

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON Monday 9th February 2009

PRESENT: Councillors J Blackford, E Boynes, R Brierley (Vice-Chairman), L Burrows, G Clough, R Craven, T Hill, G Lees, J Mills, H Nickson (Chairman) and K Parker, CW&C Cllr's B. Roberts, J Grimshaw and A Needham in attendance.

1. Open Forum: residents are invited to discuss any affairs affecting the Parish.

Members of the Baptist and Methodist Church Youth Club gave a presentation that was well received on the activities of the club that include a range of indoor and outdoor games and sports and community projects.

Members of the Heatherways action group presented their objections to the proposed care complex and reported that those allied to the action group and those signing the petition now numbered in the hundreds.

There was considerable discussion on the proposal and other possible development options for the site.

A member of the public explained the difficulty he had in locating a care home place for a relative.

The Chairman of the Tiverton District Garden Club outlined the activities of the club and stated the club had many Tarporley members but that publicity and further involvement with Tarporley would be welcome.

PC Chris McCourt gave an update on the range of low-level crimes that had occurred on the Tarporley beat.

2. Start of formal business; The Council noted with sadness the death of ex councillor Hugh Melliush and a period of silence was observed, apologies for absence received from C Whincup.

3. Declarations of interest: Cllr J Blackford declared a personal interest in item 6a) 08-00050 and Cllr G Clough declared a prejudicial interest in item 6a) 08 2866 and left the meeting during this item.

4. The minutes of the meeting of the 12th January 2009 were approved and signed.

5. Update on matters resolved at earlier meetings not on this Agenda: the salt grit boxes have been refilled by CCC, a letter has been sent to Scottish & Newcastle about the external appearance of The Crown.

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

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
08 2606-COU	Police Station, High Street	Conversion of Police House to residential dwelling	Supported
08 2607-LBC	Police Station, High Street	Demolition of extension and alterations	Supported
08 2866-FUM	Land at Heatherways	Erection of continuing care retirement community	Objection
09 00050/FUL	23 Walkers Lane	Rear extn and front garage extn	No Obj's

It was noted that the Vice Chairman R Brierley and VRBC Cllr D Joyce would be speaking on the Heatherways planning application at the 17th March VRBC Planning Committee meeting.

b) Comments made between meetings by the Clerk under delegated authority noted.

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
None			

c) The following VRBC / CCC decisions were received and noted.

APP No	Location	Proposal	Decision
08 2578	Land rear of 28 Forest Rd	Amend 2004/1958 (add basement)	Granted, cond's
08 2855	3A Eaton Rd	Dropped kerb and driveway	Granted, cond's

7. Abolition, winding up and dissolving of Cheshire County Council and Vale Royal Borough Council: It was resolved to write letters of thanks to both authorities for their support over many years.

8. CCC Public Transport Review: Cllr Boynes reported a definite interest in expanding the range of local bus services including the need for to access the new Lifestyle Centre in Winsford , much useful information had been contributed by the public. It was resolved to adopt Cllr Boynes report and send it to CCC

9. Chairman's Allowance: The Chairman chose to decline an allowance for 2008/09 and it was resolved that the allowance value of £175 be transferred to the grants budget to allow the support of item 10. It was noted that the chairman's allowance would continue to be made available in future years.

10. Baptist & Methodist Church: It was resolved to pay a grant of £200 towards the Summer Club.

11. a) It was resolved to receive and approve the Councillor's expenditure and income statements, it was noted that the Chairman had inspected the accounts.

To note that the budget for the year was £56,490 pro rata 10 months £47,075 current actual approved expenditure to date £45,045 bank balance £40,245 of which £20,759 is not reserved..

b) The following accounts were approved for payment

J Macdonald	Net Wage Jan. (under LGA 1972, s112)	Chq2941	602.04
J Macdonald	Office expenses Jan. (under LGA 1972, s111, s133)	2942	37.21
G Fowles	Handyman Jan. (under HA 1980, s43, 50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214	2943	220.97
-	PCA 1957 s1)	-	-
Aries	Bus Hire Jan. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	2494	159.80
G Steele	Street Cleaning Jan (under LGA 1972, s137) standing order	SO	300.00
R Johnson	Footpaths Jan (under HA 1980, s43, 50, 96)	2495	565.00
Mrs C Broster	Christmas lights energy (under LGA 1972 s144)	2496	62.89
Scottish Power	Christmas lights energy (under LGA 1972 s144)	2497	23.52
G D Lees	Flowers for planters (under HA 1980, s 96)	2498	12.50
J H Blackford	Christmas lights material & photocopies (under LGA 1972 s144)	2499	63.05

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 Cemetery fees £800, Aries grant by bus users £81 (Aries figures now correct re VAT problem)

c) It was resolved to amend financial standing order 3 to allowing the banking of cash as follows. The statement “Financial transactions will be by cheque or bank transfer not cash and a petty cash system will not be operated” to be replaced by “Financial payments will be by cheque; receipts may be by cheque, bank transfer or cash; a petty cash system will not be operated”

d) No claims for Parish Plan expenses.

12. Infrastructure, Street Scene and Publicity

- a. Infrastructure group matters for noting or action.
 - i. A copy of the highways issues recorded during a joint review with the CCC highways inspector was received.

The Business Association is active with an established paying membership.
The Country Market continues to be successful. Market stalls are on loan from Frodsham Forward and are being kept in the Hearse House between markets, it was pointed out by the Clerk that these were not covered by Parish Council insurance.
- b. Street Scene group matters for noting or action.

The BKV entry is nearing completion, the information board is under consideration by VRBC, possible planter locations being considered.
- c. Responsibility and theme for the next Tarporley Talk article.

Cllr Brierley will provide content for the March issues, Cllr Mills and the IWG for the April issue.

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

Ex Chairman T Hill will be nominated for the ChALC Royal Garden Party draw.

The Audit date was set very early but following complaints has been put back.

Quality re accreditation process will be considered by the Clerk and Cllr’s Boynes, Parker and Clough.

Cllr’s Boynes and Craven plus the Clerk will meet Trisha Anderson (The Winifred Trust) on the 3rd April.

Rural Housing Trust, house in Ardens Meadow available, Cllr’s Boynes, Craven and Burrows to comment.

CWAC local grants will continue to be paid also Cllr’s will each have a £5,000 fund for local initiatives.

CWAC home assistance policy for review by the 11th March by Cllr Clough.

Millfield Lane, grass strip mowing requested by a resident but confirmed that this is a CCC responsibility.

VRBC Gypsy and Traveller sites search, a number of identified sites have been rejected.

An offer to remove the fallen Hornbeam in the Cemetery is being pursued.

It was resolved to extend the meeting to 9:45pm to deal with the business on the agenda

14. Contracts renewal, review of progress:

It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded for this item as the personal and financial matters to be discussed would prejudice the public interest.

- a. It was resolved to offer for renewal the annual contracts for footpaths, handyman, street cleaner, minibus, weed-sprayer, mower hire. As per last years revised contracts but footpaths payment increased by £20 due to extra work on planters and the mower hire to be £75.00. Noted that the Clerk would write to the footpaths contractor regarding work authorisation.
- b. Comments from Cllr’s Boynes and Mills regarding aspects of the PCSO contract were considered and it was resolved to discuss these changes with the Cheshire Constabulary.
- c. It was resolved that the annual charge to be proposed to VRBC for undertaking the servicing of the public toilets would be £9,800.