

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE ROOM ON Monday 9th December 2013

PRESENT: Councillors V Adshead, J Blackford, R Brierley, L Burrows, E Chapman, G Clough, G Lees, J Mills, K Parker (Chairman) R Statham.

1. Open Forum: Notification of additional late planning applications not listed below, 13//05039/FUL and 13/0463/FUL. Residents raised objections to the proposed development of the Daffodil Field, the prime objection was to development in the Conservation Area and outside of the development envelope, also access and parking would be significant issues, a call was made to Parish Councillors to join a residents actions group to fight the proposal; PC Ged Gigg reviewed policing issues including two incidents reported re the Community Centre, Ged was thanked for arranging Policing support of for the Christmas Lights switch on celebration.

2. Start of formal business, Apologies received from D Press (Councillors recorded their concern over his sudden illness and wished for a speedy recovery, Cllr Chapman will attend the NP Steer) and A Wallace.

3. Councillor's declarations of interest and requests for dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 s33; to note the ongoing dispensations for Cllr Chapman to speak but not vote on Brook Farm development proposals, Cllr Lees to speak but not vote on Birch Heath Road development proposals and Cllr Mills to speak but not vote on Nantwich Road and High School development proposals.

4. The minutes of the regular meeting of the 11th November 2013 were approved and signed.

5. Update on matters resolved at earlier meetings not on this Agenda: CWaC Home School Transport Policy changes – it had been previously resolved (1164/18) not to comment on this matter but given local concerns it was resolved in accordance with Standing Orders to revisit this item in January; Cllr Blackford gave an update on affordable housing.

6. PLANNING: a) No comments on planning applications below made by members of the public.

b) Resolved that the following comments be made under TCPA 1990 Sch1 s8 and SI 419 - 1959

APP No	Location	Proposal	Comments
13/04988/FUL	1 Sandstone Barn Rode St	Single storey rear extn	No Obj'n
13/04817/COU	56B High St	COU class A1 to A2	No Obj'n
13/04632/LBC	Adjacent Rode Street House	Demolish stables and outbuildings, refurbish coach house, construct two new barn type dwellings	Objection
13/0463/FUL	Adjacent Rode Street House	Demolish stables and outbuildings, refurbish coach house, construct two new barn type dwellings	Objection
13/05045/FUL	Tarporley High School	Refenestration of SCOLA building	No Obj'n
13//05039/FUL	Land rear 4 Bowmere Rd	Revised siting of approved bungalow	Objection

c) No comments made between meetings by the Clerk under delegated authority

d) Cheshire West & Chester decisions and review appeals and enforcements noted.

APP No	Location	Proposal	Status
13/03649/FUL	Avenue House The Avenue	First floor extn to garage & part conversion to accommodation	Granted
13/04670/FUL	5 Ash Close	Single storey rear extn, porch to front	Granted
13/04419/FUL	5 Coronation Terrace	Single storey rear extn	Granted
13/04107/FUL	53 High St	Replace front first & second floor windows	Granted
12/05463/LBC	31 High St	Wet rot, woodworm & damp proof treatment, repair / replace sash windows, repair & repaint front railings	Refused
13/02962/FUL	Redhill Farm, Birch Heath	Convert redundant agricultural building to 3 dwellings, erect garage block, convert outbuilding to garages	Granted

e) Membership of the monthly planning review group: Cllr's Clough, Parker & Lees.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: Formal application to produce a Neighbourhood Plan submitted to CWaC and will be advertised for public consultation in January; The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will invite quotations for services from a limited number of consultants; Cllr Blackford requested that the Group consider how the Plan could be written to allow it to be responsive to change; NP Steer to be notified that it was considered that councillors should be invited to N.P. workshops and other key meetings.

8. Nantwich Rd Proposed Development for 100 dwellings to the rear of 3-9 Springhill (11/04261/OUT): No update.

9. Brook Farm Development Proposals: Meeting with CWaC needed; road names being considered.

10. Village Square: St Helen's PCC appreciative of the grant awarded towards the Done Room car park design; Noted that the Parish Plan and St Helen's members survey supported the Village Square; It was resolved to pursue and support the move towards full public consultation in conjunction with the PCC.

11. Burton Square: Update from Cllr's Blackford and Lees, The Gas Utility has confirmed safe working requirements; a contract mini-digger and Parish Council contractors will undertake the work in December.

