

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**PRESENT:** Councillors E Boynes, L Burrows, R Craven, J Greenwood, T Hill (Chairman), G Lees, H Nickson, K Parker & T Spark (Vice-chairman). Cllr D Joyce from item 4 onwards, C.C.C. Cllr A Needham in attendance.

1. Open Forum: Resident Hannah Gregory discussed the petition and campaign she had been running in support of retaining the lamppost flower baskets. Councillors thanked her for demonstrating the strength of public feeling and raising the profile of this unfortunate situation; council views were discussed formally later in the meeting. Local CAT team PC Chris McCourt discussed a number of issues relating to parking, speeding and late night noise. PC McCourt introduced the ArcAngel initiative that will be directed towards reducing drink related antisocial behaviour by the young. Mrs D Joyce discussed her reasons for wishing to become a Parish Councillor.
2. Start of formal business, Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr's R Brierley & J Wall.
3. Casual Vacancy: The retirement and resignation of Cllr J Foden was noted and the Council recorded its thanks to Mrs Foden for 15 years of service and her leadership particularly in relation the appearance of the village and acting as spokesperson for the Best Kept Village working group. It was resolved that Mrs D Joyce be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy.
4. Declarations of interest: Cllr's J Greenwood and T Hill declared a personal interest in item 3 (prior to the item) as they both know Mrs Joyce, they chose not to vote on this item. Cllr E Boynes declared a personal interest in item 17 a) 06 1998 as he lives nearby, Cllr R Craven declared a personal interest in item 12 as he is a member of the church.
5. The minutes of the meeting of the 9th October 2006 were approved and signed.
6. To receive an update on matters resolved at earlier meetings not on this Agenda: The bench seat to commemorate Jim Peters has been ordered, Cllr Craven will liaise with Oathills Lea; Community Pride results passed to the BKV group but there is no obvious reasons for our poor placing.
7. Vale Royal Borough Councillor's Report on matters affecting the Parish: No matters to consider other than those already on the agenda.
8. Village Flower Displays: It was noted that CCC had responded to a letter demanding the continuation of the lamp column flower displays and that a full assessment of the ability of the lighting columns to take flower displays would be undertaken by CCC. It was noted that proposals for a modest display for next year are being developed with the support of VRBC. It was noted that a petition of over 800 signatures in support of the flower basket displays had been raised. It was resolved to lead a campaign to restore the hanging flower baskets or to consider other suitable proposals including if necessary to have the street lamps replaced by a type suitable for floral displays. The campaign to be taken forward by the BKV group who would also consider how to secure funding for this proposal. It was noted that Cllr D Joyce would join the BKV group.
9. High Street waiting restrictions: A paper by the Clerk giving an overview of the situation was received and it was resolved to continue to pursue the application of restrictions via the PCSO as recommended.
10. Arthur Meredith Memorial Charity: The grant allocations for 2006 were noted. Copies of the approved minutes and the accounts were received. A copy of the amended scheme for trustees was received. Cllr L Burrows was nominated as a councillor member of the trustee body.
11. Christmas Lights Switch on: Arrangements were discussed; the Clerk is to continue to try to arrange for Father Christmas to attend.
12. Baptist & Methodist graveyard maintenance grant: It was resolved to make a grant of £500.
13. Community Centre grant Application: Cllr Lees gave a progress update, a new architect had been engaged, no major new building is proposed but flexibility of use of the existing structure will be increased. Cllr Lees was thanked for his work on the grant application and Cllr Lees and Cllr Craven were thanked and supported for taking forward the Community Centre improvement initiative.
14. ACCOUNTS: a) The Councillor's expenditure and income statements were received and approved  
b) The following accounts were approved for payment

