

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**PRESENT:** Councillors E Boynes, R Brierley, L Burrows, R Craven, T Hill (Chairman), G Lees, K Parker and J Wall.

1. Open Forum: PC Chris McCourt introduced trainee PCSO Emily Benson who will undertake her training in the village. PC McCourt gave an update on local policing matters including speed checks and antisocial behaviour patrols. A member of the public raised objections to the planning application for 25A Forest Rd.
2. Start of formal business, Apologies received from Cllr's Greenwood, Joyce, Nickson and Spark.
3. Declarations of interest: No declarations of interest from Councillors
4. The minutes of the meeting of the 13th November 2006 were approved and signed.
5. Update on matters resolved at earlier meetings not on this Agenda: Cllr Joyce is spokesperson for the BKV group, Cllr Brierley has joined the BKV and Cemetery groups, Cllr Boynes has joined the Cemetery group as spokesperson; discussion with CCC over flower baskets has been encouraging and the results of tests on the High St lamp posts are awaited; the proposed new bus shelter is to be considered by the Highways group; a possible increase next year of the £250 VRBC Christmas lights grant was welcomed.
6. Vale Royal Borough Councillor's Report on matters affecting the Parish: A recent planning application for wind turbines had not been granted; a climate change workshop has been held; VRBC has been considering its response to the Local Government White Paper but the consultation period is short and VRBC is not supportive of the papers proposals.
7. NALC Conference: It was noted that Cllr Boynes has considered the time and cost against the value to be gained for the Council from the conference and has decided not to attend.
8. PCSO: A number of points in relation to the contract were noted by the Clerk and it was resolved that the Clerk and Cllr Boynes would review the contract and collate issues submitted by Councillors for presentation and comment at the next meeting. The need for PCSO accommodation in the Community Centre was noted.
9. Supporting MY Local Environment: Councillors considered the VRBC SMYLE initiative and expressed their support for improving the local environment.
10. Christmas Lights: A paper by the Clerk reviewing the condition of the lighting equipment was received and it was resolved that the Christmas Celebrations group inspect the lights and consider the paper and present proposals to the February 2007 meeting. It was suggested that Cllr Joyce and other Cllrs should provide input to the group.
11. Storehouse Church: It was resolved to provide a supporting letter in relation to a grant application for disabled toilets.
12. ACCOUNTS: a) The Councillor's expenditure and income statements were received and approved. It was noted that in future Cllr Lees would check the accounts if Cllr Spark was not available.

b) The following accounts were approved for payment

G Fowles	Christmas Tree (under LGA 1972 s144)	chq2179	40.00
Baptist Methodist Church	Churchyard maintenance grant (under LGA 1972, s214)	2180	500.00
J Macdonald	Net Wage Nov. (under LGA 1972, s112)	2181	534.02
J Macdonald	Office expenses Nov. (under LGA 1972, s111, s133,)	2182	234.50
Aries	Bus Hire Nov. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	2183	179.15
G Fowles	Handyman Nov. (under HA 1980, s43, 50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214	2184	259.00
-	PCA 1957 s1)	-	-
G Steele	Street Cleaning Nov (under LGA 1972, s137) standing order	SO	300.00
R Johnson	Footpaths Nov (under HA 1980, s43, 50, 96)	2185	317.00
Community Centre	Room Hire Nov (under LGA 1972, s133)	2186	23.00
ETC Grass Machinery	Mower hire for cemetery (under LGA 1972, s214 (2))	2187	88.12
Connevans	Loud Hailer, Christmas lights switch on (under LGA 1972 s144)	2188	73.27
SLCC	SLCC annual membership fee for Clerk (under LGA 1972, s111)	2189	105.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax and NI (Oct, Nov, Dec) (under LGA 1972, s112)	2190	710.44
Orchard Street Furniture	Bench Seat (under PCA 1957 s1)	2191	655.43

It was resolved 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.

Noted income of £250 from VRBC for Christmas Lights Grant

c) No claims for Parish Plan expenses.

d) Budget and precept 2007/08: It was resolved to adopt the revised budget and supporting notes and file a copy with these minutes. It was resolved that the precept for 2007/08 will be £44,500, the increase over last year being to fund a PCSO. It was resolved that in 2007/08 new initiatives would be limited to £7,000 to be funded from reserves and that £1,000 would be added to the asset reserves.

**13. HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING, STREET SCENE & PLAYGROUND:**

- a. Highway or lighting matters to be reported to CCC: The Clerk will challenge the introduction of a charge for white line driveway identification marking.
- b. No street scene matters for action by parish contractors.
- c. Playground issues: The Clerk will agree the ROSPA inspection details with Cllr Lees.

14. Correspondence and Any Other Business: for information only or to be placed on the next agenda.  
At this point in accordance with Standing Orders it was resolved to continue the meeting beyond 9:30pm to 9:45pm in order to deal with the business on the agenda.

Rural Area Meeting 7:00pm 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2007 St John's Church Hall Hartford

VRBC Police Forum dates to be circulated

Vale Royal CAB, grant request to next meeting.

15. PLANNING: a) To agree TPC planning comments on the following under TCPA 1990 Sch1 s8:

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
06 2118	35 Woodlands Way	Single storey extn rear	No Obj.
06 2208	22-24 High St	Extension and conversion of first floor to apartment (re-sub)	No Obj.
06 2086	1 Heatherways	Remove two windows and replace with patio doors	No Obj.

It was resolved that making comments on 06 / 2007 /2008 25A Forest Rd be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Councillors at a site meeting to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

b) The following VRBC decisions were received and noted.

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
06 1542	2 South Close	Demolish Bungalow and build 2 storey dwelling	Granted, conds
06 1716	2 South Close	Demolish Bungalow and build 2 storey dwelling	Granted, conds
06 1895	Linacre Bank Common Ln	Two storey extn	Granted, conds

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