

TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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TARPORLEY DEVELOPMENTS

Tarporley Parish Council and the residents of Tarporley are confronted with a number of proposed developments which could possibly change the nature of Tarporley as a rural village

Currently there are proposals for a development at Heatherways consisting of a Care Home incorporating fifty resident bedrooms, fifty self contained one and two bedroom apartments together with associated social facilities. There will be approximately one hundred and fifty residents and a staff of seventy five working in three shifts. It is anticipated that a Planning Application will be submitted to Vale Royal Borough Council later this month.

It is understood that a planning application is about to be submitted for a development on the "Daffodil Field" fronting on to the High Street together with the field adjacent to the Rising Sun car park. It is expected to consist of a large Care complex with a range of facilities. Some affordable houses, a public car park adjacent to the Rising Sun car park and a public garden area bordering the High Street.

Despite refusal of the application by Vale Royal Borough Council in 2005 a Planning Inspector approved the demolition of the Arderne Estate House in Cobblers Cross Lane and the construction of a building to contain fifteen market value apartments together with five "town" houses. The contract has not yet commenced and the condition of the site has deteriorated.

Cheshire County Council has under consideration a proposal to move the Primary School to a site on High School grounds at the southern part of Nantwich Road. The project, possibly to be funded by the sale of land at the Primary School and the redundant Brook Farm School for a mix of market value and affordable.

These developments will have a significant impact on Tarporley, its services and facilities.

**CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER
ELECTIONS TO YOUR NEW COUNCIL
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Elections for the councillors to the new Unitary Council**

ST. GEORGE'S DAY WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

The Irish, Scottish and Welsh enjoy the celebration of their Patron Saint's Day.

Why not celebrate St. George on Shakespeare's birthday?

Shops—decorate your windows. Everyone— fly the flag of St. George Wear the rose of England



CALLING ALL GARDENERS TARPORLEY NEEDS YOU

Garden vouchers worth £40 to the District winner and £60 to the County winner can be won in the Cheshire Community Council **Garden Awards Competition 2008.**

The garden should be visible from the road and not hidden by a tall hedge or fence.

The garden should present an appearance of continuous care and not consist wholly of bedding plants while having a bare look in winter.

A photo of the garden **as it is now** is required and can be taken for you if required.

To enter, either contact

The Clerk on 733496 Or Dawn Joyce on 730824

Local Bus Services

Tarporley currently has a local bus service each Thursday, provided by Aries Taxis, which collects the elderly and infirm from their homes in Tarporley and takes them either to the High Street or the Farm Shop. This service is also available on the first Thursday in the month for those attending the meetings of the Autumn Club. The cost is met from the parish precept with users making a small contribution.

The Parish Council Infrastructure Working Group is investigating means whereby bus services in Tarporley and surrounding parishes might be improved.

Under consideration is the improvement and or extension of the service provided by the 51A feeder bus which connects Huxley and Utkinton with Tarporley and Tarvin. A survey will be carried out to assess whether or not it would be feasible to create services which could, for example, link parishes such as Tiverton, Beeston, Peckforton, Bunbury, Rushton and Little Budworth with Tarporley where there would be a connection with the 84 to Nantwich and Chester.

In due course contact will be made with the relevant parish councils to determine their opinion of the venture.

Climate Change Vale Royal Borough Council Policy 2007—2011

The Key Aims

Delivering Change is action that can be developed and/or delivered directly by the Council.

Securing Commitment is action that the Council can develop but will require the input of the local community, businesses, our partners and other organisations to be effective.

Delivering Change

The Council to publicly demonstrate and promote its commitment towards addressing climate change

To **reduce** the consumption of energy in all buildings across the Council estate. **Increase** the proportion of renewable energy generated on-site across the Council estate. **Reduce** the contribution to climate change arising from the Council's use of vehicles. **Mitigate** the contribution to climate change arising from the Council's procurement of products, goods and services. **Minimise** the contribution to climate change arising from the disposal of waste to landfill **Secure** the delivery of 'climate proofed' developments through the planning process **Increase** the uptake and in-

stallation of renewable energy technologies across Vale Royal. **Mitigate** any detrimental impacts to the natural environment arising from climate change. **Adapting** the Council to the inevitable impacts of climate change.

Securing Commitment

Increase awareness and understanding across Vale Royal of climate change and the implications for the Borough.

