

TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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SPEEDING IN TARPORLEY

At the last Community Action Meeting a number of Tarporley residents suggested that vehicle speed control measures should be provided in Eaton Road, Utkinton Road, Nantwich Road and Birch Heath Road.

Among the suggestions put forward were **Reduced Speed Limits** and **Traffic Calming** measures such as **Speed Bumps**.

**Vehicles do not speed of their own volition
Drivers choose to exceed the speed limit
So let us involve SID**

SID is short for **Speed Indicator Device**. It is a temporary portable, battery powered, interactive sign that informs drivers of the speed at which they are travelling and whether this is within or in excess of the speed limit of the road. **SID** can be moved around the parish to reinforce the speed limit in locations where there is a local speeding concern. As the vehicle approaches **SID** the sensor is triggered and the speed is displayed to the driver on **SID**'s screen with a smiley face if the driver's speed is within the limit or a frowning face to remind the driver that they should slow down. The display will flash, showing the speed, until the vehicle has passed the device. "Simple" **SID**'s are not able to collect data, but "clever" **SID**'s

can collect speed data electronically. When a vehicle triggers the sign it will record the date, time and the vehicle's speed and store it into memory. "Clever" **SID**'s can be used to obtain a local picture of traffic speeds. Any data collected can be downloaded by the local Area Highways' Office when the **SID** is returned after use. A copy of the data is available to the community group on request. All data collected by the "clever" **SID** is anonymous. **SID** is not a safety or speed camera. It does not have the ability to collect pictures. Community groups should NOT collect any information about vehicles passing the **SID** for the purpose of identifying and/or contacting individuals who may be exceeding the speed limit for the purpose of issuing warning letters.

SID requires two community volunteers to set it up and stay whilst the device is in use
Full training will be given.

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to join them in the use of **SID**.
Names to the Clerk on 733496 or Cllr Dawn Joyce on 730824

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

TARPORLEY'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

7.00PM

TARPORLEY BAND

HOT CHESTNUTS

CAROLS



TARPORLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE LOCAL VENUE FOR YOUR FUNCTION

Refurbishment totalling some £80,000 was carried out to the Community Centre over the summer months, thanks to grants from Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd and the Vale Royal Borough Council Rural Delivery programme, while the Parish Council provided funds for the replacement of the window curtains with Venetian blinds and a new curtain for the entrance hallway.

External repairs were carried out to the guttering, soffits and bargeboards while seven old metal framed windows were replaced with hardwood double glazed unit. The main entrance was enhanced with new external lighting, replacement doors and the provision of an illuminated sign. The tarmaced areas to the front, side and rear have been resurfaced thanks to a shared donation by W. E. Pond & Son and Tarmac Ltd.

Internally the main hall has been repainted, new wall lights installed, the wood block flooring repaired and resurfaced and new carpeting laid. The Bar/Committee room was completely gutted, fitted with a new bar, lighting and flooring.

The kitchen has been completely refitted, provided with a fixed hot water boiler, integral refrigerator and an extractor fan. Improvements have been made to the ladies, gents and disabled toilets and all have been fitted with extractor fans. The foyer and lobby areas have been transformed, provided with concealed lighting, notice board, new doors and carpeting.

The Management Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to W. E. Pond & Son, the main contractor, for the high quality of their work and for the inclusion of many important items free of charge..

Currently under discussion is phase two of the refurbishment project which might include the electrical rewiring, improvements to the heating and ventilation systems, the full refurbishment of the toilets together with the provision of an office for the P. C. S. O. Though the improvements to the Community Centre have yet to be completed the Centre now presents a welcoming ambience and has greatly improved facilities. So if community groups, clubs or individuals are looking for a local venue for their function consider the Tarporley Community Centre.

TARPORLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL *A FOUNDATION SCHOOL*

The Governors of Tarporley Community High School met on 6 November to consider the results of the informal consultation on the proposed move to Foundation Status and, taking the results into account, to decide whether or not to proceed to the next step.

Consultation documents had been sent out to parents and carers, staff, partner primaries and Year 6 parents and carers, together with a number of interested parties including the Member of Parliament, Parish Councils within the locality of the school, teachers' professional organisations and trades unions.

