

**MINUTES OF TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE TARPORLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2015**

Parish Councillors

Chairman - Ken Parker

Elaine Chapman Gill Clough James Kennedy John Millington Jeremy Mills

Gordon Pearson Richard Statham Peter Tavernor Andrew Wallace

Clerk - Ann Wright.

CW&C Ward Councillor Eveleigh Moore Dutton.

Public - 8 & PC Wayne Thomas.

Apologies

Cllr Julie Hall family commitment.

Cllr. Nigel Taylor work commitment.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors noted dispensations granted to Councillors Chapman, Kennedy, Millington, Pearson and Tavernor in relation to the Brook Road sports field and Councillor Mills in relation to the Nantwich Road development.

No further interests were declared.

15/063 Resolved - That the Council set a dispensation to allow all Councillors to set the precept.

Minutes

15/064 Resolved - That the Chairman signs the Minutes, as circulated, of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th November 2015 as a true and proper record.

Public Participation

The following comments were made by members of the public with regard to Parking issues in Tarporley:-

Parking is a on-going issue in Tarporley and little allowance has been made for the parking need of residents as Tarporley has grown. A huge number of people are now employed in Tarporley not just in shops but in offices above the shops, all day parking by employees on the High Street is strangling businesses.

CW&C Councillor Moore Dutton noted that simply introducing time limited parking in the High Street would be too blunt an instrument and that restrictions need to be finely tuned and confirmed she would like to be involved in discussions.

It was noted that over the last year with the remarking of the car parks an additional 29/30 spaces had been created but there was still insufficient long term parking available.

It was noted that Heswall had introduced parking charges but these had been damaging for the businesses and had been removed. Hale's parking restrictions/scheme were given as a good working example as Hale is similar to Tarporley, these include 30 minutes parking by businesses including banks, with longer parking further from the town centre.

It was suggested the Parish Council should take the lead on parking and that this should be separate from the Aldi discussions and that the offer of a car park is not sufficient justification for a supermarket in Tarporley. Concern was voiced that people will support the Aldi proposal purely as a solution to the parking issues.

It was noted that the parking on the High Street does act as traffic calming.

The possible development of the RBL site will reduce available parking.

It was noted by a Tarporley Business owner that he has had a business in Tarporley for 21 years and during that time nothing has been done to address the parking issues. He urged Councillors to understand how serious the parking issues are and that the High Street is dying as shoppers cannot conveniently park to shop which has lead to the success of shops outside the village which have

their own parking.

It was suggested that the Council should not seek to develop a major scheme but introduce a phased approach starting with the High Street and possibly two hour parking restrictions.

It was also suggested time limits should be introduced on the Rising Sun public car park as it being used by people all day who get the bus into Chester.

PC Wayne Thomas asked if there were any police issues, it was noted that vehicles are causing obstructions on the High Street parking between the traffic lights and zigzag lines.

Isla Roberts treasurer of the Allotment Holders Association notified the Council that the Association had employed a planning consultant to act on their behalf, she asked the Council to consider arranging a meeting with CW&C planners to discuss the RBL site and reported that the Allotment holders were meeting with Antoinette Sandbach MP on Friday.

The following issues were raised regarding planning matters:-

A resident whose property backs onto the proposed Aldi site voiced concerns regarding the proposal noting it will not only have an impact on the Church, Graveyard and Manor House but on properties who back onto it. She also raised concerns about the safety of children and parents who would crossover to the primary school if the car park is at the rear of the site.

It was stated Aldi should provide more than a 70 space car park including public toilets for that side of the village.

It was suggested that Tarporley is at a tipping point between being a village and a town and it was asked what the Parish Council's vision is, it was noted the vision is set out in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Parking Issues

It was agreed a meeting would be arranged with CW&C highways officers to discuss what options are available, noting there would be a need for wide public consultation to gain public support before any parking regulations go out to formal consultation. It was agreed Mr Charles Harding be invited to attend the meeting as well as the proprietors Si Belle who had written to the Council voicing their concerns. Councillor Moore Dutton confirmed she would also like to be involved in discussions and offered her support. It was suggested the possibility of changes and future consultation be included in the next Tarporley Talk article.

OS&R Committee

The Council noted the minutes of the Committee meeting held 23rd November. The Council considered concerns raised at the Committee regarding its membership, it was agreed no changes be made to the membership noting there are still two vacancies to be filled. It was agreed that the vacancies be advertised in the next Tarporley Talk article. It was reported that the final round of consultation is planned to take place on Saturday 1st February.

The Clerk reported that Groundwork had not obtained the quotes for consideration later on the agenda, concerns were raised regarding the progress being made by Groundworks and it was agreed that the Councillors Millington and Wallace and the Clerk meet with Groundworks to discuss these concerns and agree a way forward.

