# MINUTES OF TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th January 2022 AT TARPORLEY CHAPEL.

#### **Present**

Acting Chairman – Cllr Andrew Wallace

Cllr Catherine Helm Cllr Danny Lloyd Cllr Lisa Miller Cllr John Millington

Cllr Peter Tavernor Cllr Nigel Taylor

Clerk Ann Wright

#### Other

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**Resolved 22/071** – That the Council appoint Cllr Andrew Wallace as chairman in the absence of the chairman and vice chairman.

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Gill Clough – Covid concerns

Cllr Andy Hallows – Covid concerns

Cllr Jarina Khan – Family Commitment

Cllr Gordon Pearson – Covid concerns

Cllr Mark Ravenscroft - Family commitment

#### 2. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

#### 3. Public Participation

### Application 21/04398/Out – Outline Planning application 70 Dwellings

A number of residents raised the following comments:

The Parish Council reject the application based on comments already submitted including those by the Utkinton Road syndicate.

The application is outside the settlement boundary and therefore should be protected by planning documents otherwise what is the point of these documents.

Tarporley does not have the facilities to support the development including medical services and Doctor's.

It was raised if the development is for over 55s why is a play area required.

#### Meeting Location

It was asked why the Council was not meeting in the Community Centre, it was noted this was due to room availability.

#### **Planning Comments**

It was asked how planning comments were approved following informal meetings. It was noted the Clerk has delegated authority to submit comments in consultation with Councillors and that these comments are then confirmed at the next Council meeting with approval of the planning register.

## Rising Sun Car Park Trees

Residents raised concerns regarding the loss of light from the trees on the car park behind the Rising Sun. It was reported this had been raised with CW&C who are responsible for the trees who are not prepared to undertake any works. The resident confirmed that residents are prepared to fund these works which wil need to be done with the approval of CW&C.

#### **Community Taxi**

A resident asked if the Community Taxi is still available. It was agreed the Clerk would look into this matter and provide an update.

#### 4. Planning

#### 1) Applications

<u>21/04398/OUT – Outline planning application for 70 dwellings (with access considered) – </u>Lane at Utkinton Road, Tarporley.

**Resolved 22/072** – That the Council submit the following observations:

Tarporley Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the following grounds:

The proposed application site is outside the settlement boundary and is detached from the village.

The proposed scale of the development will have a detrimental impact on the existing infrastructure in the village including highways and parking which are already under significant pressure.

The Parish Council is aware the existing sewerage system in the village is at capacity and is increasingly suffering power outages.

The development will also have a detrimental impact on the already overstretched services including the doctors surgeries.

The proposed site is in a highly visible and sensitive location at a key entrance to the village. Which provides the rural setting for the village. Development of this site would be highly detrimental to the character and setting of that location and will also have a detrimental impact on the setting of the adjacent listed building.

Given the current CW&C 5-year housing supply there is no housing need for this development. As such the application is contrary to the Tarporley Neighbourhood Plan, including policies TEH2 and TEH5.

The application is also contrary to policy Strat 9 of the CW&C Local Plan Part 1 and DM24 of the CW&C Local Plan Part 2.

Tarporley Parish Council therefore requests this application is refused.

#### 2) Planning Register

The planning register was approved as circulated noting a comment of No Objection had been submitted for application 21/05100/CAT, removal of 1 magnolia tree at Market Court.

## 22/00020/TPO – Various tree works – 24 Oswalds Way, Tarporley, CW6 0GF

**Resolved 22/073** – That the Council submit the following observations:

No objection subject to sympathetic undertaking of the works so as not to reduce the amenity value of these tree which are in a prominent position.

#### 3) Applications received since publication of agenda.

<u>21/04926/FUL - Single storey & part 2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension & replacement garage - 16 Birch Heath Road, Tarporley, CW6 9UR</u>

**Resolved 22/074** – That the Council submit the following observations:

No objection subject to no loss of amenity to the neighbouring properties.

#### 5. Minutes

**Resolved 22/075** – That the Council approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 8th November 2021 as a true and proper record.

#### 6. Minutes of Working Groups and Other Meetings

The Council noted the notes of working groups and other meetings, from page 106 of the minutes book.

### 7. Meadowfield Signage

The Council considered the request to fund new signage and agreed that the signage should be funded by the residents.

#### 8. Winter maintenance

**Resolved 22/076** – That the Council confirm the appointment of PJH Outdoor Solutions to undertake the Council's winter maintenance for 3 years, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25.

