

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 13th June 2005

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

1. Open Forum: PC Chris McCourt newly assigned to Tarporley introduced himself to those present and discussed aspects of rural policing.
2. Start of formal business, Apologies for absence received from Cllr's Melliush and Spark.
3. Declarations of interest: Cllr Lees declared a personal interest in item 10 because of his involvement in the FLAG project.
4. It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the annual meeting of the 9th May 2005, to approve the annual report for 2004~05 and to receive the unapproved minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 9th May 2005.
5. Update on matters resolved at earlier meetings not on this Agenda: Parish Plan group had met and the public meeting will be on the 12th July; War memorial, addition of John Stapleton to be commemorated at the next Remembrance Service; Tarporley Primary / Brook Farm School report published but not yet available; VRBC Local Plan comments remain as previously resolved; the Clerk has achieved his CiLCA award; CCC will not be aggressively pursuing minor footway obstructions; Cllr's Parker and Lees will join Highways at the next Community Centre meeting 8:00pm 27 June.
6. Register of Interests: Cllr Foden confirmed that her register details are up to date.
7. Working Groups and Special Responsibilities: It was RESOLVED that membership was agreed and the agreed list to be attached to these minutes.
8. Vale Royal Borough Councillor's Report on matters affecting the parish: Items discussed included the service trench in Henry St (the Clerk is to pursue this matter); the option of submitting written questions to the area meeting be noted; car parking (Cllr Craven to pursue a possible option).
9. Code of Conduct: It was RESOLVED that the response prepared by the working group be adopted.
10. FLAG Playground: It was RESOLVED that following consideration of contractual and VAT issues to confirm that the Council will own and maintain the playground equipment and will accept a grant from FLAG and purchase the playground equipment from Groundworks Trust.
11. Tennis Club: A request from the club for a grant towards the resurfacing the courts was considered and any decision deferred pending the Clerk seeking clarification on the openness of the club membership rules and council powers in relation to such grants.
12. Carnival stand: The arrangements for the day were discussed and agreed.
13. Storage space: It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would approach Mr Brown to seek agreement over the use of his "lean-to", that the interest in the Hearse House be maintained and that the Clerk be authorised to purchase for council use a four-draw filing cabinet, a steel storage cabinet and a fire resistant document storage box, estimated total cost £400 (under LGA 1972, s111) to be kept at the Community Centre.
14. ACCOUNTS: a) It was confirmed that the external auditor Hacker Young does not work for any Councillor in a personal capacity
 - b) It was noted that a budgeted transfer of £2,000 as a one off additional sum to make up for the late initiation of the asset replacement reserve has been made in the 2004~05 accounts.
 - c) It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the 2004/05 accounts annual audit return.
 - d) It was noted that the Clerk has filed the annual PAYE return online and that this should lead to a £850 tax free payment over 5 years from the HM Revenue & Customs.
 - e) The Councillor's expenditure and income statement was received and approved
 - f) The revised budget that accounts for expenditure not completed last year was approved.
 - e) The Clerks method of claiming phone and broadband charges deferred to next meeting.

d) The following accounts were approved for payment.

J Macdonald	Net Wage May. (under LGA 1972, s112)	chq 1967	566.79
J Macdonald	Office expenses May. (under LGA 1972, s111)	1968	134.93
J Phillips	Footpaths May. (under HA 1980, s43,50,96)	1966	63.00
G Fowles	Handyman May. (under HA 1980, s43,50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214 PCA	1965	164.00
-	1957 s1)	-	-
G Fowles	Handyman Retainer. (HA 1980, s43,50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214 PCA	1964	240.00
-	1957 s1)	-	-
Aries	Bus Hire May. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	1969	146.36
G Steele	Street Cleaning May (under LGA 1972, s137) by standing order	s.order	300.00
Community Centre	Room Hire May (under LGA 1972, s133)	1970	24.50
P Willis	Repaint BL Notice board (under LGA 1972, s133)	1971	45.00
Playing Field Assn	Annual Subscription (under LGA 1972, s111)	1972	14.00
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI (PAYE) March, April, May (under LGA 1972, s111)	1973	662.31
TH Lightfoots	Stone Masons Fee (under LGA 1948, s133)	1974	25.66

It was RESOLVED that 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.

Income: receipt of VAT reclaim of £729.29 noted.

A grant of £250 from the Rotary club towards the maintenance of Burton Sq noted with thanks.

The receipt of the half-year precept of £16,500 noted.

15. HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING & STREET SCENE:

- a. Cllr's notified the Clerk of highway and lighting matters to be reported to CCC
- b. Cllr's notified the Clerk of street scene matters for action by parish contractors.

16. Correspondence and Any Other Business: for information only or to be placed on the next agenda: A pre consultation document from CCC to be considered by Cllr Boynes; the size and location of the newly placed TCHS sign to be pursued by the Clerk; Trafalgar day to be discussed at the next meeting.

17. PLANNING: a) The following VRBC decisions were received and noted.

App	Location	Proposal	VRBC Decision
05-0429	17 Nantwich Rd	Two storey side and rear extension	Granted\conds
05-0428	15 Nantwich Rd	Single storey rear extension	Granted\conds
05-0453	115 High St	Replace fuel tanks and pipes	Granted\conds
05-0452	115 High St	Ground water treatment container and trenches	Granted\conds
05-0471	13 High St	Detached garage at rear	Granted\conds
05-0286	56A High St	Projecting shop sign (retrospective)	Granted

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____