It was agreed that authority be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Councillors Kennedy, Millington, Pearson and Wallace to obtain and agreed quotes for the following works:-

- 1) Ground investigation reports for both sites identifying soil types, etc., to inform drainage scheme designs.
- 2) Ground drainage designs and costs for carrying out the drainage schemes.
- 3) 3D modelling of the existing surface profile of the Brook Road site and a desk-top cut & fill exercise to provide level playing surfaces, etc.

Village Square

It was noted a meeting had taken place with officers from CW&C regarding the allocation of £30,000 S106 money ring fenced for public art on developing the Village Square, Councillors considered the circulated brief for the appointment of an artist to lead and implement the project, it

was suggested the brief should be more practical than conceptual. It was agreed to appoint a working group to develop the project including Councillors Clough, Statham and Tavernor and that the High School be contacted to see if the Art Department would also nominate a representative to join the working group.

Accounts

15/065 Resolved - That the Council confirm page 9 of the cashbook as circulated including all payments listed and agreed the following additional payments:-

ETC Grass Machinery, replacement cheque £192.00 inc VAT (Cheque 3501 cancelled)

BSB Sound Limited, sound system for Christmas lights £150.00 inc VAT

KA & S Lunt, sandstone and manure for landscaping £228.00 inc VAT

James Kennedy, reimbursement for printing of Christmas carol booklets £87

Earmarking for Funds for 2016-2017

15/066 Resolved - That the Council earmark the following funds for the financial year 2016-2017 noting that earmarking provides a guide to spending and that any money earmarked is still subject to a resolution of the Council before it can be spent.

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Running Costs		(Estimated)	
Admin			
Wages	Clerk	£11,182.00	
	Admin Expenses & Printing	£ 3000.00	
Insurance		£ 1231.00	
Audit	Internal & External	£570.00	
Room Hire	Meeting Rooms	£ 1000.00	
	Hearse House Rental	£970.00	
Newsletter	Tarporley Talk	£ 1440.00	
Entry Fee	Community Pride Comp	£40.00	
Inspections	Play area Inspections (prof)	£200.00	
ICO	Data Protection Registration	£35.00	
Subscription		£1052.00	
Election		£2000.00	
Bus Hire	Shuttle Bus	£2500.00	
Maintenance			
	Lengthsman & Handy Man	£24000.00	
	Hedge Cutting	£400.00	
Grants			
	Graveyard	£2200.00	
Events			
Carnival	Stall, Guide & Road Closure	£340.00	
Christmas	Power, Sound, Trees	£1000.00	
PCSO		£11920.00	
	TOTAL	£65,080.00	
Discretionary Payments	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Grants	£4,000		
Village Improvements	£10,000	£10,000	£5,000
Lychgate	£5,000		
OS&R	£15,000	£5,000	£2,500
Neighbourhood Plan	£5,000		
Cemetery	£10,000		
Traffic Regs/Management	£10,000	£5,000	£2,500
Play Area Maintenance	£5,000		
	£64,000	£20,000	£10,000

It was noted that the predicted 2015-2016 carry forward (predicted opening balance 1st April 2016) was £99,871.00 and that included £35,622 New Homes Bonus of which £20,000 had been allocated to village improvements and £15,000 towards the work of the OS&R Committee.

Also included was £42,610 raised by the Cemetery, £10,000 had been allocated as a Cemetery Reserve, £22,000 towards traffic management, £5000.00 towards the Lychgate road surface and £5,000 towards village improvements.

Precept 2016-2017

It was reported the number of Band D equivalent properties had not yet been calculated by CW&C these figures were expected soon, it was therefore agreed to set the precept at the January meeting. The clerk was asked to confirm with CW&C what the following precept amounts would be 0%, 1%, 1.5% and 2% increase. It was noted that in future years once Brook Road is completed, with increasing costs the Council's regular expenditure or running costs could increase by £10/15K and the Council needs to make provision for this in this and future precept.

PCSO Funding

The Clerk reported that having written to the police authority requesting a meeting to discuss the service levels provided by the PCSO compared to the agreement no response had been received. It was agreed that the cost of the first six months of 2015-2016 should be reduced due to the poor service/coverage received during that period and that until a new service level agreement is agreed the Council is unable to proceed with future funding. It was agreed the Clerk should request timesheets showing time spent in Tarporley by the PCSO since April 2015.

New Homes Bonus

CW&C Councillor Moore Dutton reported that CW&C are currently consulting on removing the New Homes Bonus payments to Parish Councils and communities and asked the Council to object to this proposal. It was noted that Parish Councils currently receive 20% of the New Bonus Grant which is received by CW&C from central government for Tarporley taking into account homes that have been given approval this will total approximately half a million pounds over the next 6 years.