J Macdonald	Net Wage Oct. (under LGA 1972, s112)	chq2167	569.38
J Macdonald	Office expenses Oct. (under LGA 1972, s111, s133,)	2168	85.86
Aries	Bus Hire Oct. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	2169	152.98
G Fowles	Handyman Oct. (under HA 1980, s43, 50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214	2170	192.00
-	PCA 1957 s1)	-	-
G Steele	Street Cleaning Oct (under LGA 1972, s137) standing order	SO	300.00
R Johnson	Footpaths Oct (under HA 1980, s43, 50, 96)	2171	511.00
Community Centre	Room Hire Oct (under LGA 1972, s133)	2172	18.00
F Morey & Son	Daffodil bulbs (under HA 1980, s96)	2173	79.20
Allianz Cornhill	Additional premium for CCTV (under LGA 1972, s140, s111)	2174	46.39
ChALC	Annual meeting charge (under LGA 1972, s111)	2175	15.00
JDH Business Services	Annual Audit Fee (under ACA 1998 s7)	2176	164.11
Frederic Robinsons	Rising Sun Footpath Agreement Direct Debit (under LGA 1894 s8)	DD	20.00
G Rathbone & Sons	Check & Repair Christmas Light Transformers (under LGA 1972 s144)	2177	94.00
LITE	Transformer for Christmas Lights (under LGA 1972 s144)	2178	164.50

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.

Income: a grant of £250 from the Rotary Club Towards Burton Square was noted

- c) No claims for Parish Plan expenses.
- d) Budget and precept 2007/08: Cllr Parker gave an update on the work of the Budget working group. It was resolved that the budget should accommodate the cost of a PCSO at £11,500 pa resulting in a precept of £44,500, all other initiatives to be met from reserves. The possibility of a business contribution towards the PCSO to be considered. It was resolved that the budget would be recast as above and budget and precept formally agreed at the next meeting.
- e) It was resolved to increase the footpaths contract value from £2,000 to £3,200 to cover catching up from the previous unsatisfactory contract and the cost of manual weeding.

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

- a. Bus shelter: It was resolved that the BKV group would consider the suitability and placing of a heritage style bus shelter at a budget price of £4,000. The Clerk will consult with CCC Highways over the acceptability of the proposal.
- b. High Street pedestrian controlled crossing: It was resolved not to pursue a proposal by the Police to have railings installed as a deterrent parking on the zig-zag no stopping zone.
- c. No highway or lighting matters to be reported to CCC
- d. No street scene matters for action by parish contractors.
- e. No playground issues and matters for action.

**16. Correspondence and Any Other Business:** for information only or to be placed on the next agenda.

A licensing application LP409 by ETASIA 90 High St, to extend hours beyond that of the planning permission has been received. It was noted that the Clerk would reply pointing out this anomaly.

A questionnaire regarding the VRBC Parish Conference was passed to Cllr Boynes.

A dialogue between the Clerk and SPAR regarding CCTV monitoring was noted.

The VRBC budget consultation OSCAR display will be at the Community Centre on the 22nd Nov.

The inauguration of the Tarporley Business Association was welcomed.

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

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
06 1895	Linacre Bank Common Lane	Two storey side extension	No. Obj.
2003/1387	Portal Golf & Country Club	Amendment to application in relation to Porte Cochere	No. Obj.
06 1998	1 Pearwood Close	First floor ext'n over garage	No. Obj.
06 2000	16 Lime Close	Amend 06-1124 to include brick/tile extn instead of conservatory	Objection
06 2009	Disused Quarry Rode St	COU to allow siting of mobile home	Objection
06 2089	31 High St	COU domestic storage to living accommodation	Objection
06 2102	52 High St	COU offices to 5 flats	No. Obj.

b) The following VRBC decisions were received and noted.

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
06-1615	Orchard Cottage Rode St	COU of field to new access	Granted, conds
06-1525	18 Millfield Ln	Conservatory	Granted
06-1455	Co-op 53 High St	Satellite dish for ATM	Granted
06-1624	9 Bell Meadow	Garden room at rear	Granted
06-1597	Manor House 66 High St	Reposition doors for disability shower and toilet	Granted, conds

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