10: Clerk to apply for the relevant licences

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – It is still proposed to put benches and possibly some more trees on Smithy Green and its surrounds but this will be reconsidered in the Spring. Cllr Woodhouse has some trees that may be suitable and these will be looked at before any more are purchased. The purchase of spring bulbs has been agreed. Quotes have been requested for the cutting of the hedge by the bus stop at the end of Huxley Lane.

CW&C had been due to plant wild flowers on the verges on the A49. Due to the poor summer weather this had not gone ahead.

Action Point 11: Contact Highways to see if this will go ahead in 2025

iii) Maintenance Plan – the drawing up of a maintenance plan is ongoing as is the setting up of a maintenance working group

12) 042/24.25 – The Dale & Townfield Lane

Further information about the ownership of these has come to light (see Open Forum). No updates on funding for the repairs has been received from Estates. This is one of the items to be raised with the CW&C CEO.

13) 043/24.25 – Parish Council Website

The changeover to any new provider will be done as soon as possible. Council are considering changing to “.gov” email addresses when this goes ahead

14) 044/24.25 – School Transport Provision in Tiverton

No response had been received from CW&C transport. However, Council was aware that 19 children from 13 families were affected. Several of these had appealed the decision and these were waiting to be heard. This is to be raised in the letter to the CEO

Action Point 12: - Clerk to write to Chief Executive re the ongoing issues in the Parish that CW&C officers have not responded to.

15) 045/24.25 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30 in St Jude’s Church Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45 pm

Signed:..... (Chairman).....

Dated:.....

Parish Council Meetings will take place on the following dates:

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| Tuesday 14 th January 2025 | Tiverton Village Hall |
| Tuesday 11 March | St Jude’s Church hall, Tilstone Fearnall |
| Tuesday 13 th May | Tiverton Village Hall (includes Annual PARISH Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting) |
| Tuesday 8 th July | St Jude’s Church Hall |
| Tuesday 9 th September | Tiverton Village Hall |
| Tuesday 11 th November | St Jude’s Church Hall |