

# TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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## TOMORROWS TARPORLEY

??? HAVE YOU HAD YOUR SAY ???

### THE PARISH PLAN

Work on producing the parish plan called 'Tomorrow's Tarporley' is progressing steadily. Approximately 33% of the questionnaires delivered to each household in the village were returned and they are currently being analysed by members of the steering committee. A large number of parishioners have agreed to take part in further investigations which is very encouraging. The primary school children have also been asked what they like about the village, what they don't like and what developments they would like to see in the future. The old fire station chocolate shop seems to be popular for some reason!

Two young lads gave a presentation to the steering committee in May indicating that, although they liked the new playground, they would like skate board/BMX facilities for the slightly older children. They had collected more than 100 signatures from people of all ages from the village and they are currently seeking support from any adults to help progress the idea. If you would like to help in this respect please contact any member of the parish plan steering committee or parish council.

At the June monthly meeting we had a single student from the High School in attendance and he has been vital in our efforts to engage the thoughts and ideas of the young people of the village. Hopefully he will spread the word and more will attend the next meeting which is scheduled to take place at the Community Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th July.

### Playground News

The contractors arrived on site on Monday 19th June to start work on phase 2 of the playground at the rear of the Community Centre. Work involves removing the temporarily grassed area and installing the remainder of the play equipment which comprises swings and play panels for toddlers; swings, roundabout, see-saw and a large multiplay unit for juniors. Four benches and two litter bins will complete the work inside the play area. A bicycle rack will be sited opposite the entrance gate half way along the new footpath.

After heavy rain water collects in the extreme left hand corner of the car park which occasionally spills over into the play area. A gully and soak-away system will be installed to address this problem. The base of the teen shelter is to be remodelled as the existing tarmac surface collects water.

The work is scheduled to end during the week commencing July 24th

## Police Community Support Officer

A year or so ago the Parish of Tarporley was offered the services of a Police Community Support Officer for a trial period. If the trial was considered by the Parish Council and the community to have been successful then the PCSO would be appointed on a permanent basis. There would have been a cost to the Parish of £20,000 annually. The trial was not considered to have been successful and was discontinued.

There is now a new initiative proposed by the police. A PCSO would be appointed to the Parish and it appears, from the information we have been given, that the hours of duty and deployment within the Parish would be very much under the control of the Parish Council. There would be a firm contract and the PCSO would not be deployed away from the Parish except in extremely serious circumstances. The PCSO would in many respects be similar to a "village bobby".

If the Parish Council were to agree to this arrangement there would be a cost to the Parish of £11,000 a year if employed full time. The Parish Council is constantly aware of the necessity to avoid, wherever possible, the imposition of double taxation. In this case, assuming the PCSO is employed full time the imposition would amount to roughly 17p weekly for each council tax payer (household) or 8p per week per person. It might be possible to arrange part time cover with a corresponding reduction in the cost.

The Parish Council are anxious to hear your views. If you wish to express an opinion please e-mail the Clerk at parish-clerk@tarporley.org.uk or write to, or e-mail any Parish Councillor. We ask for written views in order that a record of opinion may be compiled.

## The Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop

In view of the intense interest shown by residents, the Parish Council has asked the owners if they could share some of their ideas with us. This is the reply

- 1) To move our existing retail business into No. 52 which is double the size of No. 54.
- 2) We hope to create access between No. 54 and No. 52. for customers and a further means of access for staff use.
- 3) We hope to move the existing doors to No. 52 back nearer the street and then dig out part of the shop floor and put in a ramp for disabled access. At present there is a six inch step into the No. 52 property.
- 4) We would like to build disabled toilet facilities in the back area of No. 52.
- 5) Although we have yet to make a firm decision as to whether No. 54 is best used as a retail extension to our existing business or as a coffee shop we will be applying to renew the planning permission granted in 1994 for No. 54 to be used as a coffee shop.
- 6) If No. 54 becomes a coffee shop we would like to change the large window at the back of No. 54 into a door and create a ramp access into the 'back yard' for anyone wishing to sit outside for a coffee.
- 7) We hope to be granted permission to turn the top two floors of the building into low rent flats. The amount of rent will depend on the number of flats and the conversion costs but we hope that they will rent for approximately £350 per month and provide some much needed affordable accommodation in the centre of the village.