15/067 Resolved - That the Council strongly objects to the proposal to remove the New Homes Bonus Grants which are being utilised by Parish Councils who are based placed to identify where resources are needed in their communities. Noting these grants are the result of development which has brought with it no new infrastructure and limited S106 funding. To remove this funding would be a retrograde step in the scheme to devolve more powers to Parish Councils and in terms of the localism agenda.

It was noted that a petition has been set up at

<http://cmttpublic.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=1>

CW&C are also running a budget consultation 'Lets Talk' which includes information about possible parking charges and reducing the members budget by £5000 (half), It was agreed the Clerk would circulate the consultation and that responses would be collated, circulated and then submitted on behalf of the Council.

Planning

The Council noted the planning register page 7 as circulated.

15/068 Resolved - That the Council submits the following observations

15/04710/TPO, Fell Horse Chestnut Tree and plant replacement tree, Salterswell, Rode Street, Tarporley - No Objection.

15/04546/S73, Variation of condition 23 (level 3 code for sustainable homes) of application

11/04261/OUT, Land rear of 3-9 Springhill, Tarporley - Support.

15/04723/FUL, two storey side extension, 14 Chestnut Close, Tarporley, CW6 0TS - No objection.

15/04832/CAT, Felling Birch Tree, 27 Forrest Road, Tarporley, CW6 0HX - Objection due to insufficient information to identify tree.

15/04770/FUL, Additional dormer within front elevation, loft extension and remodelling of existing front and rear dormers, Newlands, Utkinton Road, Tarporley, CW6 0HS - No objection.

It was agreed that authority be delegated to the Clerk to respond to applications 15/04895/FUL (8 Bowmere Road) and 15/04991/FUL (Arderne Manor) in consultation with Councillors.

The following will review planning for the January meeting Councillors Millington, Statham, and Wallace.

Councillors considered the request by the Allotment Holders Association to request a meeting with Planning officers to discuss the proposal to develop the former RBL site. It was agreed the Clerk would seek a meeting with CW&C senior planning officers to discuss the RBL and the Aldi proposals.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the developer of the RBL site without prejudice stating the proposal contravenes the Neighbourhood Plan, the detrimental impact of the loss of the car parking and allotments and also that it is his responsibility to find a equivalent location for the allotment site.

The Council recorded its thanks to Councillors Pearson and Taylor for compiling the majority of the Parish Council's Aldi surveys with total 236. Councillors consider the survey results which will be published on the Council's website as soon as possible, noting the majority of respondents were against the proposal. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Aldi without prejudice to highlight the following concerns, the proposal is in contravention of the Neighbourhood Plan, the proposed location is of concern due to its proximity to listed buildings including the Church and manor House and the conservation area and due to its proximity to residential properties. The location will also substantially increase traffic on the High Street increasing congestion and has poor access on a bend with limited visibility. The size of the proposed store is out of keeping with the village of Tarporley.

Neighbourhood Plan

15/069 Resolved - That the Council agrees to fund Kirkwells to undertake works to prepare for the neighbourhood plan examination noting that any money spent should be reimbursed through the front runner funding held by CW&C.

Arthur Meredith Memorial Charity

Councillors noted the minutes and grants awarded by the Arthur Meredith Memorial Charity page 106 of the minutes book.

Note Informal Meetings

The Council noted the notes of the following meetings, Chalc Police and Crime Commissioner meeting 6th November 2015, minutes book pages 107 to 111, meeting with Hollins Strategic Land on 30th November 2015, minutes book pages 112 to 113, Parishes Cooperation Meeting on 2nd December 2015, minutes book pages 114 to 115. A further meeting had been held with Taylor Wimpey and notes will be circulated when available.

It was reported the Chairman and Clerk had met officers from CW&C to start discussions regarding devolving of street scene functions to the Parish Council, it was noted the Council would not take on additional roles without additional funding, CW&C are currently identifying the functions and their costs to report back to a further meeting in January.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11th January 2016, 7pm, Tarporley Community Centre Committee Room.

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 16/12/15

Minutes of the Outdoor Sports & Recreation Committee Monday 23rd November, Tarpoley Community Centre.

Present :

Paul Adamson, John Clark, Peter Heberlet (Groundwork), James Kennedy, Richard Line, Linda Martin, John Millington, Nigel Taylor, Andrew Wallace.

Clerk - Ann Wright.

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Apologies

Angie Yeates, it was noted Linda Martin was attending in her place.

Ste Allan - Groundwork.

It was noted Charles Du Pre had resigned from the committee.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Millington and Kennedy noted their dispensations to allow them to take part in discussions in relation to the development of the Brook Road sports and recreation facilities as they live in close proximity to the site.

