



TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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APATHY IS AN ENEMY OF DEMOCRACY

Do you believe that members of a community should make their own decisions on local matters? If you do, take part in drawing up the Tarporley Parish Plan



Picture courtesy of Peter Willis

TOMORROW'S TARPORLEY

Preparation of the Tarporley Parish Plan, styled “**TOMORROW'S TARPORLEY**”, is now well in hand. One group has consulted with sports clubs and is now looking at ways of improving recreation and sports facilities in the village, while a second is working on the first initiative to come directly from the plan (See article on First Response).

A survey of the business community is in hand while a public meeting was held on 28 February to engage with local clubs and societies. The meeting was well attended and was followed by a discussion session which yielded a number of ideas with, hopefully, more to follow.

In the next phase a short questionnaire is to be sent to each household in the parish to canvass the views of residents on a range of issues. So, please have your say by filling in and returning the questionnaire in the freepost envelope provided. You could even win a prize!! There will also be an invitation to take part in a more detailed survey for those who would like a deeper involvement. Plans are also in hand to engage the village schools in the project, an input from the younger element being regarded as very important, but notoriously difficult to obtain.

Remember - if YOU don't make your opinion known OTHERS will make decisions for you.

Be involved - complete and return the questionnaire

THE PRECEPT NO INCREASE FOR THE YEAR 2006/07

Why, you might ask, should a parish council have the power to raise a precept in addition to the sums demanded by county and district councils in the form of council tax.

Parish councils have been given this statutory power in order to raise money to spend on services to the **local community** - especially those services which no other group or individual are able to provide.

A parish council which does not exercise this power to levy a precept will, of necessity, be forced to rely upon persuading other tiers of local government to provide the services required. These other tiers of local government are likely to be remote from the parish and have other priorities.

Parish councils should be seen to spend the money raised by the precept on providing services particularly for the **local community**. If the community is not satisfied with the actions of the parish council or consider the level of the precept to be too high then they can vote that council out at the next election.

The level of council tax to be demanded by Vale Royal District Council and Cheshire County Council for the year 2006/07 is likely to be above the level of inflation. Bearing this in mind Tarporley Parish Council has decided that for the year 2006/07 there will be no increase in the parish precept. There is a small surplus to be carried forward from the year 2005/06, but the Parish Council will have to look very carefully at any unexpected requests for funding it may receive over the coming year.

COULD YOU SAVE A LIFE ?

A FIRST RESPONSE TEAM FOR TARPORLEY

In rural areas such as Tarporley it takes longer for an ambulance to reach a patient needing help than in towns and cities.

Should a person suffer a heart attack, the length of time between the onset of the attack and CPR/defibrillation is critical and can determine whether the person will live or die. The chances of survival, as given by the Merseyside Regional Ambulance Service, is given in the table below :-

No care after collapse.....	0%
No CPR and delayed defibrillation.....	0—2%
CPR from a non medical person commenced within 2 minutes but delayed defibrillation.....	2—8%
CPR and defibrillation within 8 minutes.....	20%
CPR and defibrillation within 4 minutes and paramedic help within 8 minutes.....	43%

So it can be seen that a few minutes could make all the difference.

Members of the Tarporley Parish Plan Steering Committee are liaising with the Merseyside Ambulance Service to set up a **First Responders** team in Tarporley. This community based scheme is aimed at training ordinary members of the public to assist people in potentially life threatening situations such as a heart attack. **The intention is to establish a team of volunteers**, trained by a specially appointed paramedic, provided with defibrillation equipment and ready to respond quickly to a 999 call from within the local community. An ambulance will always be despatched to the scene and paramedics will continue the treatment and take the patient to hospital if necessary.

Remember — you don't have to be old to have a heart attack

For further details , please come to a public meeting to be held in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9 May where you will meet the First Responders with their equipment.

YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE

TARPORLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING High School Hall MONDAY 8 MAY 2006 6.30pm

This is YOUR opportunity to meet the Parish Council and discuss with them matters that concern you.
Jill Clough will introduce the Parish Plan.
Rev. Cliff Jackson will talk about a Youth Initiative in Tarporley.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE Community Pride Competition

Following our success in becoming the Best Kept Village in 2005 for our category of 2500-5000 residents, we have once again taken up our true place in Cheshire community life. We were in the doldrums for a couple of years but now have the opportunity to defend our position. The next stage is to become the Best Kept Village in Cheshire, the enviable position held by our smaller neighbour,, Bunbury. Thank you to all businesses, residents and visitors who help make our village a special place. This competition is not simply for the prettiest village but seeks to celebrate Community Pride. Judges will be looking for the best maintained, the most vibrant and the most creative villages and towns in Cheshire. How can we contribute? Help to keep your own area tidy and colourful. Get involved with local groups discussing local issues. The Parish Plan group is a good starting point. Talk to Parish Councillors with your ideas. Preliminary judging will take place from **8 April to 8 July**. Intermediate judging **25 July to 20 August** followed by final judging late **August to early September**.

* **TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION** *

Following the success of last year's Tallest Sunflower Competition the Parish Council has agreed to sponsor another prize competition.

This year there will be two categories for Tarporley children,

Under 7 years

Over 7 years

Judging will take place in September. Prizes of book tokens will be awarded to the winner and runner up in each age group.

So, children, start planting your sunflower seed NOW

PROPOSED MERGER OF CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Tarporley Parish Council has received a communication from the Cheshire Police Authority concerning the Home Secretary's proposal to amalgamate the police services of Cheshire and Merseyside. Extracts from this communication are given below. The full Report is available on the Cheshire Police Authorities website www.cheshirepa.police.uk or by telephoning Rosemary Rigby on 01244 614002.

An extract from the letter from Cheshire Police Authority to Tarporley Parish Council reads -
"The Home Secretary has given notice that he proposes making an order amalgamating the Cheshire and Merseyside Police Areas with effect from 1 April 2007. It would appear that the Home Secretary, in seeking to impose this amalgamation through Parliamentary process, is limiting the statutory consultation necessary to the relevant police authorities and the principal councils in those areas. The Authority is seeking to broaden this consultation to ensure that all key stakeholders in Cheshire have a say in this fundamental change to the structure of policing in this area."

Section 38 of the Report says—
Declining to pursue a merger at this point would cause the Home Secretary to initiate the parliamentary process. This includes a period of consultation and a debate in both Houses.

The following are critical issues on which the Authority still requires clarification and reassurance.

1. Further work by HMIC to demonstrate that the increased capacity and capability in protective services will produce clear benefits for the people of Cheshire, Halton and Warrington.
2. Detailed proposals on dealing with council tax levels which would be acceptable to council tax payers in Cheshire, Halton and Warrington
3. Reassurance that current levels of policing in Cheshire, Halton and Warrington will be maintained, particularly in respect of neighbourhood policing and the commitments made in this respect by Ministers.
4. Sufficient capital and revenue funding to allow the merger to take place without detriment to local council tax payers and neighbourhood policing.
5. External validation that any decision to merge meets the legal and financial requirements of due diligence and good government and would not expose the Authority to future legal challenge.
6. An acceptable process for dealing with those staff most directly affected by the merger to allow the Authority to meet its responsibilities as an employer.
7. Continued development of regional structures and processes to support the work of the new strategic force.

**Tarporley Parish Council has resolved to object to this merger and will write to the Home Secretary giving its views.
If you wish to object, write to the Home Secretary and/or your Member of Parliament**

Highways and Traffic Group get some action

It was February 2005 when the County Council commissioned a highway and traffic audit as the first stage of the Cheshire County Council Local Transport Plan, which had budgeted c £55,000 to be spent in Tarporley in the 2005/06 financial year. Tarporley can, at last, see some action and results.

