

**NOTES OF TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021 VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM.**

**Present**

Chairman – Cllr Gordon Pearson

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

**Other**

CW&C Cllr Eveleigh Moore Dutton.

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**Apologies Received**

Jarina Khan, Danny Lloyd.

It was noted that as this was not a Parish Council meeting that no formal decisions could be made but updates and discussion could take place and that notes would be taken and published.

**Presentation – Airband Rollout – Clive Leworthy**

Mr Leworthy explained that Airband are an independent internet service provider serving rural and hard to reach areas working to overcome the digital divide. Initially they provide wireless broadband but are now provide fibre services.

They are starting work to provide full-fibre broadband to over 4000 properties in the area, works in the Tarporley phase of the project are expected to be completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2022. Works include laying 105.4km of fibre cable to connect 66 premises, it is hoped more properties will join the scheme.

It was noted the scheme does not require line rental or replace your phoneline.

Residents can register an interest in the scheme through the website, [www.airband.co.uk](http://www.airband.co.uk) without any commitment, once the scheme had reached the residents area, they will be contacted to see if they wish to sign up.

There are a range of packages available including business packages.

It was confirmed that it does not affect your phone line.

It was confirmed that Airband will not overlay areas where BT are already providing fibre to premises services.

It was confirmed the project is initially being rolled out in Malpas, Tarporley and across a number of Cheshire East Parishes. It was noted with disappointment that the Parishes of Utkinton, Eaton and Rushton, and Little Budworth are not included in the first phase of the scheme as they have poor broadband services.

**Presentation – Social Prescribing – Lindsay Burgess**

It was reported that 1 in 5 people are currently struggling with mental issues although it reality it was thought the figure may be higher due to the impact of the pandemic.

Social Prescribing is open to anyone 18 or over and can offer a arrange of help including employment advice, housing support, loneliness and isolation and low-level mental health issues.

People can ask for a social prescribing referral by contacting their doctor's surgery, they do not need to see the doctor.

The service now includes a counselling service with new team members spending 80% of their time offering counselling.

There are also a range of other services available:

Bright Life (Julie Gaffney) offers support to over 50 year olds who are socially isolated and lonely and always provide face to face assistance.

Primary Care Cheshire Wellbeing supports people over 18 with 1 or more long term conditions.

It was noted that it can be very difficult for people to know where and which services to access. It was confirmed the doctors surgery will be able to help.

It was noted the Social Prescribers cannot deal with addictions, crises and suicidal thoughts and high-level mental health issues.

There are services available for under 18s, a counsellor is available 2 days a week at the High School, where students can be referred by the staff. From January support will also be in place in the Primary School.

Childline.org.uk offers an online chat facility.

KOOTH.com provide access to support online for 10 to 25 year olds.

Mind.org.uk includes a helpline.

A wellbeing walk is now taking place each Monday from the Community Centre, 9.30-10.30am which will continue and is well attended.

A Couch to 5K programme has been completed which 20 people started of which 18 completed the programme this will be repeated in the New Year.

Mrs Burgess agreed to supply leaflets and more information about the services available.

It was noted that transport is an ongoing issue for some residents and the ability to get to doctors' appointments etc.

It was noted there are a growing number of issues around energy costs, with residents having to spend large amounts of money on coal etc to heat their homes. It was noted help and advice on energy can be found at Energy Project Plus.

A referral to a social prescriber normally takes around 10 days before it is actioned, counselling is normally in place within 4 weeks.

### **Tarporley Community Centre Update – Tony Yeates**

#### Play Area Lease

It was reported that TCC has been working with a recommended solicitor regarding the lease and that the costs were expected to be around £1800, plus there will need to be a survey of the land to establish a 'fair rent' the cost of this was expected to be £800 for one piece of land although if a number of parcels of land are required this will increase, with

disbursements it is expected the legal fees will be approximately £3k. It was noted the fair rent was hoped to be £0.

It was noted as landlords TCC should cover these costs however TCC's financial situation is not clear at present.

#### Power Cut

It was noted during the last 12-hour power cut it was being considered whether TCC should open up to provide somewhere warm and lit for people to come. It was noted this would have been possible however the centre does not keep stocks of food which would need to be accessed. It was noted that the Centre is a CW&C emergence centre.