Support the local community to identify and address energy efficiency within their own homes. **Work** with our partners, businesses, and other external organisations to secure their commitment to address climate change. **Enable** local businesses and private and public sector organisations to identify and address energy efficiency issues. **Reduce** the contribution the use of public and private transport makes to climate change in Vale Royal. **Support** all sectors in Vale Royal to be aware of, and prepared for, the inevitable impacts of climate change as they arise. **Support** business and organisations to recognise and exploit new business in the context of our changing climate

THE STOREHOUSE CHURCH

Parish Councillors James Blackford, Ernest Boynes and the Clerk recently visited the Storehouse Church at the invitation of the Pastor Gary Atkins. The visit was to enable the parish councillors to be briefed on the aims, objectives, services and facilities centred at Brook Farm.

The Storehouse Church is a mainstream Church working closely with congregations of all denominations across Cheshire and is keen to stay in

Tarporley although currently they have only a one year lease from Cheshire County Council. They have a number of ideas to help and work with the community including the conversion of some of the buildings into affordable housing, to improve the sports hall, to create and provide small "design only" workshops at low cost to help those with a business idea but who are short of funds, to provide social or business meeting facilities for both young and old, in pleasant surroundings, complete with a well equipped kitchen.

For young people who care to pay a visit, from 6.30 to 8.00 pm there is a Wednesday Nite Club for the 8 to 13's, supervised by qualified staff, offering a wide range of activities from sports to arts and crafts, bike maintenance to fashion shows.

From 7.30 to 9.30 Fridays there is the dBizz youth café for 14 to 17's. On offer are games consoles, PS2, Xbox, Wii, together with special events, themed evenings, pool, table tennis, tuck shop and regular trips e.g. laser quest, bowling, pizzas and maccy-d's.

They are looking for ideas to serve the community so if you have any ideas or would like to book a venue please contact Rachel on 01829 732201 or email info@storehousechurch.org.uk



MANAGEMENT OF FLY- POSTING by VALE ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL

In general terms the definition of "Fly-Posting" is "the display of advertising material on buildings, street furniture or public places without the consent of the owner". Any illegal advertising contravenes Section 220 of The Town & Country Planning Act and all illegal advertising by definition is classed as "fly-posting". Cleansing authorities, such as Vale Royal BC have a duty to remove it under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

Fly-posting is not just the A4 type posters stuck or taped to lamp posts - any printed material, irrespective of size from small stickers, up to large posters and banners are in fact classified as "fly-postings".

The Council has a duty on three fronts to remove fly-postings.

1. In order to uphold its duty under both the Town & Country Planning Act and Environmental Protection Act
2. The council is judged on its performance in removing fly-postings, through performance indicators and by Defra and Environmental Campaigns.
3. The Council has a moral duty to improve local environmental quality. Uncontrolled fly-posting can have a serious detrimental impact on environmental quality.

Another important factor, which cannot be overlooked is the highway safety issues, often associated with fly-posting. They are frequently posted to actually attract motorists' attention and in doing so could be a potential hazard. The County Council, as the highway authority, certainly has a keen interest in fly-posting and also have powers to remove them. Fly-posting offences are also open to prosecution, which for serious and repeat offences, could be as much as £5000.

One of the growing problems we have had with fly-posting removal, is the impact their removal can have on social or community events. Quite often the main form of advertising such events is through fly-posting and banners. The council has no alternative than to be consistent in its approach and attempt to remove all fly-posting when we become aware of them. This unfortunately means that social and community events also suffer as a result.

We have recognised this problem and have already started to look at ways of facilitating the advertising of such events. The key issue here is the need to manage the advertising of events. We are looking at ways to have dedicated and specific sites in the main towns and villages where such events would be allowed to post their event advertisements.

These would need to be sites that were approved by both our Planning department and the County Council Highways department and we would be looking at local **Parish Councils** to help us identify these sites. Tarporley Parish Council has already identified suitable sites. Highway safety issues would be a significant factor. We would then make these sites available to community and social events to advertise for specific periods with conditions about quality of material, length of display etc. We would have to have some kind of approval process to authorise applications and clearly define what constitutes a community and social event. We are also considering whether dedicated advertising units, which can be locked and managed, would be appropriate in some or all locations. The subject is programmed to be scrutinised at the Environment Scrutiny committee in January and a report is to go to the authority's Executive Committee in March.

Infrastructure Working Group

The Infrastructure Working Group of Tarporley Parish Council held its inaugural meeting on 28 February 2008. In attendance were Heidi Nickson, Chairman, Councillors Gill Clough, Tom Spark, Ken Parker James Blackford and Ernest Boynes. It was agreed that initially their areas of particular interest would be Transport and Highways, the PCSO, Security, Community bus services, Commerce and the Christmas Lights Celebration/Festival.