From the 1643 consultation documents issued there were 7 responses; 4 of which were in favour, 2 sought further information while remaining neutral while 1 was opposed.

In addition to the distribution of the consultation documents a "surgery" was held in the school on 8 October which all interested parties could attend. Two parents attended, one to obtain more information and the other to express their philosophical opposition to the proposal.

No comments had been received from the staff or their professional organisations.

Taking into account the results of the informal survey the Governors made the unanimous decision to move to the formal consultation process which commences on 8 November 2007 and lasts for four weeks.

Notices to this effect have been placed on public and other notice boards in the school catchment area.

The next full Governors meeting will take place at 5.30pm on Thursday 13 December when the responses to the formal consultation will be considered.

Clerk's Corner Christmas Lights Woes

The Parish Council started the year with the good intentions of undertaking some upgrades to the Christmas lights. We knew the lights in the chestnut tree were nearing the end of their life as we had some problems with them and our electrical contractor had advised that we replace them; we also had thoughts on adding some extra lights. The initial prices obtained for this work were frighteningly high but before we had got over that we learned that the chestnut tree was showing its age and would need the attention of a tree surgeon. Further down the High Street opposite the Chocolate Shop the trees that we light had been fenced off by the building contractor and while trying to make arrangements for access the public lighting column we take the electricity from was knocked down and had to be removed! One of the trees at the Baptist and Methodist Church that we light is showing signs of decay and will have to be cut down. So there went the best laid plans. But all was not lost, thankfully we have been able to work with the owner of the chestnut tree and hopefully the tree will be pruned and new lights installed for Christmas. The developer of the new shops opposite the Chocolate Shop has been very helpful and we hope to have lights in the trees next year and may-be this year. At the Baptist and Methodist Church we are discussing ideas for an alternative display but again this may be next year. So with a bit of luck we have pulled things back from a possible Christmas lights disaster and the combination of the Parish Council and Tarporley Round Table lighting initiatives will still be impressive this year. But that is not the end of the story, the Parish Council would like to improve the lights and if you are willing to sponsor some new lighting equipment or have a High Street based property and would like to sponsor alighting display next year then please contact the Clerk.

Update on the development of Tarporley CE Primary School

Details of a letter sent to the parents of children attending Tarporley CE Primary School 12 November 2007

As a school management team we have been discussing the above subject and with the approval of the Director of Children's Services we would advise you of the current status.

We would emphasise that at this stage no decision has been made by CCC regarding the way forward but the County Council's School Planning Select Panel will consider the matter at their meeting on 10 December when they will make a recommendation which will be considered by the Children's Services Executive on 18 December.

Firstly, for those parents new to Tarporley CE Primary School (TCEPS) we would like to make you aware of the background.

Background

1. Some 5 years ago the governing body, in conjunction with CCC Education Executive identified the need to provide Primary School facilities that were consistent with educational needs in the 21st Century.
2. Subsequent to this in 2003, and following the closure of Brook Farm School, consideration was given to TCEPS relocating to the Brook Farm site where a new purpose built school would be constructed. In order to fully consider the complex planning issues affecting this proposal, an independent consultant was commissioned to undertake a full feasibility study. The study concluded (report issued 2005) that part of the site of Tarporley Community High School (TCHS) fronting on to Nantwich Road would be the best location for a new primary school.
3. A further feasibility study was commissioned by the TLC team and undertaken by the County Council's Property Manager this autumn. The purpose of this feasibility study was to look at the long term needs for education in the wider community.

Current status November 2007:

At a meeting on 6th November 2007, Margaret Gill from the Transforming Learning Communities (TLC) team within CCC Children's Services provided the results of the feasibility study into the three options for Tarporley CE Primary School. As indicated above, these options will be put to Members of the School Planning Select Panel for consideration when they next meet on 10 December.

Option 1: Remodelling of the current buildings to meet the requirements for delivering education in the 21st century.

Option 2: A new build and relocation on the Brook Farm site.