## 9. Cemetery Path

**Resolved 22/077** – That the Council submit a revised planning application for the extension of the cemetery path.

## 10. Accounts & Payments

## 1) Third Quarter End Accounts

**Resolved 22/078** – That the Council approve the third quarter accounts and payments, page 7 of the cash book including the following payments including overpayment made to A. Webb (highlighted) of 3p:

Quantico Ltd	Gazebos x2	290.95
C. Helm	Reim Plants	7.98
STRI Ltd	Brook Road Grounds Maintenance	864.00
Dutton Traffic Management	Road closure - Remembrance	1122.00
G. Pearson	Reim GB House Paint, Plants & Phone	209.40
EDF	PC Store Power	18.00
PJH Outdoor Solutions	Removal streetlight planters	120.00
Roadware	Grit bin for Poppy Lane	190.74
M. Ravenscroft	Reim.: Xmas wood	101.81
E. Ackerley	Woodland Grant	79.99
R. Davies	Gingerbread House	101.54
Nest	Pension contribution	151.63
G. Pearson	Reim.: Xmas batteries	67.24
A. Webb	Reim.: Xmas printing & banner	160.49
P. Hellmers	Pavement Gritting & Grit	378.00
A. Hallows	Reim. Xmas tree compost	20.00
C. Helm	Reim. Paint & Brush cleaner	15.47
L. Miller	Reim. Fuel for Leaf Blower	20.00
P. Tavernor	Reim, various xmas	120.90
P. Tavernor	Reim. Xmas	45.91
A. Webb	Reim, Letters & Stamps	98.44
Accounts Centre	Payroll Services - June	24.00
Barriers Direct Ltd	Portal Notice boards - Payment 1	625.50
Barriers Direct Ltd	Portal Notice boards - Final Payment	1000.00
Nest	Pension contribution	170.11
A. Webb	Salary	814.72
A. Wright	Salary	901.87
HMRC	Paye/NI	303.48
A. Wright	Reim.: Mobile phone & Locks	64.98

Accounts Centre	Payroll services - Nov	24.00
Gaskells	Cemetery & Brook Road Bins	129.26
Johnsons Printers	Xmas Graphics	115.20
Grants Gardening Services	Grounds Maintenance	1440.00
A. Webb	Reim - Zoom	71.95
PJH Outdoor Solutions	Grave Filling	60.00
Tarporley Community Centre	Room Hire - October	31.50
J. Stewart	Cemetery Flower Bed Wall Rebuild	682.00
Beechwood Industries Ltd	Brook Road Grounds Maintenance OCT	810.49
Beechwood Industries Ltd	Brook Road Grounds Maintenance NOV	810.49
St Helen's PCC	Done Room Hire	25.00
Tarporley British Legion	Poppy Wreath	100.00
L. Miller	Grant - Uniform	37.00
NALC	Levelling Up Online Event	64.49
L. Miller	Grant - Uniform	50.00
Tarporley B&M Chapel	Room Hire - Sept, Oct, Nov	180.00
EDF Energy	Storage Building power	18.00

## 2) Accounts & Payments

**Resolved 22/079** – That the Council approve the accounts and payments and bank reconciliation as on page 008 of the cash book including the below payments and additional invoices received since publication of the agenda:

G. Pearson	July 2019 - December 2021	1023.49
A. Wright	Salary	754.14
A. Webb	Salary	814.72
HMRC	NI/PAYE	231.64
Accounts Centre	Payroll - DEC	24.00
Beechwood Industries	Brook Rd Grounds Maintenance	810.49
PJH Outdoor Solutions	Car Park & Pavement Gritting	336.00
Gaskells	Cemetery & Brook Road Bins	167.27
Play Inspection Company	Brook Road & TCC Play Inspections	132.00
Northwich Town Council	Christmas Lights & Trees	4872.00
Talkabout Publishing	Tarporley Talk	144.00
A. Wright	Reim. Utkinton Road Fliers	96.32
Nest	Pension Contribution	151.63
A. Wright	Reim: SLCC Membership (44%)	102.96
Dunkil Developments Ltd	Brook Road Final Payment	12,528.16
John Harding & Son Ltd	Brook Road Hedge Cut	300.00
The Accounts Centre	Payroll services – January	24.00
E. Ackerley	Woodland Grant	6.48

## 3) Internal Audit

The Clerk reported she had struggled to obtain process for the 2021-2022 internal; audit and having contacted a number of companies had obtained one quote to date for Fair Account based in Hampshire who would undertake the works remotely. It was agreed the Clerk should investigate other options including other Clerks who undertake internal audits.

