

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON Monday 12th November 2007

PRESENT: Councillors J Blackford, E Boynes, R Brierley, L Burrows, G Clough, R Craven, T Hill (Chairman), D Joyce (VRBC), G Lees, H Nickson, K Parker and T Spark (Vice-Chairman).

1. Open Forum: Mr P Addison, appointed by DEFRA to facilitate affordable housing schemes introduced himself and his role to those present, he was accompanied by Mr P Bamford from VRBC.

Representatives of the Tarporley Vics football club explained that they were interested in a piece of land adjacent to the bypass that was up for auction and councillors expressed support for their endeavour.

A local resident made a case for facilities for 14-18 year olds especially the need for a place to 'hang out' or for a skate park, councillors concurred with the concerns expressed.

The licensee from the Crown explained the problems with providing a smoking area under the new legislation and a number of members of the public present expressed the view that the Crown was well run and any outside noise was likely due to smokers talking and was not due to rowdy (under age) youngsters. The Crown had made considerable efforts to be a friendly, family pub and was a leader of the Police pub-watch scheme, this was confirmed by a Police representative. Councillors expressed their sympathy with the difficulty of providing accommodation for smokers and acknowledged that this was a problem facing all publicans and not unique to the Crown.

PCSO Emily Benson gave a report on current activities.

2. Start of formal business, Apologies: No apologies for absence

3. Declarations of interest: Cllr Boynes expressed a personal interest in item 18a) 07-2832 and did not vote on this item.

4. The minutes of the meeting of the 8th Oct 2007 were approved and signed.

5. Update on matters resolved at earlier meetings not on this Agenda: The cemetery will be consecrated at 11:30 Tuesday 11th Dec, 40 expected to attend; TCHS has formally started the foundation status process; WVHT has confirmed that property in Tarporley will not be sold under the Right to Acquire Scheme but pointed out that some qualifying former secure tenants of VRBC may have preserved rights to buy under the Right to Buy Scheme. The BKV report sheets had been received contained few comments that could be acted upon to ensure an improved performance next year.

6. Vale Royal Borough Councillor's Report on matters affecting the Parish: Tarporley Post Office would not be closed under the Government review of Post Offices however many nearby services would be subject to closure and or change in service provision.

7. Working Groups: Cllr Nickson's paper was received, a review of working groups was agreed, Cllr's, Clough, Joyce and Nickson plus the Chairman and Clerk to present proposals in January to encourage more active and effective working groups. Changes to the current membership of working groups agreed.

8. Christmas Event: The VRBC Deputy Mayor, the Tarporley Band, hot chestnuts and refreshments arranged, Cllr Blackford will endeavour to find a singer to lead the carols, carol sheets will be printed and available. It was resolved to approve Myers Tree Care to undertake the pruning of the chestnut tree and restring the new lights. It was noted that the owner would cover the cost of pruning of £280. It was resolved that new lights be purchased from LITE as a like for like replacement of the existing Woodside lights and that Financial Standing Order 15 would be suspended to allow this purchase. It was resolved that Weaver Vale via VRBC be engaged to install the lights in the usual way but that some sets will now stay up through out the year.

9. Budget Proposals: The draft budget proposing a precept of £50,000 was received and it was noted that an increase in precept would be necessary to meet proposed commitments. The budget working group will meet to review the proposals for presentation at the next meeting.

10. Charity Event Publicity Banners: It was noted that a letter addressing the problems associated with fly posting legislation and event banners had been received from VRBC. It was resolved to reply stating that the Parish Council was competent to manage agreed banner locations, that display cabinets are not desirable and identifying the usual display locations.

11. CCC Minerals Development Framework: The opening of the consultation was noted.

12. Information sign: It was resolved to pursue the installation of an information sign on the High Street and Cllr Brierley will liaise with VRBC over possible content and suppliers.

13. ChALC AGM: A written report was received from Cllr Boynes and it was resolved to invite a representative from ChALC to a future meeting to discuss the services provided and the benefits of membership. The proposed 10% increase in annual subscription was noted

14. Arthur Meredith Memorial Charity: This years grant allocation list; copies of the 2006 minutes and 2006-07 accounts were received and it was agreed that these reflect good governance by the trustees.

15. ACCOUNTS: a) The Councillor's expenditure and income statements were received and approved and it was noted that Cllr Spark had checked the accounts. It was noted that budget for the year is £48,423, pro rata to date £28,246 against expenditure to date £38,338

b) The following accounts were approved for payment

Parkers for Blinds	Community Centre blinds, ph2 (under LGA 1972, s133)	Chq 2314	222.00
Community Centre	Room Hire Sept (under LGA 1972, s133)	2315	6.50
J Macdonald	Net Wage Oct. (under LGA 1972, s112)	2316	556.93
J Macdonald	Office expenses Oct. (under LGA 1972, s111, s133)	2317	104.78
G Fowles	Handyman Oct. (under HA 1980, s43, 50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214 PCA 1957 s1)	2318	362.00
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Aries	Bus Hire Oct. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	2319	141.77
G Steele	Street Cleaning Oct (under LGA 1972, s137) standing order	S.O.	300.00
R Johnson	Footpaths Oct (under HA 1980, s43, 50, 96)	2320	396.00
ETC Grass Machinery	Mower hire for cemetery (under LGA 1972, s214 (2))	2321	152.75
Community Centre	Room Hire Oct (under LGA 1972, s133)	2322	27.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath (under LGA 1972, s137)	2323	100.00
Cheshire Constabulary	PCSO half year contract (under LG&RA 1997 s31)	2324	5,500.00
F Morey & Son	Daffodil bulbs (under HA 1980, s96)	2325	120.00
St Helens Church	Hearse House annual rental (under LGA 1972, s111)	2326	728.00
LITE	Festive lighting for chestnut tree (under LGA 1972 s144)	2327	1,823.61
J Macdonald	Cable & connectors for chestnut tree lights (under LGA 1972 s144)	2328	70.94

It was resolved the street cleaning and the RBL poppy wreath 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 £280 from Mr Pritchard for work on the Chestnut Tree

c) No claims for Parish Plan expenses.

In accordance with standing orders it was resolved to continue the meeting to 9:45pm in order to deal with urgent business.

16. HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING & STREET SCENE:

- Highway or lighting matters to be reported to CCC or VRBC; VRBC will assist with graffiti removal at the Community Centre, new external lights to be installed at the Community Centre.
- No street scene matters for action by parish contractors.
- Playground issues and matters for action: it was noted that necessary repairs to the soft surfaces were being undertaken. The Cheshire Countryside Award presentation was well attended and a letter of thanks had been received from CCC Chairman Neville Price.

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

A resident had expressed concern regarding the south end of the High Street, Cllr Craven will liaise.

The location of the PC honour boards in the Community Centre requires resolving.

Cllr Brierley will be the representative on VRBC SPD consultation on the historic environment

Cllr Brierley will undertake the annual review village listed buildings

CCC Appeal re the PEEL holdings Waste Management facility is under way.

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

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
07 2349	16 Forest Rd	Rear single storey extn, loft conversion, rear dormer	No Obj's
07 2832	4 Pearwood Close	Two storey front extension	No Obj's

b) The following VRBC decisions were received and noted.

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
07 2635	54 Churchill Dr	Single storey side extn	Granted, cond's
07 2474	35 Nantwich Rd	Single storey extn to rear	Granted
07 2370	1 Windsor Ave	Single storey side extn	Granted
07 2191	89 A/B High St	Incorporation of balcony and changes to windows	Granted, cond's
07 2178	7 Millfield Lane	Conservatory to rear	Granted

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____