Minutes

The Chairman signed the Minutes, as circulated, of the committee meeting held on 7th September 2015 as a true and proper record.

Terms of Reference

The Committee noted the terms of Reference, as on page 13 of the minutes, all members signed a copy of the terms of reference to confirm they had read, understood and would abide by the terms of Reference.

Public Participation

A resident and parish councillor raised that the Committee was contravening its terms of reference which states 'No more than one representative or person with close connection to any one outdoor sports or recreational club will be a member of the committee' as it has two members representing football teams and that one should resign. It was highlighted that the development of the Brook Road site is controversial and that the football community has too much influence over the Committee and the design of the playing field. It was noted that the committee when full will have 10 members therefore those representing football teams do not have a majority vote. It was also stated the terms of reference specify that there should not be more than one member for any sports or recreation club rather than from one sport and that the members represent or are members of different teams. It was noted that the membership of the committee is agreed by the Parish Council and that this matter will be brought to the Council's attention for consideration at their next meeting.

It was confirmed that two people, Angela Hicks who wished to represent older members of the community and Paloma Stockton who has connections with the pre, primary and high schools have expressed an interest in the joining the Committee, it was also stated someone from the tennis club might be interested in joining, all were advised to forward their details to the Clerk before the next Council meeting for consideration.

A resident of Brook Road who stated he had been involved with the Tarvin football teams for 10 years voiced concerns about putting a 4G pitch and floodlights on the Brook Road site and stated that in surveys undertaken by Groundwork there had been more support for a wildflower meadow than a pitch and floodlighting. He stated there was no demand for a pitch of that nature in such a highly residential area, and that it would be more

appropriate sited at the High School well away from residential properties. It was noted the current proposal for Brook Road is a grass pitch without floodlights.

A resident of Tarporley and member of Tarporley Vics confirmed he was willing to help the committee and stated a grass pitch was appropriate on the Brook Road site and that a floodlit 4G pitch would be more appropriate at the High School.

Another resident of Brook Road opposed floodlights on the Brook Road site and had understood discussions had taken place 3 or 4 years ago about a floodlit pitch at the High School.

It was noted that floodlights allow play on pitches etc to take place longer during the winter months and that the tennis club has floodlights and do not get complaints, also the floodlights on the Deeside Ramblers pitch does not disturb neighbouring properties.

A resident of Brook Road and Parish Councillor opposed the lighting due to the knock on effect extending noise later into the night and parking for longer on Brook Road. He also asked if there are any time limits in the land transfer which had to be complied with in regard to its development. The Committee was not aware of any such limitations as part of the land transfer however there are limitations as part of the outline planning approval which the committee are mindful of.

It was suggested the development of the two sites may need to be done in phases due to funding, it was noted there is approximately £290, 000 in S106 money.

A further resident of Brook Road who stated he has three children who will use the site voiced his opposition to floodlighting due to the disturbance the lighting will cause shining into children's bedrooms on Brook Road as well as extended hours of use and noise. It was noted the lights would only be of use for a limited number of months during the year. The Chairman stated the committee will take on board the comments made.

It was asked if S106 money is to cease. It was understood S106 is to be replaced by CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) in the future but that it is not yet in place in CW&C.

A query was raised regarding how the pitch will be maintained and not over played. It was stated the pitch can be managed and that the key is that it is properly drained. It was noted that it will take three years for the pitch to be fully established and that the number of matches or teams playing on the pitch would need to be monitored.

The following reasons were reiterated as objections to flood lighting:-

- 1) Intrusion of the lighting
- 2) Extend disturbance and noise later into evening/night including disturbance from vehicles and parking.
- 3) Financial cost of running lights, viability and sustainability.

It was noted there was no assumption that the pitch would be in use every night or that it was primarily for the Tarporley Vics.

Vacancy

Matter had already been discussed.

Lighting

Regardless of flood lighting it was noted there is a need for security lighting on the Brook Road site. It was agreed that no further action would be taken regarding flood lighting on the Brook Road site.

It was agreed the sites need to meet 'secure by design' accreditation which is a police run scheme which reviews building designs for safety.

Community Centre Field Drainage

Peter Heberlet reported that Groundwork had been unable to obtain three quotes to include ground/soil investigations, 3d modelling of the Brook Road site and a drainage solution for both sites. He had received two quotes however these were not for the same

level of work, It was agreed that separate quotes should be requested for the following works:-

- 1) Survey of soil types for both sites
- 2) Design and implementation of drainage solution for both sites (it was noted the design and implementation should preferably be done by one company for warranty purposes).
- 3) 3D modelling and cut and fill (levelling) plan for the Brook Road site.