We expect that when the 'new' No. 52 opens it will be a better presented and less cluttered shop than we have at present! We hope that by working closely with the wishes of the village we can use the Jubilee building in a way that will be mutually beneficial to the village and to us.

## TARPORLEY INCLUDED IN MANCHESTER CITY REGION

The government believes that the future prosperity of the North of England is dependent on the economic well being of the "City Regions" as drivers of growth.

For the purpose of this new growth strategy the Government has identified eight "City Regions" that must produce City Region Development Programmes (CRDP) to identify how the North will close the economic gap with the rest of the nation.

Should the policy be implemented Tarporley and the other parishes in Vale Royal District will be included in the Manchester City Region. Chester City and the parishes of Chester District will be included in the Liverpool City Region.

Tarporley Parish Council was invited to comment on the responses made by Vale Royal Borough Council to the North West Regional Spatial Strategy which refers to this policy. The Vale Royal Borough Council response was "The identification and emphasis on Manchester and Liverpool as City Regions is understood and supported."

The comment on the response by VRBC made by Tarporley Parish Council was;

"No case has been presented to Town and Parish Councils or the residents affected. This particular form of regionalisation is not welcomed by Tarporley Parish Council. The Parish has no particular affinity with either Manchester or Liverpool.

## Parish Council Finances 2005~2006

In terms of finances we opened the year with £46,009 received £49,879 and spent £62,708 leaving a closing balance of £33,180. Expenditure was considerably increased over the previous year due to planned initiatives involving the community centre, children's playground and cemetery.

Expenditure in the other main areas of footpaths, flowerbeds, litter removal, minibus, Christmas lights and administration was at a similar level to the previous year. Income was increased due to a small increase in precept and grants for youth activities and the Parish Plan.

There has been no increase in the precept for the year 2006-2007. The full audited accounts are available for inspection. Please contact the Parish Clerk or visit the Parish web site at

[www.tarporley.org.uk](http://www.tarporley.org.uk)

## Police Community Support Officer

An informal ballot was undertaken at the Tarporley Carnival (8th July) regarding a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for the village. It would add an average of £ 8.86 per year to the Council Tax bill of Tarporley residents to employ a full time PCSO at the current subsidised rate.

103 people voted on the resolution "I support Tarporley Parish Council funding a full time Police Community Support Officer" 94 voted yes and 9 no, that is over 90% of those who voted were in favour of the village employing a full time PCSO. The Parish Council would not consider employing a PCSO unless appropriate terms and conditions can be agreed. Councillors will need to consider both this and the implications for the precept before coming to any firm decision.

A meeting with the Police Community Support team will be arranged for the near future at which the terms of any contract will be discussed and put before the Parish Council.

**Tarporley's  
Tallest Sunflower Competition**

For all of the children who are entering the competition "TO GROW THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER IN TARPORLEY" -here are a few details of the judging process.

The competition closes on **Saturday 2nd September 2006.**

Measure the height of your sunflower on (or before) **Saturday 2nd September.**

On (or before) **Sunday 3rd September** telephone one of the following organisers and give your name, age, address, telephone number and the height of your sunflower.

**Age group**

Under 7 years

732681

Over 7 years

733155

If your sunflower is one of the tallest recorded, the organisers will visit you to check the actual height.

