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#### Welcome...

Welcome to this very special issue of Tarporley News, which is given over entirely to Tarporley Parish Council. From now on, Tarporley Parish Council will take over Tarporley News four times a year, with copies available as usual on the High Street, but also posted through doors in the village. Your weekly local newspaper, Tarporley News, comes out every Thursday and can be picked up from High Street outlets.

### **Brook Road Recreation Field**

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Why is it Taking so Long? A huge amount a work has been going on behind the scenes in the past three years to push forward the outdoor sports and recreation facility off Brook Road and work on the ground should begin next year

#### THE FACTS...

- This is the largest single investment and most complex project ever undertaken by Tarporley Parish Council
- Although the site has been discussed since 2013, the Parish Council only took ownership at the end of 2015
- A lengthy village consultation took place in
- The Local Planning Authority always wants to see a lot of information prior to any formal planning application
- Plans need to be up to Sport England and Football Association standards
- The Brook Road planning application was submitted in October 2016, but wasn't granted until February 2018
- Approval is still pending on several regulatory matters prior to any building work commencing
- The Parish Council is working through all regulatory issues, including utilities companies and pitch drainage permissions

- Detailed ecological reports (on newts, bats and badgers) had to be carried out
- It is hoped work will start on the land next year - but a colony of Great Crested Newts needs careful protection
- Money gained from the Taylor Wimpey Development off Brook Road (known as the Section 106 agreement) has been ringfenced for this facility
- Current funds are not enough to build all facilities straight away, so works will need to be phased with more funding sought
- Tarporley Parish Council says: "We want to get this facility up and running as fast as possible, but hope you understand there are an awful lot of hoops we have to jump through in order to make this happen. We can categorically state - we WILL have an outdoor sports and recreation facility off Brook Road!"

For more info, or if you have any expertise in fundraising, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### Christmas Lights Switch On Event

Tarporley Parish Council has made a lot of changes to this year's Christmas lights switch-on...

This year's Christmas lights switch on event will take place on Saturday 1st December, in a more central location on the High Street, close to The Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop. To make the event safer, road will be closed (between both Park Road entrances) and the way the village will be lit up this year will also change. Along with the usual stalls - roast chestnuts, mulled wine, choirs, carol singing and, of course, Santa - there will be some added attractions this year, including live reindeer with elf handlers. Dayinsure, a short-term insurance company based in Tarporley, have offered to design and supply a new Santa Grotto. Organised by Tarporley Parish Council, many individuals and businesses get involved to make this one of the most popular annual community events in the village. The event is free to attend.

The Tarporley Christmas Lights switch on takes place in Tarporley on Saturday 1st December, opposite the Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop, from 6pm - 7.30pm. Please arrive between 5.45 and 6pm

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m e}$  on the look-out for a 'Housing Needs Survey', which will soon be posted through letter boxes. It's all part of the work by Weaver Vale Housing Trust, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Cllr Eveleigh Moore Dutton and Tarporley Parish Council to identify what kind of accommodation is needed by the over 55s in the village. All of this has come about after Weaver Vale Housing Trust announced the Oathills Lea retirement flats were being put under review. The Parish Council will not be a part of the decision making process. Weaver Vale Housing Trust is expected to make its decision in the early part of next year.

#### Community Schemes...

Community Speed Watch Scheme: Several residents have volunteered to help with a "Speed Watch" scheme but more are needed. Please contact the Clerk for information.

Community Gritting Scheme: Tarporley Parish Council operates a Community Gritting Scheme in the village. The main car parks and footpaths along the central High Street are gritted by the Parish Council but residential areas and routes into the village are only done by volunteers - to register to help go to www.tarporley.org.uk/community-gritting-scheme/ or speak to the Parish Clerk. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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### Spotlight On... Car Parking

 ${f I}$ t's probably the most contentious subject in the village. Tarporley needs more car parking and the Parish Council shares the concerns of businesses and residents about the lack of parking. However, any changes can take a frustratingly long time to come about. Here's the current situation...

Time Limited: After extensive consultation, working with Cllr Moore Dutton and CWaC, time-limited parking is now freeing up shortstay spaces on parts of the High Street.

New Car Parks: Most of the land that could be used for more car parks is already tied up in options with developers and compulsory purchase is not a viable option.

**Analysis:** In addition to the Parish Council's work, Cheshire West and Chester Council is undertaking analysis of parking throughout the village to get a full picture of what is

RBL: The Parish Council, supported by its neighbourhood plan, has secured a new 32 space car park on the former Royal British Legion site, due to open in January.

Rising Sun: There are currently no plans to introduce parking charges or time limits on the Rising Sun Car Park.

More spaces: Re-lining at the Rising Sun Car Park and Community Centre has increased the number of parking spaces. Further spaces have been negotiated from the Daffodil Field development.

Community Centre: With time-limited (3 hour) parking and additional spaces provided for students at the High School, there are now nearly always spaces available on the Community Centre Car Park.

New care home and car park: A planning application for a new care home and public car park off the High Street is expected to be submitted in December 2018.

**Enforcement:** All parking restriction enforcement is the responsibility of CWAC.

Future Developments: When it comes to considering larger planning applications, the Parish Council looks for what extra parking will be offered to the village. This is a key part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### News in Brief...

Benches

and Christmas festivities.

Eaton Lane Planning

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The newly installed benches The Parish Council has The children's playground at announced.

**Playground** 

outside St Helen's Church objected to the proposed the Community Centre has do seem to have been a development on Eaton Lane recently been inspected, jet magnet for damage! The (near the Red Fox junction), washed and repaired. The Parish Council organised the following comments from Parish Council is very aware repair of the large round residents and a meeting at that a replacement playground bench, ahead of Tarporley's the Community Centre. A is needed. The situation is not Remembrance Sunday event decision from CWaC helped by needless vandalism, planners has not yet been which left one piece of equipment broken.

#### Council Q&A...

There are many common pre-conceptions about Tarporley Parish Council, so here's our Parish Council Myth Buster...

#### What is the Parish Council for?

As stated on the Parish Council website, "the Parish Council is the tier of local government closest to the people." It is responsible for a limited range of services at community level and undertaking projects for the benefit of local residents. It also represents the village on planning applications - but the final say goes to CWaC or higher authorities.

Are they employed by the village? No. Nearly half of the councillors have full time jobs and a number have other voluntary commitments too.

Do Parish Councillors get paid? No, they are unpaid volunteers.

Yes, but they get expenses don't they? No, Parish Councillors aren't paid expenses.

But they must get some freebies? No, not even free biscuits in meetings!

Do the Parish Councillors even live in the village?

All of Tarporley's Parish Councillors live in the village.

How can the Parish Councillors know what Tarporley needs when they're not even from here?

Collectively, the Parish Councillors have 284 years of living in the village - an average of 24 years each. Most have seen their children grow up in the village and attend local schools. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Tuesday 27th November

#### Tarporley Dates... Thursday 22nd November Thursday 22nd November

The Launch of Weekly Late Night Shopping. Support local and buy your Christmas gifts on the High Street.

Shops open until 8pm.

Tarporley & District U3A Community Centre, from 10am. Guest Speaker: Derek Poulson on 'Its not what you say it's the way you say it". Entry £1, new members welcome.

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The Ageless Ukes Music and comedy. Tarporley Chapel, 2.30pm £3 entry. All welcome.

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