

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Blackford, E Boynes, R Brierley, L Burrows, G Clough, R Craven, T Hill (Chairman) D Joyce (VRBC), G Lees and K Parker

1. Open Forum: A High St resident raised issues in relation to the possible encroachment of a new development on to his land.
2. Start of formal business, Apologies received from J Greenwood and T Spark.
3. Declarations of interest: Cllr Craven declared a personal interest in respect of his family relationship to the preferred contractor associated with item 8.
4. It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007.
5. Update on matters resolved at earlier meetings not on this Agenda: Newsletter items will be required from all working groups by early September.
6. Vale Royal Borough Councillor's Report on matters affecting the Parish: The changes to the yellow no parking lines on the High St and Eaton Rd have been approved, VRBC supports the East / West Cheshire or improved two tier working Local Government reorganisation options, Cllr Joyce is now a High School governor.
7. St Helen's Churchyard Grant: It was resolved to pay a grant of £1000 towards annual maintenance costs.
8. St Helen's Done Room: It was resolved to pay a grant of £250 towards redecoration costs.
9. Christmas Lights: It was resolved to replace the lights in the chestnut tree, to pursue seeking agreement to leave light strings in situ throughout the year where they would be unobtrusive and secure and to approach the businesses where the "tree" and "star" have been previously installed with a view to not continuing with these older display pieces. It was resolved that the set-up costs should be contained to £6,000 and that the electricity costs be reviewed.
10. Parish Plan: It was resolved to receive the draft copy of the Parish Plan "Tomorrow's Tarporley" and congratulate and thank the Parish Plan Committee for the hard work undertaken in carrying out the task of producing such a comprehensive and valuable document. It was resolved to adopt the plan, to take forward the actions identified in the plan and regularly review the progress of the plan.
11. Cemetery Committee: It was resolved to receive the minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007 and approve the recommendations of the committee including rules, fee structure and role of the Clerk. This recommendation being approved by the Parish Council as Burial Authority under LGA 1972 s214 and in accordance with SI 1977/204. A copy of the Cemetery Committee minutes to be attached.
12. Carnival stand: It was resolved that display content will be provided by the Clerk and Parish Plan Committee and names for the rota for the stand were noted by the Clerk.
13. Storehouse Church: It was noted that Cllr's had visited the site and noted improvements and facilities for young people. It was resolved to support an application to CCC to extend the lease on a temporary basis as being a valuable community use pending the delayed decision regarding the future of the site. This support to be dependent upon the lease being let at a market rate appropriate for the property and hopefully any income being used to offset the costs associated with the property or other schools in Tarporley.
14. Footpath Gates: It was resolved to pursue the installation of a kissing gate at the Park Rd end of the Cobblers Cross path.
15. ACCOUNTS: a) The Councillor's expenditure and income statements were received and approved and it was noted that Cllr Lees had checked the accounts.

b) The following accounts were approved for payment

Tarporley Fire Station	Donation for flagpole assistance (under HA 1980, s144)	chq2270	50.00
J Macdonald	Net Wage June. (under LGA 1972, s112)	2271	620.27
J Macdonald	Office expenses June. (under LGA 1972, s111, s133)	2272	101.21
G Fowles	Handyman June. (under HA 1980, s43, 50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214 PCA 1957 s1)	2273	238.00
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Aries	Bus Hire June. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	2274	143.37
G Steele	Street Cleaning June (under LGA 1972, s137) standing order	SO	300.00
R Johnson	Footpaths June (under HA 1980, s43, 50, 96)	2275	529.00
P Willis	Repainting and repair to notice boards (under LGA 1972, s111, s214)	2276	189.25
Hunt Wood Partnership	Cemetery survey, plan & markers (under LGA 1972, s214 (2))	2277	981.88
Allianz Insurance	Insurance addition watering cart (under LGA 1972, s140, s111)	2278	33.55
VRBC	Newsletter printing (under LGA 1972, s142)	2279	131.00
ETC Grass Machinery	Mower hire for cemetery (under LGA 1972, s214 (2))	2280	152.75

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.

It was resolved to suspend financial standing orders (14) in relation to the payment of the Hunt Wood invoice as this consultant had provided all previous services in relation to this activity and this unexpected high cost was to meet Diocesan requirements in relation to consecration.

Interest income of £245.47 noted

- c) No claims for Parish Plan expenses.
- d) The satisfactory internal audit for the annual return was noted.

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

- a. Highway or lighting matters: It was noted that speed cameras would be discussed at the September meeting.

In accordance with standing orders it was resolved to continue the meeting to 9:50pm in order to deal with urgent business.

- b. Street scene matters: The return of the flower baskets was noted and letters of thanks are to be sent to CCC and VRBC. It was resolved that extra flower basket sets should be pursued with VRBC.
- c. Playground issues and matters for action: The teen shelter roof is to be cleaned, damage to the CCTV equipment was noted and the Clerk to arrange repairs and for a barrier. The litterbins have been overflowing and Cllr Craven agreed to attend to the situation.

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

The Police PCSO meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup>, Clerk to attend and 31 July, Cllr Boynes to attend.

The CCC Cluster event, 6 Sept 6:30 Hartford Village Hall, Cllr Boynes will attend.

The request by the Baptist and Methodist Minister to delay his presentation on youth work was noted and accepted.

The extended travel area of the new concessionary travel pass was noted.

The continued debate regarding local government reorganisation and the conflicting views of the principal authorities and related correspondence was noted. It was noted that the Parish Council has expressed its views and did not support receiving presentations on the various conflicting viewpoints at this time.

It was noted that the Community Centre was to be refurbished during July and August.

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

APP No	Location	Proposal
None		

b) The following VRBC decisions were received and noted.

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
07 1104	29 Forest Rd	Alteration and loft conversion	Granted,conds
07 0929	11 Woodlands Way	Single storey rear extn	Granted,conds

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