## 11. Earmarking and Percept

**Resolved 22/080** – That the Council earmark the following funding:

Budget Headings 2020/2021 (ex VAT)	Cashbook Heading	Budget 2022-2023	
OPEX:			
Salaries inc HMRC/NEST	Staff Costs	25,000	Salaries, HMRC & Nest.
Admin - Consumables (e.g. printing, stationery, mobile phone top ups)	Admin	8,000	
Election	Admin	1,500	Accumulating Fund for 2023
Meeting Rooms	Room Hire	1,000	
Storage Building	Maintenance	750	
General (MISC) Maintenance	Maintenance	2,000	
Garden areas & other village maint.	Maintenance	13,000	
Planting (seasonal & Events)	Maintenance	1,000	
Play area inspections and maintenance	Maintenance	2,500	
Brook Rd OS&R Maintenance	Maintenance	20,000	
Public Rights of Way	Maintenance	1,000	
Events ex Christmas	Events/Misc	2,000	Based £1k for Easter & Summer
Xmas Events - annual costs	Events/Misc	7,000	
Grants paid out ("S137")	Grants	5,000	
Footpaths & Car Parks	Gritting	2,000	Manual Gritting of Pavements
Cemetery maint./running costs	Cemetery	6,500	
CAPEX/Projects:			
Project/s TBC	Projects	12,500	

40,534.00	Ring Fenced Funding
50,000.00	Contingency
10,000.00	Revenue Reserves 2023-2024
20,000.00	Forward Planning - Projects 2023-2024
10,000.00	Revenue Reserves 2024-2025
10,000.00	Forward Planning - Projects 2024-2025
10,000.00	Revenue Reserves 2025-2026

Ring Fenced Funding 2022-2023	
Elections	1,500.00
Assets Maintenance & Renewal Fund	25,000.00
Village Play Area Renewal Project	4,560.00
CIL	9,474.00
	40,534.00

**Resolved 22/081** – That the Council Precept for £96,259 for 2022-2023 a 3% increase, a band D charge of £58.62 for the year.

## 12. Christmas Review

It was agreed thanks should eb forwarded to Ginger & Pickles, Latte' Da and the Old Fire Station for their support and providing Christmas treats.

**Resolved 22/082** – That the Council book the reindeers for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022.

## 13. Future Meetings

**Resolved 22/080** – That the Council does not formally meet in February and that the next formal meeting be on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and that the Council amends its standing orders in May 2022 to meet every other month.

Meeting closed: 8.50pm.

Signed: Dated:

Ann Wright 25-01-2022

**Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting:** 

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 7pm Tarporley Chapel.



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# Notes of S106 Arts Project Meeting 3rd November 2021, 18.30 by Zoom

**Present:** 

Councillors: Mark Ravenscroft, Gordon Pearson, Pete Tavernor, Nigel Taylor, and Catherine

Helm

INSTAR: Trish Evans, Nick Humphreys

Apologies: Cathy Newbury

Purpose of meeting: To consider outcome from consultations and discuss next steps.

## **Consultation Update**

INSTAR reported on very successful discussions at the Primary School, in which they had a really positive and constructive engagement with over 80 pupils. The children had been asked to say what was their favourite animal.

The High School is keen to work with us on the project but have been unable to invite INSTAR into the school due to Covid restrictions. They're still looking to arrange an alternative date.

INSTAR have drafted and shared a survey as a vehicle to seek input from the wider community. They requested final feedback by 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.

They plan to distribute the flyer via Facebook, email to identified contacts and we will include a short piece and link on the Christmas flyer, which will be distributed to every home.

The closure date for responses to the survey will be end Dec

Creative consultations are expected to continue into Spring.

#### Artwork

INSTAR proposed an Art Trail based around the chosen theme, resulting from the consultations.

INSTAR suggested 5 pieces in various media, averaging £3,500 each. This would leave approx. £1,100 for contingency. This number was thought to be too small, and it was suggested to target 7 or even more pieces. If the available budget would be too tight for this level of ambition, then some pieces could be phased later with separate fund raising. Possible locations were discussed, based predominantly along the High Street, but also reaching out to Brook Road Playing Fields. Preference was for outside locations, as this was thought to be more inclusive and wouldn't favour 1 business over another.