Speed limits at village entrance points have been reviewed and the new road markings are now in place. Works to provide access from the Royal British Legion car park to the Primary school, the relocation of the bus stop from outside the chemist to a position opposite the Chocolate Shop, improvement to the High Street tactile paving and alterations to the Birch Heath Lane kerb were scheduled to start on 20 March 2006 and estimated to take up to six weeks.

Discussions are taking place with the Community Centre management to provide lined parking spaces to encourage the use of the Community Centre car park. More needs to be done to improve parking facilities in the village and discussions are in progress to assess a number of ideas.

The County Council has offered a steel and plastic bus shelter for the new bus stop. The Parish Council has declined the offer, considering it to be out of keeping with the High Street architecture. The Parish Council is currently assessing financially viable alternatives.

RURAL HOMEBUY PROGRAMME

The Beth Johnson Housing Association has been appointed by the North West Regional Office of the Housing Corporation to deliver a rural Homebuy Programme in four Cheshire local authority areas. Homebuy is a scheme to help those who are eligible to buy a property on the open market. The purchaser will need to provide 75% of the purchase price by a mortgage or savings. The Association will provide 25% in the form of an equity loan to be repaid when the property is sold or the purchaser is able to purchase the remaining 25%. For details contact — Yvonne Tucker, Beth Johnson Housing Association on 01782 203456

TARPORLEY RBL ALLOTMENTS ANNUAL OPEN SHOW SATURDAY 22 JULY

Royal British Legion Hall

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) with 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?

Details from Geoff Fowles on 01829 733684

If you think you would like an allotment contact
Gordon Simkin on 01829 733136

WAGE WAR ON WASTE

Some information from Cheshire County Council

The people of Cheshire generate 647 kg of waste per person per year. **This is the highest amount in the country.**

The average person uses 300 plastic bags every year.

With your help 60% of household waste could be recycled.

Each household produced on average 1.5 tonnes of waste last year. It costs the average household £89.00 a year for the collection and disposal of waste

Please help to reduce this waste by making use of the recycling facilities available locally.

1. Kerb side collection of paper, bottles, cans and green material.
2. Bottle banks at Tarporley Community Centre.
3. Paper bank at Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church.
4. The County is working towards facilities for recycling plastic in Tarporley, in the meantime Morrison's at Winsford have several large containers.

Please help reduce our **WASTE LINE**. Every little helps

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR "TOMORROW'S TARPORLEY" QUESTIONNAIRE

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Tarpорley and Oulton Ward**

Councillor Mr. T. Hill 01829 732804
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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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Mrs. J. Greenwood	730032
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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.

Parish Councillor's Surgeries are held in the Community Centre Committee Room on the First Tuesday of every month except August. Members of the Public are welcome to attend and discuss matters of concern to them informally with councillors.

Parish Council Working Groups

Planning Committee

Composed of all Parish Councillors and meets as required

Traffic and Highways

Councillors 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.
H. Nickson

Burial Ground

Councillors J. Foden (spokesperson) T. Hill. J. Wall

Celebrations and Christmas Lights

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

Best Kept Village

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

Budget and Forward Planning

Councillors K. Parker (spokesperson) T. Spark, E. Boynes, 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

Clerk's Corner

The Parish Council publishes this newsletter, its agenda and minutes, makes electronic copies of these documents and others available on the Parish Council web site, www.tarporley.org.uk a range of notices of local interest regarding homework alerts, road works, housing, subsidised travel, local events etc. are also produced and displayed on the Parish Council notice board in the village. Not everyone has time to keep an eye on the notice board or to remember to check the website for updates. If you would like to receive an e-mail when new postings are made on the website and electronic copies (when available) of items that are displayed on the notice board, then you can do so by sending an e-mail from your desired contact e-mail address to me, (the Parish Clerk), at parishclerk@tarporley.org.uk mentioning "Tarporley village mailing list" and I will add your details to our e-mail distribution list. The list will only be used to distribute official Parish Council communications and your e-mail address will be removed from the list should you request this at a later date

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