

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 11th March 2025** at 7.30 in St Jude's Church Hall, Tilstone Fearnall

Present:

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

Cllrs: J Chambers, J Growney, P Moore, L Randles, L Woodhouse

Ward Councillor M Jones and 4 members of the public

1) 079/24.25 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues

There were no members of Cheshire Constabulary in attendance however PCSO McEvitt had sent her apologies and circulated her monthly report.

Action Point 1: Cllr Sharma will contact her re the delivery / collection of the mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID)

It was reported that the PC had been unsuccessful in its grant application to the Police & Crime Commissioners SWAP fund to purchase a SID machine. Cllr Growney was thanked for his input into the application.

2) 080/24.25 - Open Forum

i) The owners of Stone Lock Cottage came to explain their latest planning application and to answer any questions about the application. They are working closely with the Canal & River Trust and have had their plans drawn up by a heritage architect. Questions were asked about the status of the lock and about the driveway running to the back of the house.

ii) Ken Morris reported that he and some neighbours had attended the recent speedgun training at Tarporley Community Centre.

3) 081/24.25 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received and approved from Cllrs Lightfoot and Wilson who both had family commitments

4) 082/24.25 – Co-option of Councillor

An application to fill the vacancy had been received from Mr Ken Morris. Mr Morris spoke a little about living in the Parish and why he wished to join the PC. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Morris. Mr Morris signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the table

5) 083/24.25 - Declarations of Interest

Cllr Woodhouse declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8 Planning as the owner of Briar Lea

6) 084/24.25 – Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Woodhouse and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 were a correct record.

7) 085/24.25 – Clerks Report

Post Box: An email had been received saying that the post box would be inspected. If works required were urgent they would be completed in 25 weeks. If only painting was required it would be included on the next schedule.

Phone Box: An email had been received via Cllr Jones to say that BT were consulting on the removal of the phone box in the centre of Tiverton. Cllr Growney had circulated some information about adopting phone boxes and Cllrs were asked to send the Clerk ideas for a re-use of this.

Action Point 2: Clerk to do further research re costs, maintenance etc for the May meeting

Letter to Cheshire West & Chester Chief Executive Officer: A letter (via email) had been sent in January raising the issue of non-communication of several department regarding specific issues around The Dale / Townfield Lane; highways; school buses and the War Memorial. Although the email had been acknowledged no response had been received

Meeting re Programme of Engagement: Cllrs were reminded of the meeting which is to take place on Tuesday 18th March at 4pm in Tarporley Community Centre. Cllr Morris would like to attend

Meeting re Supporting Our Communities: The Town & Parish Council Conference will be held at Macdonald Portal Hotel, Tarporley on Wednesday 30th April at 5 pm.

Action Point 3. Cllrs to contact the Clerk if they wish to attend either meeting and she will book places.

Cheshire East Transport Plan: Although the PC is in CW&C it was agreed that the 84 bus service and the re-opening of Beeston & Tarporley Station were important and so it was agreed to submit a response

Action Point 4: Cllrs to submit comments to the Clerk who will collate

8) 086/24.25 – Planning

i) Planning Applications – the following planning applications have been received:

24/03742/FUL: - Stone Lock Cottage, Whitchurch Road, Tiverton, CW6 9HN – To demolish existing dwelling and replace with a two-storey dwelling house

There was discussion about this application. Some reservations were raised about the impact building works may have on the lock. Cllr Sharma will put together some comments and circulate

25/00027/FUL: Heath Croft, Nantwich Road, Tiverton CW6 9NH – Construction of stable building

At this point Cllr Woodhouse left the room

25/00339/LDC: Briar Lea, Nantwich Road, Tiverton, CW6 9HP – Lawful Development Certificate to establish an existing use of land as a domestic garden, forming part of the residential curtilage

Following discussions Cllr Woodhouse returned to the meeting and was asked to clarify a couple of points. Cllr Sharma will put together some comments and circulate

ii) Decision Notices – No decision notices had been received

iii) Planning Committee – Previously circulated and submitted comments were ratified.

iv) Enforcement Matters: Nothing had been received from the Enforcement Officer re Williams Cottage / Highfield or Bank House. It was commented that a new stable had been erected at Bank House.

9) 087/24.25 – Highways

i) Highways Issues – The spreadsheet of highways issues had been updated and circulated. There was comment about works that are still outstanding

ii) New Issues – No new issues were raised

REMINDER: any highways, pavement or public footpath issues can be reported on CW&C's online reporting system

10) 088/24.25 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

| Date | Current Account | Business Reserve Acct | Interest (rec'd 1 st Monthly) |
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| 1 st February | £1,110.87 | £8,996.20 | £10.13 |
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Notes: Bank statement for 1st March had not been received.

ii) Budget Figures – Cllrs reviewed the budget figures to end of February noting the Clerks salary is paid by Standing Order. All expenditure was on target.

iii) Prior Payments: as agreed at the January meeting £25.00 had been paid to the Royal British Legion for the poppy wreath

iv) March Payments –

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| C Spencer | Expenses | £75.49 |
| ChALC | R&R Training Cllr Growney | £25.00 |

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

v) Internal Auditor: the Clerk requested permission to approach Mr Hurst to carry out the forthcoming “audit” of the accounts. **All in Favour**

Action Point 5: Clerk to email invitation to Mr Hurst

11) 089/24.25 – Parish Projects

i) Traffic Calming – It was agreed to apply for the licences for planters for the grass verge at the Brassey Green entrance to the village and see if this informed the ownership.

Action Point 6: Clerk to apply for the relevant licences

ii) Smithy Green Trees and Benches – the daffodils are growing. It is still proposed to put benches and possibly some more trees on the Green and its surrounds.

iii) Maintenance Plan – the drawing up of a maintenance plan is ongoing as is the setting up of a maintenance working group. The cleaning of the War Memorial to be revisited. This matter is included in the letter to CW&C CEO

iv) Events to Commemorate VE Day 80: the village hall will announce an event at a coffee morning which is being held on Saturday 16th March.

12) 090/24.25 – The Dale & Townfield Lane

An email had been sent to Estates on 13th Jan but no updates on funding for the repairs has been received. This matter has been included in the letter to CW&C CEO

13) 091/24.25 – Beeston & Tarpoley Station Reopening Group

The AGM of the group is due to be held and there will be further updates then.

14) 092/24.25 - Parish Council Website

The domain hosting has auto-renewed. Cllr Sharma has been researching quotes for a new website with “gov.uk” emails

15) 093/24.25 – Membership of External Bodies

Cllr Woodhouse has agreed to be the PC’s representative on the Bunbury Parochial Charities board.

16) 094/24.25 – School Transport Provision in Tiverton

No updates had been received on this matter. This issue has been raised in the letter to CW&C CEO

17) 095/24.25 – Regional Devolution

Ward Cllr Jones outlined what this entails and what changes there will be to the running of Cheshires authorities. At the moment it is intended to hold Mayoral elections on May 2026. There is currently a consultation running which ends on 13th April

Action Point 7: Any comments to be sent to the Clerk who will collate and submit

18) 096/24.25 - Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th May at **7.00pm** in Tiverton Village Hall and will include the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual (first) Parish Council Meeting
There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 pm

Signed:..... (Chairman)

Dated:.....

Parish Council Meetings will take place on the following dates:

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| 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 |

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