Trish and Nick plan to visit Tarporley on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov looking for possible locations and appropriate associated media. Plan to meet with members of the Working Group at 14.00 in Ginger and Pickles to discuss their thoughts

#### <u>Artists</u>

It is suggested to take a hybrid approach to artist selection. For some pieces, it may be appropriate to approach 1 or 2 known national artists specialising in that field; for others we might consider an open enquiry for locally or regionally based artists

INSTAR will also consult with the Tarporley Artists Group for ideas

INSTAR will draft the Artist Brief in January

Planning for possible Phase 2

INSTAR will draft a plan for a possible Phase 2, identifying possible funding sources., e.g., Lottery, CWAC, Arts Council. It was thought that these funding sources would be more

supportive if an organisation had already demonstrated their intent with an earlier project, i.e., Phase 1. Professional assistance would be required to prepare grant applications.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 18.30 by Zoom



## Notes of Play Area meeting (via zoom) Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

#### **Present**

Cllr Mark Ravenscroft Ann Wright - Clerk Abigail Webb – Deputy Clerk CW&C - Mike

#### Update

Following on from the community consultation over the summer, the working group agreed that the Master Plan 1 would be the preferred option. Members of the working group are now liaising with pre-school and primary school parents to compile a list of equipment that they would like to see in the new play area.

#### **Costings**

Mike stated that once he knows what equipment we would like in the play area, he can start work out whether the equipment will fit in each designated area and provide an approximate cost. This can then be added to the cost of equipment and work to take place outside of the play areas such as new path and benches.

Once an approximate cost is provided, a decision can be made as to whether the amount of equipment needs to be reduced or whether a phased approach to the work is required. Mike stated that the costing will be significantly higher as three additional play areas are being created.

## MUGA

Mike suggested visiting a few MUGA's in the local area to get an idea of the size. Sytchcroft Park and Woodfall Lane Park have MUGA's (Woodfall lane MUGA was half the cost of Sytchcroft Park) and would be worth visiting both.

**ACTION** - Mike will email photographs of both MUGA's

**ACTION** – Mike will email suppliers information.

#### Slide

The use of the slope to create a new slide is a very popular option but Mike has some concerns about the angle and the direction of the slope. It may require extensive groundwork for this option to work. Mike has suggested that the dimensions and orientation of the slope should be given to specialist slide manufactures and for them to provide options to the working group. As this will be a bespoke slide and may require a canopy, this will increase the costs.

#### **Existing Equipment**

As some of the equipment is still in good working order, it would be preferable to recycle some of the equipment as this will help reduce costs.

Abigail Webb

## Notes of Remembrance Sunday Event (via zoom) Thursday 11th November 2021 10:30am **Present**

TPC: Mark Ravenscroft, Ann Wright - Clerk, Abigail Webb - Deputy Clerk Ian Diskin, Tarporley Royal British Legion

## Purpose of meeting: To discuss the risk assessment for the Remembrance Sunday Event, taking place on Sunday 14th November.

It was agreed that:

- Ian will conduct a visual audit of the route early on Sunday morning to ensure that there are no obvious risks such as potholes along the route of the parade.
- Ian will brief the marshals before the event, provide a copy of the risk assessment for all marshals and ask them to sign the form. The marshals will be a combination of RBL volunteers and Rotary volunteers.
- Ian will circulate a copy of the Order of Service to every household in the village, so residents are aware of the road closures and times of the event.
- Ian will inform Tarporley Parish Council of any identified risks so that they can be included in the risk assessment for the coming years.
- Ian to provide a donation to the Parish Council to help cover the cost of the road closure.

Abigail Webb

## Play Area Working Group Notes (via zoom) Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7pm

#### Present:

<u>Tarporley Parish Council</u> –Mark Ravenscroft, Lisa Miller, Abbie Webb (Deputy Clerk), Ann Wright (Clerk).

<u>Tarporley Community Centre</u> – Tony Yeates, Linda Martin

<u>Tarporley Carnival</u> – Jim Webb

Residents – Mike Atkin, Siobahn Liddle

Apologies – Andy Hallows

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss the updates from pre-school and primary school parents.

### Junior Play Area update

See saw – takes up too much space and is quite stiff so parents must sit on it to make it move.

Roundabout – It feels unsafe and the majority of people do not like it

Football goals – This has been requested for the field. The previous football posts have been taken down for safety reasons. A lot of children play football at the bottom of the bank and use the fence to kick the ball against It was discussed if the orientation of the fencing could be changed to prevent this in the future.

Slide down the bank – very popular option

Spring bug – not very popular

Basket swing – Popular option.

Mini trampoline is a popular option.

Swings – keep existing frames to keep costs down

If the climbing frame remains, there will be some disappointment. Swing bars and slide are okay and well used but the other section of the climbing frame is not so popular.

Playhouse or mud kitchen

Wooden equipment is preferable however it is bulkier so will take up a lot more space.

#### Pre-School Area Update

Mike created a survey and circulated it to the parents of the pre-school children and a few Facebook mum groups. In total, 88 responses were collected.

