

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Blackford, E Boynes, L Burrows, G Clough, R Craven, T Hill (Chairman), D Joyce (VRBC), G Lees and K Parker, H Nickson from item 4 onwards.

1. Presentations: representatives of the Tarporley VICS Football Club discussed their excellent achievement and development record and sought support in the identification and acquisition of land for a sports field and club house in or around the village; a representative of VRBC planning department discussed the proposals by the developer for the replacement of the trees outside 89A/B The High St.
  2. Open Forum: H Nickson discussed her application for cooption to the Council.
  3. Start of formal business, Apologies for absence received from R Brierley and T Spark
  4. Casual Vacancy: It was resolved to appoint H Dillway-Nickson to fill the vacancy. Cllr Nickson made her declaration of acceptance of office and completed her register of interests.
  5. Declarations of interest: Cllr's Boynes, Craven and Joyce declared a personal interest in item 12.
  6. The minutes of the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2007 were approved and signed.
  7. Update on matters resolved at earlier meetings not on this Agenda: BKV results Cheshire Countryside Environment and Wildlife Trust Award 1st prize and £250; Best Kept Village in Cheshire runner up in the 2,501 - 5,000 population category; Report on the state of the Chestnut tree by Cheshire Woodlands recommends pruning back of main branch crossing the road by about 4m and an annual inspection, this will be pursued with the owner; the Christmas lights will be switch on by the Deputy Mayor of Vale Royal at 7:00pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> December; due to the many awkward issues that have arisen regarding the Christmas lights it was noted that we stay with VRBC (Weaver Vale) this year for erection of the lights; CCC permission for some Christmas light connections is being confirmed; permissions for permanent fixing of some Christmas lights is still being pursued; the developer of 89A/B High St has agreed to sponsor one of two planters proposed for this location; Complaints re trees at Portal Park, inspected by VRBC and no action proposed; Cemetery Consecration is 11:30 Tuesday 11th December by the Bishop of Birkenhead; light refreshments will be provided afterwards for invited guests and Cllr's Blackford and Joyce will arrange the beverages.
  8. Vale Royal Borough Councillor's Report on matters affecting the Parish: It was noted that environmental health had approached the landlord of the Crown regarding the need to reduce late evening noise at the rear.
  9. Tarporley VICS Football Club: It was resolved that if the club could locate a potential site for a sports facility but not immediately adjacent to housing the Council would support its procurement and assist with funding applications. It was noted that a combined sporting activity facility would likely be more successful seeking funding than a facility restricted to football.
  10. Proposed Tree Works 89A/B High St: It was resolved to comment that the replacement of the existing trees with something along the lines suggested by the owner would be appropriate. Specifically a scheme with a number, perhaps 5 or 6, appropriate semi mature (4m to 6m) trees of a suitable variety such as mountain ash and including an appropriate ground cover planting for the raised bed area.
  11. Public Bridleway: It was resolved to support the CCC proposed bridleway between Utkinton Rd and Heath Green and to ask that consideration be given to the problem of fly tipping at the Heath Green bypass crossing.
  12. Tarporley High School: It was resolved to support the proposal by TCHS to move to foundation status provided this is supported by staff, governors and parents and would result in strengthened links with the community. It was resolved to request more detail on the benefits and risks associated with the proposal.
  13. PCSO review: Cllr Joyce reported on the success of the CAM meeting; action on parking; action on speeding; the establishment of an alcohol sales refusal register and work with local schools and youth groups.
  14. Budget Proposals: A proposal for a play-area equipment reserve had been received from Cllr Lees; the Clerk will produce a budget proposal based on current activities for the next meeting.
  15. Information sign on the High Street: carried to the next meeting in the absence of Cllr Brierley.
  16. ACCOUNTS: a) The Councillor's expenditure and income statements were received and approved and it was noted that Cllr Lees had checked the accounts and minor errors in the Handyman and Footpaths invoices for September will be corrected in the October invoice payments.
- It was noted that the Clerk would write to the Footpath contractor regarding the need to restrict work to that contracted despite requests from the public and the obvious amenity value of some of the additional tasks undertaken. The support of the Handyman contractor in the avoidance of additional tasks will be requested.

b) The following accounts were approved for payment

Tarporley Fire Station	Sponsored bike ride donation (under LGA 1972, s137)	chq2303	100.00
J Macdonald	Net Wage Sept. (under LGA 1972, s112)	2304	549.77
J Macdonald	Office expenses Sept. (under LGA 1972, s111, s133)	2305	53.57
G Fowles	Handyman Sept. (under HA 1980, s43, 50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214	2306	252.00
-	PCA 1957 s1)	-	-
Aries	Bus Hire Sept. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	2307	101.11
G Steele	Street Cleaning Sept (under LGA 1972, s137) standing order	SO	300.00
G Steele	Watering flower baskets (under HA 1980, s 96)	2308	40.00
R Johnson	Footpaths Sept (under HA 1980, s43, 50, 96)	2309	536.00
ETC Grass Machinery	Mower hire for cemetery (under LGA 1972, s214 (2))	2310	152.75
Parkers for Blinds	Community Centre blinds (under LGA 1972, s133)	2311	771.00
UHY Hacker Young	External Audit (under ACA 1998 s7)	2312	470.00
Cheshire Woodlands	Chestnut tree survey (under LGA 1972, s137)	2313	340.75

It was resolved the street cleaning, bike ride donation and tree survey 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 Precept £22,250, deposit account interest £203.31, Community Council prize £250.00

c) No claims for Parish Plan expenses.

d) The clean external audit was noted.

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

- a. Highway or lighting matters to be reported to CCC or VRBC; the limited effectiveness of traffic flow signs at the SPAR will be reported to SPAR facilities management.

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

- b. Street scene matters for action by parish contractors; a number of daffodil bulb locations were identified for planting this year; it was requested that the street cleaning contractor remove cigarette butts from the path at the side of the Community Centre.
- c. Playground issues: it was noted that the contractor would be repairing the play area surface this week.

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

Energy conservation strategy for Parish Councils, Cllr Clough will prepare a paper for December.

ChALC AGM to be attended by Cllr's Boynes and Burrows.

CCC Transport Plan update to be circulated.

CCC "Play your part" initiative and public meetings noted.

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

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
07 2605	19 Eaton Rd	First floor extn to rear	No Objections
07 2635	54 Churchill Dr	Single storey side extn	No Objections

The Clerk will endeavour to clarify the situation with regard to the sale of property in the village belonging to registered social landlords.

b) The following VRBC decisions were received and noted.

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
07 1934 & 1935	Gable House 87 High St	Demolish 2 single storey extn's and construct new single storey rear ext'n and alteration of garden wall	Granted, cond's
07 1915	Valhalla The Avenue	Single storey side extn	Granted

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