

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006**

**PRESENT:** E Boynes, R Brierley, R Craven, J Foden, J Greenwood, T Hill, H Nickson, K Parker, T Spark, C Topping and J Wall, CCC Cllr A. Needham.

1. Open Forum: No members of the public present, CCC Cllr A Needham discussed the Regional Spatial Strategy and the NWRA as well as the Transforming Learning Communities initiative.
2. Start of formal business, Apologies received from Cllr Lees.
3. Declarations of interest: Cllr Greenwood declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 13a 06/0496
4. The minutes of the meetings of the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006.were approved and signed
5. Update on matters resolved at earlier meetings not on this Agenda: No reply yet from CCC on school buses; Henry St reinstatement discussion continues with VRBC; meeting with the Police and VRBC re a public place alcohol ban, the problems will be addressed by increased Police presence rather than an alcohol ban; waiting for prices from contractors for the cemetery path; following requests VRBC has been active clearing litter on bypass and elsewhere; Peter Willis is to provide a notice board for the Health Centre; CCC approached re verges and responded sympathetically and will consider taking action against those causing damage or obstruction for serious situations if neighbours complain and evidence is provided and (or) the Police request action; the village inspection by the BKV group and Sue Fernandes (VRBC) has resulted in agreement on litter bin replacement; visual arts exhibition may not be viable due to lack of a venue; listed building inspection nearly complete; last working group draft annual reports received for the annual meeting.
6. Vale Royal Borough Councillor's Report on matters affecting the Parish: Plastics recycling is to be introduced in a number of areas of Vale Royal; the new travel fare concession scheme with improved benefits has been implemented and generated a number of enquires regarding the new approach.
7. Clerk's Salary: It was resolved to increase the Clerk's salary from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 in accordance with the NALCC / SLCC award for 2006/7 dated December 2005 as applicable to point SCP 25.
8. Proposed merger of the Cheshire and Merseyside Police: It was resolved to object to the proposed merger as it offered nothing to improve rural policing and was likely to result in response priority and resources being focused on the problem city areas.
9. Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for N.W. England: It was resolved that the Clerk would consult with VRBC over its response to the proposed strategy and that the Parish Council adopt the VRBC view as the basis for a Parish Council response by the Clerk subject to consultation with Councillors.
10. ACCOUNTS: a) The Councillor's expenditure and income statements were received and approved and it was noted that Cllr Spark had checked the accounts  
b) The following accounts were approved for payment

RBL Allotment Holders	Footpath Clearing. (under HA 1980, s43,50,96)	chq2075	50.00
G Steele	Cleaning Material (under LGA 1972, s137)	2076	32.86
E Boynes	Chairman's Allowance for expenses (under LGA 1972, s15 (5))	2077	175.00
J Macdonald	Net Wage Mar. (under LGA 1972, s112)	2078	499.85
J Macdonald	Office expenses Mar. (under LGA 1972, s111)	2079	55.67
G Fowles	Handyman Mar. (under HA 1980, s43,50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214 PCA 1957 s1)	2080	196.98
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G Steele	Street Cleaning Mar (under LGA 1972, s137) standing order	SO	300.00
P Halford	Footpaths Mar. (under HA 1980, s43,50,96)	2081	81.00
Community Centre	Room Hire Mar (under LGA 1972, s133)	2082	17.00
Maxi Flow Ltd	Sewer location survey for cemetery (under LGA 1972, s214 (2))	2083	158.63
ChALC	Annual Subscription (under LGA 1972, s143)	2084	480.83
M.C. Footpaths Ass'n	Annual Subscription (under LGA 1972, s111)	2085	8.00
Aries	Bus Hire Mar. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	2086	176.35
P Hines	Parish Plan Questionnaire expenses (under LGA 1972, s111)	2087	702.20

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 of £184.39 as interest on the reserve account was noted.

c) It was resolved to approve for payment a claim for £702.20 from Mr P Hines for Parish Plan Questionnaire expenses (under LGA 1972, s111) subject to the Clerk being provided with documentary evidence to support the main items of expenditure

d) It was resolved to approve the appointment of JDH Business Services Ltd as Internal Auditor for 2005/06.

**11. HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING & STREET SCENE:**

- a. The resignation of Cllr Topping from the Highways Working Group was noted and Cllr Topping was thanked for her contribution as spokesperson towards the success of the group. It was resolved that Cllr Nickson would join the group and Cllr Craven would be spokesperson for the group.
- b. It was resolved that CCC be requested to implement waiting time restrictions on the High Street and this would be followed up by the Highways Group.
- c. Highway or lighting matters to be reported to CCC were noted and it was noted that The Clerk and Cllr Spark inspected parts of Eaton Rd, The High St, Park Rd with Andy Hamman of CCC highways with a view to getting these areas repaired during the current budget year
- d. It was noted that the services being provided by the footpath contractor were significantly less than expected and that the Clerk had written to the contractor on this subject. Councillors were asked to inspect the paths and form their own views on the acceptability of the work being undertaken

**12. Correspondence and Any Other Business:** for information only or to be placed on the next agenda. The TCHS Newsletter refers to the lack of funding from CCC to reopen the old larger library premises and it was noted that the Clerk would write to CCC urging the reopening of the library in an area large enough to restore the previous library services.

A letter from resident of Springhill regarding highway issues will be referred to the Highways Group. A letter from CCC regarding the possible reduction in service levels should the Ambulance Service be reorganised was noted.

The publication of the final version of the CCC Cheshire 2016 Structure Plan Altertation was noted

**13. PLANNING:** a) It was resolved that the following comments be made under TCPA 1990 Sch1 s8:

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
06 0496	Garden House, Cobblers Cross	Single storey extension (amendment)	No. Obj.
06 0548	115 High Street	Modify conditions, Extension of opening times	No. Obj.

b) The following VRBC decisions were received and noted.

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
06-0271	3 Burton Sq	Removal of outer skin of brick from extension	Approved
06-0054	115 High St	Install air conditioning plant	Approved, cond's

Following the closure of the meeting for formal business Cllr Topping declared her intention to resign from the Parish Council as she was moving out of the Parish. The Chairman accepted Cllr Toppings letter of resignation and Parish Councillors thanked Mrs Topping for her dedicated service to the Council and in particular noted and thanked her for her successful period of office as spokesperson for the Highways Group.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_