

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

PRESENT: Cllr's E Boynes, R Brierley, R Craven, J Foden, , J Greenwood, H Melluish, T Hill, K Parker, T Spark, C Topping and J Wall, CCC Cllr A Needham was in attendance

1. Apologies: Apologies for absence received from Cllr H Watson.
2. Declarations of interest: Cllr Hill declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 11 and left the room for that item, Cllr Brieley declared a personal interest in item 12.
3. Open Forum: residents discussed; the Moss Lane Hedge; progress with the FLAG playground; CCC Cllr A Needham discussed the Primary School/Brook Farm proposal.
4. The minutes of the meeting of the 14th Feb 2005 were approved and signed.
5. Update on matters resolved at the last meeting not on this Agenda: Newsletter, any final changes to Cllr Boynes; Neighbours Co-op, letter regarding footway obstructions to be followed up by the Clerk.
6. PLANNING: a) It was RESOLVED that the following comments be made under TCPA 1990 Sch1 s8:

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comment
05 0153	53 High St (Co-op)	Extension, ATM, satellite dishes and condensers	Obj.
05 0154	53 High St (Co-op)	Shop sign illumination	Obj.
05 0249	5-6 Chestnut Terrace (No. 6)	Extensions, porch, screen wall & windows	Obj.
05 0276	14 Bowmere Rd	Replace copper roof with tiled roof to extension	No Obj.
05 0217	Gable House, High St	Part rebuild chimney and internal alterations	No Obj.
05 0284	Ardene Home Farm, Eaton Rd	COU to 4 self contained holiday units	No Obj.

b) The following VRBC decisions were received and noted.

App 2004	Location	Proposal	VRBC Decision
1539	HSBC 32 High St	Alterations to bell push & steps & new handrail	Granted/conds
2173	Birch Heath Farm Birch Heath	Agricultural Building for livestock rearing	Granted/conds

7. 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

8. New National Employment Agreement: It was RESOLVED to accept the working party recommendations for the Clerk's contract as follows; to adopt the new national agreement amended to meet Council requirements, to fix the Clerk's pay at point SCP25, to set the weekly hours at 15.25, to substitute a gratuity (to be calculated and paid other than for redundancy in accordance with Part VI of the Local Government (Discretionary Payment) Regulations 1966) backdated to 14 December 2003 for a pension. The Clerk left the meeting during the discussion of detail aspects relating to this item.

9. Annual Contracts: It was RESOLVED that renewing the present contracts was considered to offer good service and value and that the Clerk would discuss terms for renewal with the current footpaths, handyman, community bus and street cleaning contractors.

10. Risk Review: The Clerk presented a review of risks in the format requested by the internal auditor and it was RESOLVED that the review of risk be accepted and approved. An identified need for weedkiller certificates for contractors and a fireproof document store for minutes and accounts was noted.

11. Moss Lane Hedge: It was noted that some Cllr's had visited the site. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to the householder who had employed the hedging contractor asking that any gaps or die back be made good and the hedge be allowed to grow back subject to the need for vehicular access.

12. St Helens Bell Ropes: It was RESOLVED that a grant of £100 towards the replacement cost of £600 for bell ropes be made under L.G.A. 1972 s145 to ensure the continued enjoyment of the full peal by the parish.

13. Internal Auditor; It was RESOLVED that the appointment of J D Henry be confirmed and that the Clerk write agreeing to the terms of the audit.

14. VRBC Local Plan Review: It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would reply after consulting with Cllr's Boynes and Brieley who would review the latest draft

15. ACCOUNTS: a) It was RESOLVED that the Councillor's expenditure and income statements be received and approved and it was noted that Cllr Spark had inspected the accounts
 b) It was RESOLVED to approve course and certificate fees of £528 for NTPC Pesticide (weedkiller) training for the footpath & handyman contractors as this is necessary to comply with legislation but it was noted that such certification would be made a contractual requirement in any future service procurement procedure.
 c) It was RESOLVED to approve the revised budget based on the requested precept of £33,000

d) It was RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment.

Baptist & Methodist Church	Grant towards children's summer playgroup (under LG(MP)A 1976 s19)	Chq 1927	100.00
J Phillips	-	-	-
J Phillips	Footpaths Feb. (under HA 1980, s43,50,96)	1928	69.98
G Fowles	Handyman Feb. (under HA 1980, s43,50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214 PCA 1957 s1)	1929	115.50
G Steele	Street Cleaning Feb (under LGA 1972, s137)	1930	300.00
J Macdonald	Net Wage Feb. (under LGA 1972, s112)	1931	410.02
J Macdonald	Office expenses Feb. (under LGA 1972, s111)	1932	30.31
Aries	Bus Hire Feb. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	1933	148.57
Community Centre	Room Hire Feb (under LGA 1972, s133)	1934	38.00
C Broster	Christmas Lights (2004/05) energy costs (under LGA 1972 s 144)	1935	35.00
Inland Revenue	Tax & NI (Jan, Feb, Mar) (under LGA 1972, s112)	1936	431.51
Simply Signs	Flexible banners (under LGA 1972, s111)	1937	215.03

Income: A grant of £250 from VRBC towards Christmas lights costs was noted

16. Code of Conduct Review Consultation: It was RESOLVED that Cllr's Boynes and Greenwood would review the consultation paper.

17. HIGHWAYS & STREET LIGHTING:

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

18. Correspondence and Any Other Business: no items for the next agenda

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____