It was discussed whether funding for these surveys would come from S106 money. It was noted that the Parish Council has received £3500 for maintenance of the Brook Road site and to establish the Trust and that this funding could possibly be used.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should meet with the S106 Officer from CW&C and discuss the allocation of this funding. It was agreed the quotes would be forwarded to the Clerk by the 7th December for consideration at the Parish Council's December meeting.

Design & Costings

The Clerk reported that Scottish Power had quoted £20,000 plus vat to remove the transformer on the Brook Road site. It was suggested that the positioning of the pole be discussed further with Scottish Power with regards to future safety. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Scottish Power to establish what agreement is in place for the transformer to remain on the field and if rental is being paid.

It was suggested that £20,000 is earmarked in the costs for contingency in case the transformer needs to be removed.

Community Centre Field - it was noted the Community Centre Committee had suggested some amendments to the design including removing the boules area and replacing it with a picnic and benches area, removing the outdoor gym and replacing it with more play equipment for older children and teenagers which may require the proposed path to be moved. It was agreed the pitch should be moved to the bottom of the field (away from car park) if drainage allows. It was noted any design must allow for the carnival.

Brook Road - it was agreed more detail needs to be provided for the proposed play area and that the running tracks be replaced by extending the proposed path possibly with distances marked on it.

It was noted that the proposed pedestrian access and crossing point on Brook Road would need to be designed by highways, as such it was agreed the Clerk should contact CW&C Highways to discuss the idea.

Grant Applications & Funding

John Clark reported that he had identified 49 sports related funding schemes of which 25 were relevant and 7 were currently open these included:-

- David Wilson Homes grants up to £1000.
- Banks Community Pride Grants up to £5000.
- FA Facilities fund up to £500,000 (complex grant application).
- FA Small Grants Scheme up to £10,000
- Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund - closes 4th January
- Sport England Small Grants Programme up to £10,000.

Other funds suggested were Wren and the Steve Morgan Foundation, the Clerk agreed to investigate the Steve Morgan Foundation funding, John Clark agreed investigate the facilities fund to see what information etc is required.

Heads of Terms

Item deferred until future meeting.

Next Steps & Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed a consultation would be held on Saturday 6th February at the Country Market (9.30 until 1.30), Peter Heberlet agreed to provide the Clerk with a poster design which can be used for this event and distributed to the Primary and High Schools. The consultation will be mentioned in the December Tarporley Talk and dates confirmed in the January edition.

Next agenda to include design update and detailed design for pavilion.

**The Next scheduled OS&R COMMITTEE MEETING is on
Thursday 14th January 2016, 7.30pm
Tarporley Community Centre Committee Room.**

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25/11/15

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Notice of Grants 2015

Please find below a list of the donations to be made by the above charity to local organisations.

Applicant	Grant 215 £s
1st Tarporley Rainbows	100
1 st Tarporley Brownies	125
1st Tarporley Guides	125
2nd Tarporley Guides	125
1 st Tarporley Scouts	350
Tarporley Done Room Preschool	175
Tarporley War Memorial Hosp	1000
Tarporley High School Karting	125
Tarporley St Helen's Church (Done Room)	250
Tarporley RBL Bowls Club	200
Tarporley Twinning Association	100
Tarporley OPAL Club	300
Tarporley Baptist & Methodist Holiday Club	250
Tarporley Baptist & Methodist Youth Club	125
Tarporley Baptist & Methodist Toddler	150
Tarporley CE Primary School PTA	100
Tarporley Allotment Holders	200

Trustees

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P Watson

Ann Wright, Administrator to the Trustees

December 2015



Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire – 6 November 2015.

Present

Commissioner John Dwyer	Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire
Deputy Chief Constable Janette McCormick (DCC)	Cheshire Constabulary
Assistant Chief Constable Mark Roberts (ACC)	Cheshire Constabulary
Cllr Terry O'Neill	Chair of ChALC
Representatives from ChALC members across Cheshire	

1. Introductions and welcome

- 1.1 The Commissioner welcomed all attendees to the meeting.
- 1.2 Cllr O'Neill thanked the Commissioner for hosting a meeting between himself, the Constabulary and ChALC and outlined that the meeting would be based on a single item; Police Community Support Officer funding.

2. Constabulary Update

- 2.1 DCC McCormick outlined that following the initiation of a root and branch review by the Commissioner, and having taken into account feedback from the public and partners, changes to the operational model had been implemented from July 2015. An overview of the model was provided which detailed:
 - The creation of a single command unit for Cheshire Constabulary led by a Chief Superintendent
 - The creation of 8 local policing units (LPU) under the command of local Chief Inspectors
 - Each LPU having a dedicated deployment centre to support intelligence led briefings, enhance supervision and tasking of officers
- 2.2 DCC McCormick summarised a challenging summer for the Constabulary in view of major incidents such as the Bosley Mill fire, several major incidents on the

M56 and at Carfest North. She detailed that the Commissioner has continued to hold the Constabulary to account to ensure that the implementation of the new model delivers for Cheshire.

