

# **TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025** at 7.30 in Tiverton Village Hall

### **Present:**

Councillor: A Sharma (in the Chair)

Cllrs: J Chambers, J Growney, H Lightfoot, P Moore, L Randles, A Wilson, L Woodhouse

Ward Councillor Mike Jones and 5 members of the public

### **1) 063/24.25 – Discussion with PC / PCSO re Local Issues**

There were no members of Cheshire Constabulary in attendance however several queries had been emailed to PCSO McKevitt following the December meeting and she had responded:

- i) contact details required for SID. - Cllr Sharma
- ii) she has asked for the speed van to be sent out to the Tiverton side of the railway bridge
- iii) speedwatch training requires a minimum of 3 persons and one of those to lead the group.  
Parish Councillors don't have to be involved. - Inform interested residents
- iv) does the ward have any speedwatch equipment? - No

**Action Point 1: Clerk to provide the relevant information to the PCSO and those wishing to take part in speedwatch**

### **2) 064/24.25 - Open Forum**

- i) Tiverton Village Hall is holding a village hall garden tidy on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March and volunteers to help are needed. The Chairman of the hall asked if the PC would put a poster on the website. Agreed
- ii) A resident had received a letter asking if they still required assisted bin collections. Unfortunately, the letter had to be responded to online and only had tick boxes for illness or disability not if the assisted collections were due to safety issues. Cllr Jones agreed to look into this for them.
- iii) Two residents again raised the issue of blocked drains around the Grove Cottage / April Cottage area of Huxley Lane. These had been inspected, and one repaired, but they had not been emptied properly. This causes flooding when it rains which is exacerbated by silt and debris which runs off Townfield Lane. CW&C flood officer had visited and had looked at where the surface water runs to, parts of which also require maintenance.

**Action Point 2: Clerk to report blocked gullies online and to Network Steward**

- iv) Residents asked questions about the SID which is sited outside Huxley primary school. It is assumed that as it has been there for a while it has been purchased by either the school itself or by Huxley and Hargrave Parish Council.

**Action Point 3: Clerk to contact the Clerk at Huxley & Hargrave PC**

### **3) 064/24.25 – Apologies for Absence**

There were no Apologies for Absence

### **4) 065/24.25 – Co-option of Councillor**

The Clerk had informed Cheshire West and Chester Council of a Casual Vacancy and the relevant notices had been displayed. The PC had not been informed that an election had been requested and it so can now co-opt. if anyone knows someone who may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please ask them to apply to the Clerk.

**Action Point 4: Advert to be placed on website**

### **5) 066/24.25 - Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

## 6) 067/24.25 – Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Lightfoot and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were a correct record.

## 7) 068/24.25 – Clerks Report

Post Box: An email regarding the state of the post box had been sent via Royal Mail complaints system. An automated acknowledgement has been received.

Letter to Cheshire West & Chester Chief Executive Officer: A letter (via email) has been sent raising the issue of non-communication of several department and specific issues regarding The Dale / Townfield Lane; highways; school buses and the War Memorial. An acknowledgement has been received.

Letter to Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC): A letter (via email) has been sent to the PCC regarding the lack of policing in the Parish. An acknowledgement has been received

CW&C Public Space Protection Order Consultation: It was suggested that the PC comment be that it was unfair to penalise all areas of the Borough because of isolated issues and so blanket PSPO's were not suitable.

## 8) 069/24.25 – Planning

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

24/03737/FUL: - Fields Cottage, Moss Lane, Tiverton, CW6 9HN – First floor extension with dormer window and rooflight and additional 4 no rooflights to existing rear roof.

25/00078/FUL: Stone Lock Cottage, Whitchurch Road, Tiverton, CW6 9NH – Demolition of existing building

ii) Decision Notices – the following decision notices have been received:

24/02222/FUL – 1 Townfield Lane, Tiverton, CW69NE – Replacement of front porch, single storey side extension with roof lights and replacement windows Approval

iii) Planning Committee – No comments had been submitted

iv) Enforcement Matters: A further email had been sent to the Enforcement Officer regarding excavations that are taking place at Williams Cottage / Highfield. She had contacted the owner and they say that it is to create foundations for a garage that is part of the planning permission.

Complaints had been received about works that were being carried out at Bank House which is in the Tiverton conservation area. This information had been passed to the Enforcement Officer.

v) Neighbourhood Plan – A meeting had been held with Beeston PC regarding a potential review of the NP and there will be an update at the March meeting. It was noted that a new housing target had been imposed on CW&C which meant they currently had less than the required 5 yr housing land supply

## 9) 070/24.25 – Highways

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

ii) New Issues – The faded road markings at the Four Lane Ends junction, flooding on Moss Lane, Tilstone Fearnall and a fence obstructing a public footpath had been added to the list. The matter of uncompleted works has been included in the letter to CW&C CEO

Everyone was reminded that any highways, pavement or public footpath issues can be reported on CW&C's online reporting system

## 10) 071/24.25 – Financial Report and Accounts for Payment

i) Balances in the bank were as follows:

Date	Current Account	Business Reserve Acct	Interest (rec'd 1 <sup>st</sup> Monthly)
1 <sup>st</sup> November	£1045.08	£9,965.35	£11.85
1 <sup>st</sup> December	£1608.69	£8975.45	£10.10
1 <sup>st</sup> January 25	£1359.78	£8,986.07	£10.62

Notes: £1,000 was transferred from Business Reserve to Current Account on 13<sup>th</sup> November

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

iii) No payments were made prior to the meeting

iv) January Payments –

Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£25.00*
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\*This had not been received but the Clerk asked for permission to pay it on receipt

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

v) The proposed budget for 2025 / 2026 had been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Lightfoot, seconded by Cllr Moore that the proposed budget be accepted. **All in Favour**

vi) It was further proposed by Cllr Lightfoot, seconded by Cllr Moore that a Precept of £6,500 be requested from Cheshire West and Chester Council for the year 2025 / 2026. **All in Favour**

**Action Point 5: Clerk to submit the precept request to CW&C**

#### **11) 072/24.25 – Parish Projects**

i) Traffic Calming – There was further discussion on the ownership of the wide grass verge as you exit the village at the Brassey Green end. It was agreed to apply for the licences for planters and see if this informed the ownership.

**Action Point 6: 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 the Green and its surrounds but this will be reconsidered in the Spring.

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: Cllr Moore who is on the Village Society said that she would discuss this with the new village hall committee and report back at the March meeting.

#### **12) 073/24.25 – The Dale & Townfield Lane**

An email had been sent to Estates on 13<sup>th</sup> 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) 074/24.25 – Beeston & Tarporley Station Reopening Group**

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

#### **14) 075/24.25 - Parish Council Website**

The domain hosting has again auto-renewed but the PC does not know who by. Although not mandatory it is advisable to change to “gov.uk” for website and email and this is under consideration. A meeting of the website working group to be called. Cllr Woodhouse is interested in being involved with this as he has some ideas for the website

#### **15) 076/24.25 – Membership of External Bodies**

Following Roger Cheshire’s resignation as the PC’s representative on the Bunbury Charities board the Clerk has emailed their secretary to ask for more information about what this entails.

#### **16) 077/24.25 – 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) 078/24.25 - Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 in St Jude’s Church Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35 pm

Signed:....A Sharma..... (Chairman)

Dated:....11<sup>th</sup> March 2025.....

**Parish Council Meetings will take place on the following dates:**

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Tiverton Village Hall (includes Annual PARISH Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	St Jude's Church Hall
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Tiverton Village Hall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	St Jude's Church Hall