

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2005

PRESENT: Cllr's E Boynes, R Brierley, R Craven, J Foden, , J Greenwood, H Melluish, T Hill, K Parker, , C Topping, J Wall and H Watson.

1. Apologies: Apologies for absence received from Cllr T Spark.
2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Melluish declared a personal interest in APP 05-0137, Cllr Greenwood declared a personal and prejudicial interest in APP 05-0081.
3. Quality Status: Mr C White of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils addressed the meeting.
4. Open Forum: No residents were present.
5. The minutes of the regular meeting of the 10th Jan 2005 were approved and signed.
6. Matters resolved at the last meeting not on this Agenda: The street scene inspection by Cllr's and VRBC officers had taken place and VRBC would provide notes of agreed actions.
7. PLANNING: a) To agree TPC planning comments on the following under TCPA 1990 Sch1 s8:

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comment
05-0079-FUL	28 Millfield Lane	Conservatory	No. Obj.
05-0101-FUL	The Old Rectory High St	COU agricultural to recreational	No. Obj.
05-0117-FUL	5 Bridgedown	Dining room & garage extn, provision of garden room	No. Obj.
05-0137-FUL	28 Woodlands Way	Conservatory and repositioning of boundary wall	No. Obj.

The Clerk is to comment on 05/0081 Garden House, Cobblers Cross & 05/0140 8 Coronation Terrace following consultation with Cllr's Hill, Melluish, Wall & Watson who will undertake site inspections.

b) The following VRBC decisions were received and noted.

App 2004	Location	Proposal	VRBC Decision
1817	Rode St Farm, Rode St	Hay barn & Menage	granted/conds
1931	5 Orchard Gardens	Rear Extension	granted/conds
1958	28 Forest Rd	New dwelling, Amendment to APP 2002/1086	granted/conds
2003	Flaxyards Farm Eaton Rd	Amendment to approved application for 15 B1 units	withdrawn
2069	War Memorial Hospital	Porch Extension	granted

It was noted that the Clerk would write to VRBC to express concerns over a development in Henry St.

8. Vale Royal Borough Councillor's Report. Cllr Hill did not have any major items to report other than contributions to VRBC related issues elsewhere in these minutes.

9. LCA Certificate: A paper providing an update on the Clerk's progress with LCA portfolio and WWYC course was received and approved.

10. Annual Contracts: It was RESOLVED that the current Footpaths, Handyman, Street Cleaning and Bus Hire contract arrangements offered good value and that the Clerk would approach the current contractors with a view to renewing the contract for a further year. Minor changes are to be made to the contracts including Glebe Land maintenance and the Clerk is to take a more active role in contract supervision.

11. Newsletter: Working groups content for the next issue was received and it was RESOLVED that a sunflower competition be included. The motion to include small advertisements in return for grants towards production costs was lost. It was RESOLVED to agree to printing via VRBC at an estimated £300.

12. Glebe Land: It was RESOLVED to approve the purchase of gates at an estimated £260 and their installation at an estimated £373 and digger hire estimated at £80 under LGA 1972, s214 (2) subject to the land purchase proceeding.

13. Street Cleaning: It was RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a pedestrian operated waste truck at £395 under LGA 1972, s137 as being in the interest of, and to the benefit of, local inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

14. Banners: It was RESOLVED to approve the purchase of 2 fabric banners to publicise council meetings at £183.00 under LGA 1972, s111.

15. Britain in Bloom and BKV: It was RESOLVED to enter the Community Pride & Community Safety Awards and to enter the Northwest in Bloom Award under the sponsorship of VRBC.

16. VRBC Public Convenience provision review: It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to VRBC endorsing the value of this resource to villagers and visitors alike.

17. VRBC Draft Affordable Warmth Strategy: It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to VRBC supporting the strategy but suggesting that further thought be given as to how to identify those at risk in villages such as Tarporley by liaison with local groups..

18. Brook Farm School: It was RESOLVED that the report of the working group on the future of Brook Farm School and the proposed relocation of the Primary School be received and approved. The Clerk is to identify and write to a CCC spokesperson with an interest in education to seek a meeting with Country Councillors with responsibility for education decisions..

19. Vale Royal Council for Voluntary Service: It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would write expressing support but that no grant would be provided at this time as there was no direct benefit for the Parish in the current activities of the Voluntary Council.

20. Children's Summer Holiday Club: It was moved that a request from the Baptist & Methodist Church for a grant of £60 towards the costs of running the club be approved. An amendment to replace £60 by £100 was moved and carried. It was RESOLVED that a request from the Baptist & Methodist Church for a grant of £100 towards the costs of running the club be approved under LG(MP)A 1976 s19.

21. Neighbours Coop: It was noted that the Clerk had previously written to the Coop. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to VRBC and the Coop regarding the ongoing situation regarding obstructions caused by the storage of waste bins and produce containers on the highway and footway. It was further RESOLVED that comments made to Cllrs regarding the range and availability of products in the Coop be made known to the Coop.

22. ACCOUNTS :a) The Councillor's expenditure and income statements for January 2005 were received and approved, it was noted that Cllr Spark had inspected the accounts.

b) The external auditors report on the 2003/04 accounts was received and it was noted that it was clean audit with no items for action.

c) It was RESOLVED to approve an increase in the annual footpaths contract from £1800 to £2300. Noted that the increase could be contained within overall budget limits.

d) To following accounts were approved for payment

J Phillips	Footpaths Jan. (under HA 1980, s43,50,96)	Chq 1916	118.11
G Fowles	Handyman Jan. (under HA 1980, s43,50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214 PCA	1917	128.74
-	1957 s1)	-	-
Aries	Bus Hire Jan. (under LGRA 1997, s28)	1918	107.52
G Steele	Street Cleaning Jan (under LGA 1972, s137)	1919	300.00
Community Centre	Room Hire Jan (under LGA 1972, s133)	1920	49.00
J Macdonald	Net Wage Jan. (under LGA 1972, s112)	1921	420.00
J Macdonald	Office expenses Jan. (under LGA 1972, s111)	1922	57.51
Hacker Young	External Audit Fee 2003/04 (under ACA 1998 s7)	1923	293.75
Hunt Wood	Plans and specifications for the Glebe Land (under LGA 1972, s214 (2)	1924	176.25
ScottishPower	Christmas lights energy charges (under LGA 1972 s 144)	1925	611.39
Community Council	BKV entry fee (under LGA 1972, s137)	1926	32.00

It was RESOLVED that the street cleaning be paid under LGA 1972 s137 as being in the interest of, and to the benefit of, local inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

The following income was noted

HMCE VAT Repayment 14 July 2004 £1,253.61

Reserve account interest 30 Jun 2004 £170.29

Reserve account interest 31 Dec 2004 £305.73

It was noted that the book transfer showing an approved budget transfer of £2,000 to the asset replacement reserve had been made on the 1 April 2004.

23. HIGHWAYS & STREET LIGHTING:

a) The report of the Traffic & Highways Working Group was received it was noted that an early draft of the Local Transport Plan would be reviewed at the next meeting of the Working Group on the 15th March.

b) The Clerk was notified of highway matters to be reported to CCC.

24. Correspondence and Any Other Business: It was noted that Cllr Parker had attended a briefing on the proposed Oxheys windfarm.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____