- 2.3 DCC McCormick highlighted the on-going funding provided to the Constabulary by the Commissioner to maintain the PCSO establishment and that a commitment had been given by the Chief Constable to align a PCSO with each of the 141 electoral wards. The contribution partners make to part-fund a number of PCSOs in Cheshire was acknowledged, as was the challenge of managing year on year part-funding. At present part-funding received from a partner for a PCSO represents approximately 33% of the cost of the PCSO. The remaining cost was provided by the Commissioner. Funding decisions for PCSOs from partners for 2016/17 are pending.
- 2.4 ACC Roberts provided further details on the implementation of the operational model. He highlighted that central briefings were providing enhanced tasking for officers and more effective use of resources. The Constabulary is 2 minutes quicker in responding to 999 calls and 30 minutes quicker responding to Grade 2 incidents than this time last year. Crime is at its lowest for 25 years and the Constabulary has recently received an 'Outstanding' rating from HMIC for efficiency.
- 2.5 ACC Roberts outlined that the current PCSO numbers total 220, which includes a considerable level of partner funded PCSOs. It was noted that some partners have indicated that they will not continue to part-fund PCSOs for 2016/17. Whilst PCSO deployment is subject to operational need, PCSOs who are supported by partner funding provide additional benefits to the Constabulary in terms of resilience and provide a focus on the priorities of the local funding area. ACC Roberts concluded by recognising that the public perception of the role of PCSOs in visible local policing is strong and the part they play in supporting operations such as Operation Shield is vital.

3 Commissioner

- 3.1 The Commissioner summarised the national picture of policing and outlined that the decisions made in partnership with the Chief Constable are bucking the trend. There is investment in the recruitment of additional officers; extra officers are being placed on the frontline and investment is being made into new technology. The Commissioner reiterated his commitment to funding PCSOs in Cheshire and ensuring that the Constabulary continues to be there where and

when they are needed. It was agreed that ChALC members would take this messages back to the communities they represent.

4. Question and Answer Session

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to enable ChALC members to ask questions of the Commissioner, DCC and ACC on both operational and strategic policing matters. The key themes and responses are summarised below:

4.1 Theme: Managing police funding reductions

The Commissioner outlined that feedback from the public has been that PCSOs are an important link to the community within local policing and that his intention is to maintain PCSOs at the current level for the next financial year, subject to partner funding. This includes a commitment of a PCSO for each electoral ward. The up-coming Comprehensive Spending Review was discussed and the Commissioner stated that given the uncertainty around the levels of budget reductions that will be implemented there can be no guarantees given around long term plans.

In response to queries focused on increasing the level of the policing precept, the Commissioner indicated that currently any precept rise over of 2% would trigger a Cheshire referendum and that he would not be willing to consider this due to the cost of such a vote; circa £2million. A greater flexibility in this regard has been a theme in discussions with Government on the future of police funding.

4.2 PCSO Service Level Agreements (SLA)

A number of representatives raised queries about the content and nature of PCSO SLAs and whether an increased level of local variance could be built in to agreements. DCC McCormick explained that there are a number of different versions of the SLA due to minor amendments over the years. There are no plans to build in further local variance as this could make the management of multiple small different agreements time consuming and overly complex.

4.3 Theme: Part-funded PCSO engagement with parish councils and the local community

In response to issues raised by a number of representatives with regards to the attendance of local PCSOs at Parish Council meetings DCC McCormick provided an overview of the multiple channels that were being used to communicate with the public.

These include the Constabulary website, neighbourhood alert, contact points and social media. LPU mailboxes are also available for Parish Councils to use to contact the Constabulary. ACC Roberts outlined that the Constabulary would support PCSOs to attend Parish Council meetings wherever possible and that Parish Councils should engage with local neighbourhood Chief Inspectors to make arrangements. This also extended to local community engagement events. The Commissioner provided an overview of the 'Working Together' programme that he and the Chief Constable undertake.

4.4 Theme: PCSO travel times from deployment bases

Concerns were raised by representatives from Culcheth & Glazebury and Poynton Parish Councils about the time and method of PCSO travel from deployment bases to beat areas. The Commissioner addressed the fact that such reports are often based on speculation rather than reality and that he has been ensuring that the Constabulary are tracking travel times and ensuring the appropriate resources are available so PCSOs are able to get to their beat as effectively and efficiently as possible.