**Organiser**

Mrs. Joan Foden

Mrs. Jean Wall

**TARPORLEY RBL ALLOTMENTS  
SATURDAY 22 JULY 2006  
ANNUAL OPEN SHOW**

The show is open to all, with over 60 categories of fruit, vegetables, flowers and floral art, plants and cookery (cakes, pies, jams and pickles etc.) as well as a children's section which includes a garden on a plate, a garden painting, a posy of flowers and the longest weed. There are many trophies to be awarded for the best exhibits.

Why not have a bit of fun and try your hand in this your own village show?

**Tarporley's New Parish Councillor**

The Parish Council is very please to welcome Mrs L. Burrows as the latest member of the Council. She can be contacted on 01829 733228

**Tarporley Community High School — Community News**

It will be another busy summer of refurbishment at the high school. Last year we developed and extended our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre and this year we are tackling phase one of our changing room refurbishment programme. This will involve the re-modelling of the existing changing rooms to create modern shower facilities for our students and community users of the sports hall as well as a disabled changing room.

The works will start on site during late June and be completed by the end of August in time for the new term and the start of the Autumn Community use of the school's sports facilities.

Phase two of the project will be undertaken next year with the creation of a fitness suite, the use of which we are hoping to extend to our community.

During 2006 our community partnership links have extended further. The school has built on existing links with the Hunt Wood Partnership and Delamere Forest School, providing ICT support and advice. We are also in discussions with the Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop about providing similar support and assistance in website development. These projects are part of our specialist school programme where we aim to achieve ever closer links with local businesses and community groups.

We are always seeking new partners so if you think that a partnership between the high school and your business or group is of interest to you please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jonathan Hayes, Business Manager, Tarporley Community High School, Eaton Road, Tarporley, CW6 0BL, by telephone 01829 732558, or by e-mail [jhayes@tarporley-high.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:jhayes@tarporley-high.cheshire.sch.uk) It is anticipated that the Library will reopen sometime during the Autumn term.

**BE AWARE OF RAGWORT**

Ragwort is an injurious weed and its presence should be immediately reported to the Local Authority

For those unfamiliar with the weed it can be recognised by its ragged leaves and its bright yellow flowers in July.

It is found along the sides of roads and increasingly in fields of grass. It is approximately 3ft tall and very toxic to animals. Usually cattle and horses will not touch it whilst growing but will feed on it when it is cut and dry in hay or silage. The poison has a cumulative effect and is often fatal.

A specific spray has been developed to control the weed but the only sure method of control is to pull the plant up when it is in flower and then carefully burn it. The Local Authority and County Council are required to carry out this work but responsible adults should be prepared to help, wearing gloves and ensuring the weed is carefully burnt and not left in heaps to rot.

**Playground Opening Ceremony:**

The playground will be officially opened  
**SUNDAY 20th AUGUST at 3.00 pm**

Immediately after cutting the ribbon FLAG is hoping to hold a village party with the help of Round Table and Rotary. This will be open to everyone - young and the not so young and will be held outdoors if weather permits. Arrangements are still being finalised, but we hope to have music, a BBQ, drinks tent, children's entertainers, etc.

Watch out for further announcements and keep the date free in your diary to celebrate this new village facility.

**Cheshire County Councillor  
Eddisbury Ward**

**Councillor A. Needham** 01829 732444  
Andrew.Needham@cheshire.gov.uk

**Vale Royal Borough Councillors  
Tarpорley and Oulton Ward**

**Councillor Mr. T. Hill** 01829 732804  
**Councillor Ms. G. Fairhurst** 01829 760568

Tarpорley has twelve Parish Councillors each of whom sits on one or more of the Parish Council Working Groups.