It was stated the village does seem to have frequent extended power cuts however often the whole village is not off, it was suggested the Parish Council should contact Scottish Power to establish which areas are on which power feeds.

It was noted that the Centre does not have the capacity to be powered by a generator at present, but this could be investigated.

It was asked who would manage and organise opening up the Centre in an emergency, it was suggested the Trustees would be happy to be involved but would need support, it was agreed a plan would need to be agreed in advance.

#### NHS Vaccine Clinics

It was reported the vaccine clinics are continuing in the Centre and the NHS has been offered use of the centre over the Christmas period. It was also stated that currently to save costs the Trustees are undertaking the cleaning of the centre.

#### Christmas Trees

It was noted that TCC would like to be included the Christmas lights scheme next Christmas.

#### **Covid Helpline Update**

It was discussed with increased Covid rates and increasing restrictions there may be a need for the helpline to be re-established.

It was agreed to contact volunteers to see who is available to offer help if needed and create a list of contactable people as well as put post on social media for volunteers.

#### **Outstanding Planning Applications**

It was noted that the Clerk had delegated authority to deal with planning application between meetings in consultation with Councillors.

#### **21/04425/LBC & 21/04424/FUL - 99 High Street**

No objection, subject to comment by CWAC Conservation Officer on alterations to the roof given that the building is listed.

#### **21/04340/FUL - Quarry Cottage**

No objection.

#### **21/04343/FUL - 7 Ash Close**

No objection.

**21/04431/FUL - 6 Chestnut Close**

No objection

**21/02492/FUL – Linden**

No objection.

**21/004362/FUL - Solar Farm**

No objection subject to the archaeological work identified by Mark Leah is undertaken and appropriate surface water drainage schemes are completed and that the land is returned to current state as a green field once the solar farm has ceased operation and all equipment is removed from site.

**21/04453/OUT – 4 Eaton Road**

Objection due to the following:

The proposal is over development of the site and will not be in keeping with the surrounding properties or the character of the area.

The proposed access to the site is on a dangerous and congested section of Eaton Road including both vehicle and pedestrian movements, the proposal does not include sufficient space for a vehicle turning circle as such vehicles will be forced to back into and out of the site.

**21/04521/FUL – The Cottage**

No Objection.

**21/04398/OUT - Utkinton Road Application**

It was agreed to distribute a leaflet about the application to homes in Tarporley. It was agreed to postpone the January meeting until Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January to allow for leaflets to be printed and distributed.

It was agreed there was a need to try and analysis the impact of the leafletting.

**Christmas Event Feedback**

It was agreed to extend the Christmas Trail until the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**Purchase of Poppy Wreath**

Councillors agreed a donation of £100 for the poppy wreath to be approved by two cheque signatories allowing payment before the next meeting.

**Gritting Feedback**

It was noted that PJH Outdoor solutions are now undertaking gritting of pavements and the TCC and Poppy Lane Car Park when temperatures are forecast as falling to 0° or below at 7am. It was noted that the Clerk had requested a letter of agreement from Hellmers.

It was noted that CW&C have offered the Parish Council 200 sandbags (2/3 pallets). It was agreed to see if the sandbags could be stored at the Scout Hut.

### **S106 Arts Project**

It was noted the working group is due to meet at the end of this week. It was agreed a discussion was needed to consider applying for funding from the Arts Council to complete/extend the project.

### **Burton Square Flagpole**

It was noted that the flagpole should be able to be lowered but would go across Utkinton Road and that there is a possibility it might not go back up. It had been suggested that an option would be to install a new fibreglass pole on the existing base.

It was also discussed if Burton Square is the right location for Tarporley's main flagpole. It was agreed to seek quotes.

### **Parish Council Facebook Page**

It was agreed to trial posting planning applications on the Community Notice Board Facebook page.

### **Village Emergency Plan**

It was agreed to form a small working group to look at developing an Emergency Plan including Cllrs Clough, Helm, Miller and Tavernor.

### **Annual Leave for Clerk & Deputy Clerk**

It was noted the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be on leave from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Ann Wright 14-12-2021

### **Informal Meeting of Parish Council on ZOOM inc. Surgery**

#### **Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - 7pm  
Tarporley Chapel.