

Tarporley Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

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TARPORLEY

A PLAN

YOUR TARPORLEY

YOUR VIEWS

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Parish Council is the first tier in the system of democratic government in England. Parish Councils have wide powers and duties with regard to those matters which effect the quality of life of those who live in the parish. During the latter years of the last century the role of the Parish Council was diluted with many of the powers and duties taken over by the Borough and County Authorities.

This state of affairs is about to change

The government has decided that where a Parish Council is suitably qualified it will be given greater opportunities to run its own affairs, assisted by the higher tiers of government.

Tarporley Parish Council has decided that it will accept the challenge posed by the return of these powers and duties. It is already in the final stages of qualifying as a **Quality Parish Council** And is now embarking on facilitating the production of a **Parish Plan**.

Not another plan, you may say !!- but this one is different.. To be accepted the plan has to be drawn up by **you who live or work in the Parish**.

A pilot meeting has been held to produce the publicity and to arrange a public meeting which was held on **Tuesday 12 July at 7.30 pm** in the Community Centre. At this meeting residents elected a **Steering Committee** initially comprising seven members of the public representing all sections of the community, young and old resident or in business. There will be three members of the Parish Council on the Steering Committee whose tasks will be administrative and to manage the funding. A further thirteen members of the public have indicated their willingness to help.



Tarporley High Street courtesy of Peter Willis

The task of the **Steering Group** will be to collect information and consult the residents on all aspects of living in Tarporley. They will want to find out what is good and what is bad, what should be retained or what should be refurbished or renewed. To determine what is needed to enhance the life of those of all ages and abilities who live or work in the Parish.

You will be asked your opinion on **Housing**; does Tarporley need more and if so of what type? **Business**; is Tarporley business friendly? **Employment**; are more jobs needed in the Parish. If so what type? **Young persons**; are they catered for sufficiently? **Recreation, Entertainment, Culture**; is the Parish well served? **Sport**; are the facilities adequate? **Public Transport**; is it satisfactory? **Parking**; what is the answer? These are the sort of questions upon which you will be asked for your opinion. There may be others; let the **Steering Group** know.

The **Steering Group**, having collected and collated the answers to the questions which have been asked, will then put the details forward as the Parish Plan to the Parish Council, Vale Royal Borough Council and Cheshire County Council who will then have an obligation to take it into consideration when forming future policies.

When the project is completed it is hoped that those living and working in the Parish will have the means to make Tarporley an even better place to live and raise a family.

YOUR PLAN FOR THE FUTURE IN TARPORLEY

Car Parking

The situation with regard to the parking of cars in Tarporley is becoming critical. For most of the working day the High Street is cluttered with cars parked, both legally and illegally. If, as expected, Tarporley is to receive more frequent visits by the police or our Community Security Officer there will be an increased number of motorists who incur a parking notice. This is not a good situation and some motorists are likely to feel very aggrieved as they have found the car park behind the Rising Sun to be full.

It is of the utmost importance, if the village is to survive as a vibrant economic centre for a district with a population in excess of 10,000, that those who require access to the convenient shopping on offer in the village should be able to park their cars. Without car parking space these shoppers are likely to go elsewhere.

At present there is off street parking behind the Rising Sun, heavily used and often full, the Royal British Legion, moderately used and the Community Centre, lightly used. The on street parking in Park Road and the High Street is heavily used.;

As yet there has been no official survey of parking patterns in Tarporley, perhaps now is the time for a survey to be considered.

The obvious answer to the parking problem is to create more parking space, but the question is where? While there is land reasonably near the High Street it has a very high value as prospective building land and for the Borough Council to consider its purchase would require a very high compensation payment.

If you have any ideas as to how parking in Tarporley could be improved please contact the Clerk with your suggestions.

Quality Parish Council

Tarporley Parish Council believes it can now demonstrate that it meets the standards set by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister to be accredited as a Quality Parish Council. All that now remains is to compile the portfolio which must accompany the application form when it is submitted. It is anticipated that the application will be made in September. Should, as expected, Tarporley be successful, then negotiations will begin with Vale Royal Borough Council to determine just how much of functions they currently carry out may be apportioned to the Parish Council.