DCC McCormick and ACC Roberts provided an overview of the software that is used to track officer movement and that this has been able to show that there has been no reduction in the time PCSO's spend on their beat despite some having to travel further but that their time is now more productive and focussed. There was challenge over the value of daily face to face intelligence led briefings from Poynton Parish Council and that deployment from Macclesfield LPU has led to the Parish Council considering alternative models. DCC McCormick outlined that in her professional opinion the approach to briefing and deployment was the correct one.

The Commissioner was requested to consider releasing data on PCSO travel times – the Commissioner outlined that he would consider what information could be appropriately shared with Parish Councils so further assurance could be given.

4.5 Theme: PCSO deployment in part-funded locations

A number of queries were raised with regards to the deployment of part-funded PCSOs within the locality of the funding partner. ACC Roberts outlined that part-funded PCSOs enable an enhanced focus to be given to priorities and the bulk of their time should be spent within the local area providing funding. It was explained that on occasions, and where operational need and threat requires, they are deployed to support other operations. Any specific concerns with individual PCSO performance are to be initially

directed to the local Chief Inspector prior to any further escalation being to the ACC and the Commissioner.

A query was raised as to whether a PCSO should be attending political meetings. It was confirmed that Police staff and officers shouldn't be seen to support any particular political group whilst on duty. It was agreed that this issue would be addressed outside of the meeting.

4.6 Theme: Traffic management

A number of questions were raised with regards to the Constabulary approach to traffic management issues specifically with regards to road closures linked to Christmas light 'switch on' events. ACC Roberts explained that PCSOs will be deployed to support the policing of community events but that traffic management issues, such as road closures, are the responsibility of the relevant Local Authority and traffic orders will need to be applied for through this route.

4.7 Theme: PCSO training

PCSO training and development was discussed. ACC Roberts confirmed that all PCSOs undertake a training regime prior to becoming operational and are then supported by the Constabulary and their supervisor in terms of personal development. ACC Roberts detailed that work is currently underway to ensure that appropriate training is provided to ensure that PCSOs can respond to the demand relating to road speed enforcement.

5. Next meeting

It was agreed that a further meeting will be arranged for November 2016.

**Informal Meeting with Representatives of Hollins Strategic Land
Monday 30th November 2015 - Tarporley Community Centre.**

Present :

Parish Council - Elaine Chapman, Gill Clough, John Millington, Ken Parker (chairman), Gordon Pearson, Nigel Taylor, Andrew Wallace.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - Michael George.

Hollins Strategic Land (HSL) - Andrew Laing, Matthew Symons

Clerk - Ann Wright.

The following points were raised during informal discussions:-

Andrew Laing and Matthew Symons confirmed they were looking to promote/develop the field off Rhode Street which had a previous application to build 100 houses refused, they confirmed they had withdrawn the appeal .

They are now reassessing how to develop the site taking into account the reasons for refusal, the neighbourhood plan and objections.

They are now considering a mixed development possibly including community facilities as well as residential development.

It was confirmed these ideas are at a very early stage and is not at pre-application stage and no discussions have taken place with CW&C.

Possible community uses includes:-

- Medical Centre

- Allotments

- Affordable houses

- Employment, small scale, starter units.

It was noted that the site is outside the settlement boundary and that the Neighbourhood plan policies do allow for development outside the boundary through development orders.

It was noted that the site does not neighbour the settlement boundary and there are a number of other sites which are closer to the boundary/village. It was stated that the location of the site protected the conservation area from development and would not increase traffic on the High Street and would not set a precedent for other fields to be developed.

It was suggested that the site is too far out of the village for older peoples accommodation noting the pavement along Rhode Street is very narrow and the traffic is fast. It was noted that the previous application had included a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph and there was pedestrian access along Utkinton Road.

It was noted the site was too far out of the village to provide a car park for the village.

It was noted that if the site is developed the views into and out of the site need to be protected.

It was stated the number of houses to be built on the site had not been decided however the scheme would need to be viable and deliverable.

The site could provide a play area and green space for community use at that side of Tarporley.

It was noted the previous application had been refused on landscape impact and impact on the listed building.

It was confirmed that bungalows could be considered on the site.

It was explained that Hollins have the exclusive rights to promote the site and may or may not develop the site themselves if permission is gained. Hollins have sites throughout the country but particularly in the North, the Tarporley site is the only site in the CW&C.

It was noted the Councillors needed more details to make constructive comments.

The delivery of a new medical centre would be the scale of community benefit envisaged by the neighbourhood plan however any future residential development would be expected to be of a small scale as Tarporley has nearly achieved its allocated residential development for the CW&C Local Plan period.

It was stated that it would be advantageous for the medical centre and cottage hospital to be located on the same site.

It was noted that the site is a green field site and therefore any employment development would need to be small scale.

It was confirmed that that the Council wants to retain the rural village feel to Tarporley and not increase traffic.