**Contact details are**

<b><u>Councillor</u></b>	<b><u>Phone (01829)</u></b>
Mr. E. Boynes	733127
Dr. R. Brierley	732539
Mr. R. Craven	732869
Mrs. L. Burrows	733288
Mrs. J. Foden	732681
Mrs. J. Greenwood	730032
Mr. T. Hill (VRBC) Chairman	732804
Mrs. H. Nickson	730601
Mr. G. Lees	733832
Mr. K. Parker	732188
Mr. T. Spark	732763
Mrs. J. Wall	733155

**Parish Clerk**

**Mr. J. Macdonald** 01829 733496  
parishclerk@tarpорley.org.uk

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**Parish Council Meetings**

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Monday in the month, except August, in the Committee Room of the Community Centre at 7.00pm. They are open to the public. A period is set aside prior to the commencement of the meeting during which members of the public can raise parish matters which are of concern to them.

**Parish Council Working Groups** meet as and when the needs of the projects upon which they are engaged require. They report back to the Parish Council at full Parish Council meetings. They also have meetings with officers of Cheshire County Council, Vale Royal Borough Council and various other organisations.

**Parish Council Working Groups**

**Planning Committee**

Composed of all Parish Councillors and meets as required

**Traffic and Highways Working Group**

Councillors R. Craven (Spokesperson), T. Hill, H. Nickson, T. Spark.

**Quality Parish Council Working Group**

Councillors E. Boynes (Spokesperson), K. Parker

**Publicity Working Group**

Councillors E. Boynes (Spokesperson), G. Lees.

**Affordable Housing Working Group**

Councillors R. Craven, J. Foden, K. Parker, J. Wall (Spokesperson).

**Community Security Working Group**

Councillors R. Craven, Greenwood (Spokesperson), H. Nickson, T. Spark.

**Best Kept Village Working Group**

Councillors J. Foden (Spokesperson), G. Lees, H. Nickson, J. Wall.

**Cemetery Working Group**

Councillors J. Foden (Spokesperson), T. Hill, J. Wall.

**Christmas Lights and Celebrations Working Group**

Councillors J. Greenwood, H. Nickson, T. Spark (Spokesperson)

**Budget and Forward Planning Working Group**

Councillors E. Boynes, K. Parker (Spokesperson), T. Spark, the Clerk.

**Playground Working Group**

Councillors J. Greenwood, G. Lees (Spokesperson), H. Nickson.

**Footpaths and Trees**

Councillor J. Greenwood.

**Monthly Finance**

Councillor T. Spark.

**Rowcliffe Homes**

Councillors J. Foden and J. Wall

**Arthur Meredith Memorial Trust**

Councillors E. Boynes, R. Craven, T. Hill (P.C. Chairman), J. Wall

**Primary School Governor** Councillor G. Lees

**High School Governor** Councillor E. Boynes

**Community Centre** Councillor G. Lees

**Parish Plan** Councillors E. Boynes, R. Brierley, G. Lees

**Helen Watson Commemoration**

Councillors J. Foden, T. Spark, J. Wall

**Annual Asset and Accounts Audit**. Councillor K. Parker

**Parish Council Surgeries**

Surgeries are held in the Committee Room of the Community Centre on the first Tuesday of every month except August at 6.00 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and discuss matters of concern to them informally with Parish Councillors.

**Clerk's Corner**

Many have noticed the growth of weeds and the general poor state of the footpaths local to the village. When our excellent footpaths man John Phillips decided to retire from providing this service a replacement contractor was recruited but as evidenced by the state of the paths this new service provider has not met our needs. We now welcome local man Roy Johnson who has taken up the role and is working hard to restore the situation.

Things are improving but it will take some time to recover the paths to their previous well maintained state.

On the subject of footpaths how many people walk the paths out in to the fields and countryside? Do your children know these routes once in regular use by local workers and travellers? You should spot at least 10 and may be 20 varieties of wild flower on a walk around the village field paths, how many varieties can you identify? Summer is on its way and with an ordnance survey map or after studying the map placed by the Rotary Club on the end wall of the Rising Sun (or buying a paper copy from Swaffields hairdressers) an enjoyable day can be had exploring the nature trails on our doorstep

**Parish Footpaths**

**If you need a large print copy of the Newsletter please contact the Clerk on  
01829 733496**