We Will Remember Them

John Francis Stapleton was born in Liverpool, where, after leaving school, he joined the Scottish Cadets and became a Q. M. S. He served twelve years in the Territorial Army. In 1939 at the outbreak of war he was posted with the 59th Medium Regiment, Liverpool TA to Bowmere, Tarporley. Being a married man with two small children he was concerned for the safety of his family in Liverpool so he brought them to Tarporley where they soon made their home. In September 1941 his regiment, now the 73rd Anti-Tank, Royal Artillery was posted to the middle east.

John was killed in action at El-Gubi, Libya on 7th December 1941, aged 32. He has no known grave but his name is inscribed on the Alamein War Memorial in Egypt. His name was omitted from the Cenotaph in Liverpool as army records said his home was in Tarporley. For reasons currently unknown his name was not included among those on Tarporley's War memorial.

As the result of an initiative by a family friend in the USA the omission was brought to the attention of the Tarporley Royal British Legion and Tarporley Parish Council who have arranged for John's name to be inscribed on the war memorial in St. Helen's churchyard.

Parish Councillor Resigns

Mr. H. Melliush, a respected member of Tarporley Parish Council for many years has informed the Chairman that for personal reasons he has decided to tender his resignation. Mr. Melliush is well known in the village as a retired veterinary surgeon who is active both for the Lifeboats and the Tarporley Amateur Dramatic Society. His presence on the Parish Council will be greatly missed.

The official notification of a vacancy on the Parish Council will be posted on the Parish Council notice board. Any person who wishes to be considered as a Parish Councillor should inform the Parish Clerk in accordance with the posted procedure

Brook Farm School and Tarporley Primary School

The consultants engaged by Cheshire County Council to assess the feasibility of using the Brook Farm School site while taking account of the future needs of Tarporley Primary School and the High School have presented their report. The consultants were required to take into account the opinions of other interested parties. The County Council is now considering the report which it is hoped will be made public in the near future. There are significant planning matters to be taken into consideration which will require negotiation with Vale Royal Borough Council as well as further public consultation.

The County Council is looking at the report in the context of its "Transforming Learning Communities" initiative which is assessing the wider future needs of education in Cheshire

TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2004—2005

The annual Report of the Parish Council was delivered to the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Community Centre on Monday 9 May 2005. Copies of the full Report have been posted on the Parish Council notice board and are available at the Public Library.

As a result of the untimely death of the Chairman, Councillor Helen Watson the Chairman's Report was compiled and read by Councillor R. Brierley. The spokespersons for each of the Council's working groups then reported on their activities over the year, a summary of which follows.

The Parish Council has experienced a busy year. It has been preparing its submission the accreditation panel to be granted Quality Parish Council status which has involved a considerable amount of effort on the part of all councillors, but particularly on the Clerk. The development of the Parish Newsletter has continued and it been well received. Consultations have continued between parish councillors and officers of Vale Royal Borough Council for the provision of some affordable housing in the village. The trial deployment of a Police Community Safety Officer continued over the year, but the Parish Council decided it would not be justified in funding the scheme in the future.

There have been a number of contentious planning applications including the Arderne Estate House, the Portal Hotel and the siting of wind generators at Oxhey's Farm in Rushton and the proposed office development at Flaxyard's Farm. Pressure has been maintained to ensure the new Spar store and filling station are opened as soon as possible. The debate on the future of the Brook Farm School site and the relocation of the Primary School continues with no decision having been made to date.

There have been meetings with officers of Cheshire County Council and Vale Royal Borough Council to consider the traffic and parking situation in the village. A budget of £55,000 from the Local Transport Plan has been allocated to Tarporley in the coming financial year.

In the Best Kept Village competition we improved our position from fifth to second but won our class in the Vibrancy Award which qualified us to enter the Calor Village of the Year competition which was eventually won by St. Neot in Cornwall.

Steady progress has been made towards the acquisition of the land for cemetery and the Parish Council will shortly be deciding on the administration procedures.

