

**MINUTES OF TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2020**

Parish Council

Chairman – Cllr Gordon Pearson

Cllr Toni Burke

Cllr Elaine Chapman

Cllr Gill Clough

Cllr Andy Hallows

Cllr Catherine Helm

Cllr Lisa Miller

Cllr John Millington

Cllr Mark Ravenscroft

Cllr Peter Tavernor

Cllr Nigel Taylor

Cllr Andrew Wallace

Clerk Ann Wright

Deputy Clerk Abbie Webb

Other

CW&C Cllr Eveleigh Moore Dutton

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1. Apologies for Absence

All Councillors present.

2. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

3. Public Participation

Proposed one-Way scheme

Councillors were asked to give those who would be most affected a chance to have a say in the scheme and even though the scheme would be experimental the retail businesses in Tarporley needed a say. It was reported that the retail sector in Tarporley was fragile before the pandemic and has worsened since lock down. The introduction of red and white highways barriers could send businesses over the edge. It was stated that CW&C has failed the retail sector in Tarporley by not providing additional parking. To remove parking for Al Fresco dining when the season is nearly over would be 'madness'. Eliminating double yellow lines and introducing a one-way system is a good idea but requires time to be carefully thought through. The speaker confirmed he was massively appreciative of what the Parish Council is seeking to do for the community.

4. High Street One-Way Scheme (Covid)

It was noted that following discussions with CW&C a plan had been produced by CW&C Highways Team for a one way scheme along the High Street which would provide more space for pedestrians and allow for some al fresco dining areas which would be funded through the Covid High Street funding. The scheme would result in a net increase of 8 parking spaces on the High Street. A quick informal consultation of the plan had been undertaken on social media and by email and letter to businesses and residents on the High Street. It was noted that businesses had already been contacted suggesting the possibility of a one-way scheme in mid-June and the majority of those who responded at that time supported the idea.

The results of the informal survey carried out from the 17th to the 21st June were as follows:

Business Response:

The Council received 27 responses from various businesses of which 6 supported the scheme, 5 did not give a preference and 16 objected. Only 1 business stated they would apply for an alfresco licence and only 1 business stated they anticipated queues outside their business.

Shops	Against - 11
	For - 3
Pubs & Cafes	Against - 5
	For - 1 ¹
Hair & Beauty	Against – 2 ²
	For -
Offices	Against -
	For - 1
Other	Against - 1
	For - 3 ³
Unidentified	Against -
	For -
	Total 27

Residents Response:

28 residents respond to the survey of which 7 offered support, 5 did not express a preference and 16 objected.

A range of comments and suggestions were also provided by both residents and businesses.

It was reported that some residents were upset that they had not all been formally consulted. It was agreed that comments made included a number of ideas and suggestions for the High Street moving forward and that these should be considered by the Tarporley Project Working Group and used as a basis for a future conversation about the High Street.

Resolved 20/198 – That given the informal survey responses, particularly from the business community, that the Parish Council recommend to CW&C they do not proceed with the scheme.

Resolved 20/199 – That the Parish Council continue to seek ways of assisting businesses on the High Street during the current covid-19 pandemic and in the longer term.

It was agreed the scheduled meeting with CW&C regarding the scheme go ahead and that the Council discusses whether any other options might be available to assist businesses who do require an alfresco area, to manage queues and pinch points on the footways. Councillors were asked to email the Clerk with any further ideas before the meeting.

The Council agreed to produce and distribute a press release on this matter.

Meeting closed: 8.29pm

Signed:

Dated:

¹ If aesthetically in-keeping with village.

² Includes 1 indifferent

³ 1 support if product of more careful consideration and planning.

Ann Wright
23 07 2020

Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting:
Monday 14th September 2020, 7pm.
Virtually via ZOOM.

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