It was noted the site's development would alter the entrance to the village.

It was agreed the Council would not rule out supporting applications which provide community benefits and have community support but it was stated that there could be other sites closer to the settlement boundary which would be more appropriate to develop.

It was suggested a possible layout for the site would be to build bungalows at the top of the site and a medical centre at the bottom on the existing bus route.

It was noted that the previous application on the site included a lot of information including archaeological survey.

It was noted there was no rush to submit an application, it was more important to develop the 'right' scheme which can be supported.

It was suggested that there would be a future need for additional sports provision in the village as the village grows.

It was noted any employment space needs to be small scale, possible managed office space or starter units with a high quality domestic or rural appearance.

Andrew Laing and Matthew Symons stated they would be willing to meet again to discuss how the plans have progressed.

Notes from the Parish Cooperation meeting Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at 7.30 pm

at Tarporley Community Centre

Present

Gill Clough	- Tarporley (host parish)
Laurence Jinks, Richard Langley, Sue Langley (clerk)	- Darnhall
Peter Robinson	- Little Budworth
Frank Tunney, Roger Barnes, Graham Stewart	- Utkinton and Cotebrook
Neil Thompson, Mike Wilson	- Rushton by Eaton

In Attendance - Cllr Eveleigh Moore-Dutton

1. Purpose and nature of the Group

To share news, views, ideas and knowledge.

To lobby as and when

To report back to our respective parishes

To be a non-decision making group

To meet 4 times a year

To rotate the meetings around the parishes

The host parish to collate the meeting's agenda items from each Parish and issue, to chair the meeting and take notes for circulation

To have guest speakers as required

Membership to be made up of representatives from the parishes around Tarporley in CWaC

2. Empty premises

CWaC's Empty Dwellings Policy was referred to as well as the need to report to CWaC empty premises which are in a serious state of neglect.

3. Public transport

Arriva had taken the commercial decision (which does not require public consultation) to reduce the number of No. 84 buses between Nantwich and Chester, via Tarporley, to one per hour from 27th December 2015. (Currently 2 per hour). It is thought another bus company may also provide a service along this route, and if this occurs it was agreed to press for the bus tickets to be inter-changeable between the 2 bus operators.

4. Sharing Parish Council Meeting Minutes

These are accessible for viewing on each Parish Council's web site (except Darnhall's). Frank Tunney offered to help Darnhall set up a new web site.

www.eatonandrushton.org.uk; www.littlebudworth.com; www.tarporley.org.uk;
www.utkintonandcotebrook.org.uk

Tarporley and Utkinton & Cotebrook P.C.s now pay for monthly slots in Tarporley Talk.

5. Road Repairs and Maintenance

Residents are to be encourage to report faults themselves via CWaC web site or SMYLE app. Eveleigh to provide details of the app.

Highways to be invited to the next meeting to explain how they prioritise the roads to be re-surfaced and repaired and how they review their road gritting routes.

Little Budworth have been unsuccessful in having Coach Road included in the gritting routes.

6. Snow Angels

Little Budworth (as do Ashton Hayes Parish) run a Snow Angels project in their parish to support elderly people living in their own homes. Details can be found at www.snowangels.org.uk and it is worth contacting Cathy Boyd if Parishes are interested in setting up this very worthwhile project in their village.

7. Parking at Schools

This is a problem in all the parishes, which is difficult to solve. In Utkinton they have had reasonable success at reducing (but not eliminating) the problem by contacting the school and the parents and requesting that people park more responsibly. A suggested walking route from Rose Farm shop's car park was not successful.

There is concern in Tarporley should the British Legion car park not be available in the future for Primary School parents to use.

8. Policing in the Rural Areas.

Concern was expressed about the lack of policing in the Parishes, and especially since the recent re-organisation. Eveleigh was asked to continue to campaign on this issue.

Tarporley Parish Council's original contract was to contribute (via the precept) towards the cost of having a PCSO for Tarporley Parish. However now it seems that the PCSO now works in the parishes in Tarporley ward and elsewhere. The Parish Council is considering its position as it does not wish to fund a PCSO who works outside its parish.

9. Let's Talk, CWaC's Budget Consultation

Eveleigh urged parishes to participate in this consultation and would send an email outlining what she thinks are the areas of concern for our rural parishes.

10. Future Meetings

It was felt that it would be better to have fewer items on the agenda so that there was time for more discussion on each subject.

Subjects of concern were identified as:-

Planning, Broadband, transport, road maintenance, policing.

11. Next Meeting

To be hosted by Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council (Frank Tunney) during the first week in February 2016 in either Utkinton or Cotebrook Parish Hall. To invite Highways to give a ½ hour talk followed by questions; to cover how they priorities road maintenance and repairs, and how they review gritting routes.

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