

Tarporley Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Tarporley Civil Parish held 16th May 2016 at Tarporley Community Centre

Chairman - Gill Clough (in the absence of Ken Parker Parish Council Chairman)

Parish Councillors:-

Elaine Chapman James Kennedy John Millington Gordon Pearson Peter Tavernor

Nigel Taylor Andrew Wallace

Clerk - Ann Wright.

Cheshire West & Chester Ward Councillor - Eveleigh Moore Dutton

PC Wayne Thomas

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1) To approve and sign the minutes of last years Tarporley Annual Parish Meeting of the 11th May 2015

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true and proper record.

2) Presentation by Representatives of BT Openreach - The Provision of Fibre Broadband in Tarporley.

The following points were made by representatives from BT Openreach, Brent Cartwright Fibre Project Manager and Connecting Cheshire, Andrew Anditti:-

£2.5b has been spent over the last 5 years to roll out fibre broadband across the country.

Open reach have provided broadband to the most economically viable areas, and have been working with local authorities to roll it out to the less economically viable areas.

It was explained that Openreach is a very regulated part of the BT and has to treat all broadband providers equally.

In Tarporley 5 Dslams or green cabinets have been upgraded to fibre, cabinet 5 at Eaton Road and Churchill Drive has run out of ports or capacity as such an additional cabinet will be installed over the summer.

It was noted users had to upgrade to fibre broadband with their suppliers as this does not happen automatically.

Providers will provide an estimated of the speed that should be obtained if this is not the case this should be raised with the supplier their maybe technical issues within the property which need addressing.

During the summer the CW6 0DR area will be upgraded as it is connected to the Bunbury exchange, all other Tarporley postcode areas have already been upgraded.

Take up of fibre in Cheshire has outperformed other parts of the country.

All money raised above a set level by people upgrading to fibre is paid back to Connecting Cheshire and can be reinvested in further rollouts of fibre.

It was noted that green cabinet 6, CW6 0HS, still has capacity.

It was noted there is enough capacity in the green cabinet on Nantwich Road for the existing homes and the new development which is taking place.

It was confirmed that as more people connect to fibre it does slow the service down, technical solutions are being developed to prevent this as yet they are very expensive.

It was asked if fibre would be available to properties, currently copper is used to houses.

By 2020 it is hoped that 5 million homes will have fibre to the property.

Currently Openreach are trailing fibre to the property through a cost sharing scheme.

There are Community Investment Schemes available to roll fibre broadband out to wider areas where communities part fund the roll out.

In early 2015 Openreach offered fibre to new developments this offer was ceased in

September 2015 as the Openreach could not manage the demand, the offer was reinstated

in February 2016, developments of 100+ dwellings are offered free broadband connection, developments of less than 100 dwellings have to contribute towards the cost.

CW&C Councillor Moore Dutton stated that broadband in the more rural areas is still an issue, it was noted further phases on fibre roll out are expected, a third phase will be funded by money raised by connection uptake and a fourth phase will hopefully be funded by a grant from Europe.

The Chairmen thanked Mr Cartwright and Mr Arditti for their presentation answering questions.

3) Presentation by PC Wayne Thomas - Community Policing Update

Beat Manager, PC Wayne Thomas raised the following points:-

He has been the Beat Manager since August 2015 having had a wide range of experience in the police including in community policing, response policing and training.

He is supported by PCSO Kenneth Williamson, and is one of 3 Beat Managers under Sergeant Daniel Haddock who is based in Northwich.

PC Thomas beat covers Tarporley and the surrounding villages, 2 estates in Winsford and the town centre.

At any time there are 10 police officers covering Northwich, Winsford and Tarporley areas, traffic police are separate to this and are based in Warrington.

PC Thomas explained that he deals with tasks from receiving intelligence through to going to court, for every hour taking action on the street there are 6 hours of paperwork.

Concerns were raised about vehicles parking on pavements, it was noted that unless they are causing a danger it is unlikely to police will take action on this.

In a typical day in Cheshire there are 1200 incidents reported via 999.

It was noted a new Police and Crime Commissioner was elected on 5th May 2016, it is too soon to say what changes he will introduce but these will be outlined in his autumn statement.

Concerns were raised about antisocial behaviour and littering in the Community Centre car park and also on the playing field, it was confirmed these have been reported to PCSO Williamson.

PC Thomas was thanked for attending the meeting.

4) Presentation & AED/CPR Demonstration by Local Community First Responders

Members of the Tattenhall Community First Responders demonstrated how to use a defibrillator, it was noted they offer 'Heartstart' training and full defibrillator training sessions. Tarporley Community Centre will be organising further training session now the defibrillator has been installed in a cabinet on the centres outside wall. It was noted that the defibrillator is in a locked cabinet the access code is provided when someone rings 999.

There is currently only 1 First Responder in Tarporley which is not enough more volunteers are needed, volunteers have to attend 4 days training over 2 weekends and also get experience with ambulance crews. Volunteers usually give 30 hours per month when they are on call while carrying out normal activities in or around the area they cover. It was noted in Tattenhall cover is provided at evenings and weekends until around 10pm.

The Chairman thanked the First Responders for their demonstration.

5) Open Discussion

No matters raised.

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Ann Wright
17/05/16