There was a survey of the history of these topics and suggestions as to how to find solutions perceived problems. Councillor Nickson would pursue ongoing matters with regard to Transport and Highways, contacting the Clerk and local authorities to determine how outstanding concerns could be addressed.

Councillor Parker will make contact with the PCSO to arrange a date for the next Community Action Meeting and with the Cheshire Constabulary Homewatch liaison officer to set about reinvigorating the Homewatch system in Tarporley. Councillors Boynes and Sparks will investigate the current situation with regard to the community bus service, currently subsidised from the parish council precept and, in consultation with adjacent parish councils determine whether or not the service could be usefully expanded.

Councillor Clough will contact local businesses to see if given assistance from the parish council, perhaps in administration, the Business Association could be made more effective.

Respondents to the Parish Plan survey revealed that there is a desire for a Farmers/Country Markets. Councillor Clough will make enquiries of the various market organisations.

It was believed that the celebration of the Christmas lights could be improved. This will need to be a project in which community organisations should play an important part. The whole IWG with the assistance of the Clerk will join others outside the Parish Council to make this an entertaining event

Street Scene Working Group

Tarporley Parish Council has recently decided to restructure by creating two principal Working Groups. Dawn Joyce is Spokesperson for the Street Scene Working Group.

The immediate challenge will be Cheshire Community Council's Best Kept Village Competition in which Tarporley was runner up in 2007. We believe that with a little more help from the residents of Tarporley we can win the competition this year, therefore we call upon all who live or work in the village to make it worthy of the title. Every little effort helps - encourage people to pick up their litter, report graffiti to the Clerk or a member of the parish council - ask dog owners to pick up after their pooches etc. Judging starts in April and continues through August. During that time we can expect several unscheduled visits from the judges so we need to be constantly vigilant

Entering into this competition might be considered to be of low priority but it serves very effectively to focus our attention on creating a pleasant environment, thus raising the profile of the village.

After the tribulations of last year we can all look forward to the sight of the wonderful hanging basket throughout the High Street later in the Spring. As the baskets are now a permanent feature we hope to arrange winter planting and make the High Street attractive all year.

This year, as part of Cheshire's Year of the Garden 2008 the County Council is sponsoring a Garden Awards Competition, detailed separately in this Newsletter. Please can we ask all enthusiastic gardeners to consider entering the competition on behalf of the village.

Throughout the year we will be looking for ways to improve and maintain the appearance of the village including an initiative to improve the appearance of the planted area in front of the Community Centre. We have also conducted surveys of footpaths and the approaches to the village and we hope to install an additional information board near the village sign. If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions that you believe come under the heading of Street Scene please contact the Clerk on 01829 733496 or Cllr Dawn Joyce on 01829 730824.

**THE CIVIL PARISH OF TARPORLEY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS**

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**Tarporley Parish Council
Councillors**

Chairman of the Parish Council Councillor T. Hill

Tarporley has twelve Parish Councillors each of whom sits on one of the two **Working Groups** which meet on alternative months or as required

Councillor Contact Details are (01829)

Infrastructure

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Tom Spark 732763
Ken Parker 732188

Street Scene

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Areas of Interest

Transport and Highways, PCSO Contract and Security
Community Bus Commerce, Christmas Lights/Festival

Areas of interest

Best Kept Village, Flower Displays, Handyman, Street
Cleaning Children's Play Area and Community Initiatives.

Parish Clerk Mr. J. Macdonald, Chartwood House, 20 Nantwich Road, Tarporley CW6 9UW
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Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets in the Committee Room of the Community Centre at 7.00pm on the second Monday of each month with the exception of August

Meetings are open to the public

A Parish Councillors' Surgery is held at 6.30 pm prior to the Parish Council meeting when members of the public are welcome to discuss parish matters with councillors on an informal basis.

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TARPORLEY NEEDS A BEAUTIFUL SOUND

Why is there not a group of singers or choral society in Tarporley?

We have an excellent Drama Society who put on superb shows twice a year!

We have a lovely church choir, with a superb organist and outstanding acoustics.

Where are all the other singers?

Who in Tarporley who would like to join in the BEAUTIFUL sound of a choir having FUN

Each year we have a celebration when the lights of the chestnut tree are switched on.

Crowds join in but there is no one to lead the carol singing.

Is there anyone out there prepared to start Tarporley singing ?