In terms of finances we opened the year with £35,871 received £32,874 and spent £22,736 leaving a closing balance of £46,009. The main areas of expenditure being on footpaths, flowerbeds, litter removal, minibus, Christmas lights and administration. Expenditure was considerably less than planned due to delays to initiatives involving the community centre, children's playground and proposed burial ground.



**A
FLOWER AND VEGETABLE
SHOW
SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL**

The Tarporley Royal British Legion Allotment Holders Open Show consists of sections for Vegetables, Flowers, Pot Plants, Floral Art, Cookery and Produce, Children's' section and a Special Section.

There are a total of sixty prizes for which you can compete.

For the children there are prizes for a Garden on a Plate, home made biscuits, Painting of a Garden and more.

Entry form and rules available from Geoff Fowles tel. 01829 733684

Cinema in Tarporley

Did you know that at one time Tarporley had its own Cinema? It is possible that once more there could be a film show in Tarporley eight times a year.

Vale Royal Borough council have introduced a scheme whereby projection and sound equipment, together with a screen, can be borrowed eight times a year to provide a film show in village halls and community centres.

The films are up to date, at a cost of £75.00. Entry charges are generally in the region of in the region of £2.00 to £3.00 to cover costs, but Vale Royal will underwrite reasonable losses.

Would any group like to organise these shows, to take place once a month, between September and April?

Please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Tarporley Run

At one time there used to be a regular road race starting and finishing in Tarporley. Are there any residents who remember or have details of this race? If so would you please contact the Parish Clerk or any member of the Parish Council

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**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

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Mr. E. Boynes (Chairman)	733127
Dr. R. Brierley	732539
Mr. R. Craven	732869
Mrs. J. Foden	732681
Mrs. J. Greenwood	730032
Mr. T. Hill (VRBC)	732804
Mr G. Lees	733832
Mr. K. Parker	732188
Mr. T. Spark	732763
Mrs. C. Topping	732960
Mrs. J. Wall	733155

Parish Clerk

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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 7.00 pm and 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 may be of concern to them.

A combined Parish Council and Police surgery is held in the Committee Room of the Community Centre at 6.00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month, except August.

Parish Council Working Groups

Planning Committee

Composed of all Parish Councillors and meets as required

Traffic and Highways

Councillors C. Topping (spokesperson) R. Craven, T. Hill, T. Spark

Quality Parish Council

Councillors E. Boynes, (spokesperson) K. Parker

Affordable Housing

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

Community Security

Councillors J. Greenwood (spokesperson) R. Craven, T. Spark

Burial Ground

Councillors J. Foden (spokesperson) T. Hill.

Celebrations and Christmas Lights

Councillors T. Spark (spokesperson) J. Greenwood, C. Topping, J. Wall

Best Kept Village

Councillors J. Foden (spokesperson) J. Wall, E. Boynes

Budget and Forward Planning

Councillors K. Parker (spokesperson) T. Spark, the Clerk

Parish Plan

Councillors R. Brierley (spokesperson) G. Lees, C. Topping

Community Centre Management

Councillor R. Craven,.

Publicity

Councillors E. Boynes (spokesperson) C. Topping, G. Lees

Monthly Finance

Councillor T. Spark

Rowlife Homes

Councillors J. Foden, J. Wall

Arthur Meredith Memorial Trust

Councillors E. Boynes, R. Craven, T. Hill, J. Wall

Flag Playground

Councillor G. Lees

Helen Watson Memorial

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

Primary School Governor Councillor C. Topping

High School Governor Councillor E. Boynes

Parish Council Working Groups meet as and when the needs of the project 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

TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

If you have an entry for the Tallest Sunflower Competition please measure the height of your sunflower on or before **Saturday 17 September**. On **Sunday 18 September** telephone one of the organisers giving your name, address, telephone number and height of your sunflower. If your sunflower is one of the tallest reported an organiser will call and check the height. The organisers are:-

Under 7 years Mrs Joan Foden 732681 DON'T FORGET THERE IS A BOOK TOKEN PRIZE FOR

7 —11 years Mrs. J. Wall 733155 EACH CATEGORY ENTERED

11—16 years Mrs J. Wall 733155 WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR SUNFLOWER