- 12. Annual Budget and Precept 2014-15:** The Chairman reported back from the Finance and Budget Working Group that the recommended requirement for 2014-15 remained at the 2013-14 level of £60,000; It was resolved to request a sum of £60,000 be provided via CWaC via the combination of precept and grant.
- 13. Hospital Transport:** Cllr Mills explained that users of the North West Ambulance Service had to answer an extensive range of personal circumstances questions each time they booked hospital transport, why could this information not be given once at the start of a series of treatment visits? The Clerk to pursue this with the Service and “Health Watch”.
- 14. Christmas Lights Event:** Noted that despite the poor weather the event was very successful, a number of improvements relating to Santa’s entrance, the choir, and amplification were noted although the PA was considered excellent, it was resolved to make grant donations of £50 to the Fire Station Charity, the Band and the Primary School in recognition of their contribution to the success of the Christmas celebrations.
- 15. Councillor Training:** It was resolved that a new councillor training session for Cllr’s Chapman, Statham and Wallace to be delivered by the Clerk be arranged for early next year.
- 16. Play Area Resurfacing:** Feedback by Cllr Lees and the Clerk on the review of contractor quotations was considered and it was resolved to place an order with Abacus Playgrounds for £12,960 for the resurfacing of the soft landing surfaces as offering the best value and most appropriate approach to this job.
- 17. Civil Parking arrangements:** The Infrastructure Group had considered how this should be taken forward and had identified many issues likely to arise from any substantial changes to the present inadequate arrangements. The possible need for residents parking and the requirement to manage car park use were among the potentially controversial issues that would require exploration at a public meeting. The need to seek advice on the many issues raised was noted and CWaC Officers are to be consulted.
- 18. New Homes Bonus:** A bonus of £20,469 via CWaC has been allocated to Tarporley; The Clerk is to provide CWaC with the updated list of potential initiatives already established and adopted by the Council. It was resolved that the Clerk should seek clarification from CWaC on how the bonus was calculated.
- 19. Community Centre Room Booking:** It was noted that a new online process for room booking was in place and that rooms should be booked via the Clerk.
- 20. Community Centre Grit Salting:** It was resolved that Council grit salt and equipment could be used but that full car park gritting would be arranged and paid for by the Community Centre making direct contact with the Council contractor (who also works directly for the Community Centre) and contracting with him for the required grit salting work.

In accordance with standing orders to complete the agenda it was resolved to extend the meeting to 10:00pm

- 21. CWaC Tarporley Ward Walk:** Cllrs Blackford, Mills and Statham joined CWaC Officers Simon Wallace (Highways), Richard Jones (Wardens), Ian Hogan (Street Scene) and Sarah Dobbins (Locality Team) and undertook a walk on the 2nd December; Cllrs expressed satisfaction with the initiative and a number of issues for action were noted by email and will be monitored for completion.
- 22. ACCOUNTS:** a) The Councillor's expenditure and income statements were received and approved and it was noted that Cllr Blackford had inspected the accounts. It was noted that the budget for the year was £60,759 pro rata for 8 months £40,506 current actual approved expenditure to 8 months £44,417 bank balance £84,921 of which £22,943 is not reserved and income for 8 months was £69,574 (Neighbourhood Plan charges not yet deducted from balance; initiatives other than £5,000 to play area are not in budget figure)

b) It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment (amount in £'s)

J M S Transformers	Replacement Trfr chestnut tree (under LGA 1972 s144)	Chq3191	310.80
G Lees	Flowers & compost for planters (under HA 1980 s96)	3192	112.96
J Macdonald	Net Wage Nov. (under LGA 1972, s112)	3193	687.97
J Macdonald	Office expenses Nov. (under LGA 1972, s111, s133)	3194	42.55
Aries	Bus Hire Nov. (under LGRA 1997, s27)	3195	187.20
G Steele	Street Cleaning Nov (under LGA 1972, s137) standing order	So	357.00
R Johnson	Footpaths Nov (under HA 1980, s43, 50,96,144, LGA 1972 s214	3196	783.00
-	PCA 1957 s1)	-	-
J Stewart	Handyman Nov (under LGA 1972, s111, HA 1980, s43, 50,96,144,	3197	180.00
-	PCA 1957 s1)	-	-
LITE	Replacement light festoons (under LGA 1972 s144)	3198	1,662.00
ChALC	Local Council Book (under LGA 1972, s111)	3199	54.99
ChALC	Councillors Guide (under LGA 1972, s111)	3200	36.75
SLCC	SLCC annual membership fee for Clerk (under LGA 1972, s111)	3200	129.00
St Helen's	Hearse House store annual rental (under LGA 1972, s111)	3201	927.81
St Helen's	Churchyard maintenance grant (under LGA 1972, s214)	3203	1,400.00
Tarporley DIY	Snow shovel (under LGA 1972, s137)	3204	7.49
Okells	Border compost & bark (under HA 1980 s96)	3205	78.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE Tax and NI (Oct, Nov, Dec) (under LGA 1972, s112)	3206	749.16

It was resolved the street cleaning and snow shovel be paid under LGA 1972 s137 as being in the interest of, and to the benefit of, local inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. Noted income mini bus grant £90.00 cemetery fees £120.00, £120.00

It was resolved to agree to suspend financial standing orders for the LITE purchase based on the use of the same supplier of proven ability who provided all our existing light stock.

23. Infrastructure, Street Scene and Publicity

- a. Infrastructure group matters for noting or action.
 - i. Latest meeting notes received, flashing speed limit signs to be considered as a potential community benefit and added to list.
 - ii. Community Centre car park gritting see item 20.
- b. Street Scene group matters for noting or action.
 - i. No meeting, Planters need to be repositioned following BT Openreach work, overgrown hedges still a problem despite call to CWaC to resolve, slippery footway by the Chapel, yew berries to be swept more frequently.
 - ii. Play area operational update, no safety matters to report.
- c. Responsibility and theme for the next Tarporley Talk article, Cllr Brierley.

24. Correspondence and Any Other Business: for information only or to be placed on the next agenda.

- a. Matters for noting, Cllr Blackfords paper on affordables, comments sought, currently 40+ expressions of interest in affordables recorded. The future of the Heatherways / Heathfields footpath stiles still needs to be resolved.
- b. Informal meetings not noted above held since the last full Council meeting: Councillors have been briefed on the draft planning proposals for development of the Daffodil Field by representatives of Jones Homes.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____