Option 3: A new build and relocation on the Nantwich Road site (High School).

There are advantages and disadvantages of each of the options and these will be outlined for Members of the School Planning Select Panel.

At the meeting of the full governing body on 8th November 2007, the Governors and staff of TCEPS gave their 100% commitment to the proposal outlined in Option 3 and look forward to continuing their co-operation with TCHS, CCC and the Parish Council to deliver this solution.

Next Steps

County Council officers will report on the results of the feasibility study to the School Planning Select Panel meeting 10th December 2007. The Panel will then make recommendations which will be considered at the next meeting of the Children's Services Executive on 18 December. The decision made by the Executive will then be consulted upon in January.

A consultation process would then take place with all stakeholders when the outcomes will be considered and shared with the two schools involved.

The aim is to reach an agreement with both schools by the end of January 2008. If the decision were to pursue Options 2 or 3, a new school would be completed for the autumn term 2010.

We hope this keeps you up to date and we will advise you of any change as and when we are notified.

Regards,

Richard Coates
Headteacher

Ian Bailey
Chair of the Governing Body

At its meeting of 14th February 2005 Tarporley Parish Council adopted a policy paper that referred to the possible relocation of Tarporley C.E. Primary School to the site of the Brook Farm Special School which had been closed by the local authority. The policy has not since been changed. There are two clauses which may be relevant to the current situation.

Item 2 If for educational reasons it is necessary to relocate Tarporley C.E. Primary School to the Brook Farm School site Tarporley Parish Council would not object provided funding for this purpose was out of the education budget and the current site of the primary school was released to provide facilities for the community.

Item 3 Any development which requires that land within the village be sold for the construction of high cost housing will be absolutely unacceptable to Tarporley Parish Council.

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

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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 **Parish Council Surgery** is held at 6.30 pm, prior to the meeting when members of the public are welcome to discuss matters of concern to them informally with Parish Councillors

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 a variety of other organisations

POLICE CONTACTS

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Planning Committee

Meets if required between regular Parish Council meetings to consider planning applications. All Parish Councillors. Chairman, the Chairman of the Parish Council

Cemetery Committee

Councillors E. Boynes (Spokesperson), R. Brierley T. Hill, T. Spark

Traffic and Highways Working Group

Councillors L. Burrows, T. Hill D. Joyce, T. Spark. H. Nickson (Spokesperson)

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 E. Boynes (spokesperson) R. Craven, K. Parker.

Community Security Working Group.

Councillors R. Craven, D. Joyce. (Spokesperson) T. Spark

Best Kept Village Working Group

Councillors R. Brierley, G. Clough, D. Joyce (Spokesperson) G. Lees,

Christmas Lights and Celebrations Working Group

Councillors J. Blackford, L. Burrows T. Spark (Spokesperson).

Budget and Forward Planning Working Group

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

Playground Working Group

Councillors J. Blackford, G. Lees (Spokesperson).

Monthly Finance

Councillor T. Spark. G. Lees (Reserve).

Arthur Meredith Memorial Trust

Councillors R Blackford R. Craven, L. Burrows P.C. Chairman. T. Hill

Primary School Governor Councillor G. Lees.

High School Governors Councillors E. Boynes, R Craven.

Community Centre Councillor G. Lees.

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

Helen Watson Commemoration

Councillors R. Brierley, T. Spark.

Annual Asset and Accounts Audit. Councillor K. Parker.

HAVE YOUR SAY

**Would you like to air your views in the Newsletter?
E-mail the Clerk on parishclerk@tarporley.org.uk
or Councillor Ernest Boynes on ernest@boynes.com**

Chester Chronicle Community Pages

To have news of your club, team or group events published in the Chester Chronicle Community page contact Ernest Boynes, 01829 733127 or ernest@boynes.com

DO YOU NEED SOME LOGS?

There is a (very) large tree at the new cemetery that has fallen and needs to be removed. There would be enough log wood to keep a fire going for a number of winters. The Parish Council has been involved in some informal discussions about the cutting up and removal of the tree but without success. If you would be interested in cutting up and removing the tree then please contact the Clerk. 01829 733496