The top answers for equipment for the preschool area are:

Zip wire

Sandpit

Slides

**Swings** 

Trampoline

Play house

Basket swing

Tractor

Increase in seats/benches

There was concern about having 2 separate areas for pre-school and primary school aged children because a lot of parents have children of both ages, and it will be difficult to supervise both children at the same time.

**Action** – Mark to collate a list of equipment and provide to Mike so approximate costing can be generated.

**Action** – Discuss with Mike the issue of 2 separate play areas and ask

**Action** – Mike to circulate the pre school results with the group

#### Maintenance of Sand pit

Mike Atkin contacted the Clerk at Christleton Parish Council as they have a large sandpit in the play area and other than a grounds maintenance man who clears away the leaves (particularly in the autumn), there is not much maintenance for the sandpit. Councillors inspect the sandpit every 10 days and any issues are reported to the Clerk.

## **Tarporley Community Centre Lease**

A lease needs to be in place before any funding can be applied for. The Community Centre would prefer to delay paying the legal fees to draw up the lease until they have received more income from room bookings. Which could possibly be Spring 2022.

The Tarporley Big Weekend has generated approximately £3,500 to go towards the play area project and this could possibly pay for the legal fees? The lease will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in December.

#### Other matters

Tony thanked Lisa for moving the picnic benches to the bottom of the playing field as they seem to be more popular in this location. The area needs maintaining i.e. grass cutting, edging and suckers from trees removing. The Community Centre has hired a skip for next week so this would be a good time to carry out this work. Lisa to assist with Tony and Rob Walker.

It was suggested new 'No Dog' signs need to be put up in the playing area as a lot of people allow their dogs off the lead on the playing field. The signage will be reviewed as part of the project.

Notes from the working group meetings to go onto the Tarporley website with an update of current members. An update can be placed in the notice board by the play area.

Next Meeting
January 2021 (TBC)

Abigail Webb 16 November 20201

# Christmas Working Group (via zoom) 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

#### Present:

<u>Tarporley Parish Council</u> – Andy Hallows, Catherine Helm, Lisa Miller, John Millington, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft, Peter Tavernor, Nigel Taylor, Abbie Webb (Deputy Clerk),

Apologies – Gill Clough, Jarina Khan, Andrew Wallace

#### The Programme

Starts with silver band at 1pm, Santa would arrive for 1.45pm (coming from Done room and walking through woodland) to cut a ribbon opening the trail (ribbon would be between our 2x wooden reindeer).

Reindeer should be in place and settled for 1.45pm (Abbie to confirm with them, even if it means they leave at 3.45). Santa would return to Done room at 2pm, escorted by his 2 elves/marshals and transitioning to the Fairy Tale postman for sessions at 2.15pm and 3.15pm.

Silver band should have another set at 3pm, Decibellas Choir at 3.30pm and community carols at 4pm.

## Other details

2x gazebos for Silver Band/Decibellas Choir (we've purchased), 3rd gazebo now required for info point/TPC (Rotary? Andrew)

Foldaway chairs for silver band (Abbie to check with Andrew)

From 3.30pm, minced pies to be available from TPC (Aldi or Morrisons). Need to investigate feasibility of mulled wine (Abbie with Danny)

Ensure sufficient stakes and direction signs for woodland areas (Nigel)

Re-use lights in the woodland areas (Gordon to get batteries)

#### **Snowman Trail**

All underway - 16x for shops complete, 7x for woodland complete, cutting out and painting 3x large underway. G&P confirming that ok for yeti footprints to lead to their cafe.

#### Gingerbread House

Plan A would be Andrew with trailer on 27 or 28 Nov to put it up; Plan B John would be happy to use trailer. Ginger Bread House will now have picket fence, stepping stones and more shrubs.

#### **Printing**

Good to go once programme re-confirmed. Flier distribution to be led by Gill. Banner for railings to have a QR code for more info (Gordon to fix) and reference to nearby noticeboard as well. Agreed need to get programme on social media soonest in advance of flier distribution.

#### Setting up work

Saturday 20 November, if bark chips delivered getting them down, also checking store and weeding slated area

27/28 November getting GB house up, planting 5x new Xmas trees in square planters, plus using Lisa's 3x carefully nurtured Xmas trees planters on slated area as Olaf's forest (hessian to be used to cover black plastic planters)

Morning 4 December: setting up gazebos, power for Decibellas, chairs for silver band and all the snowman trail.

## **Next Meeting**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 630pm

Abigail Webb 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021



# Notes of meeting to discuss winter gritting (via zoom) Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

#### **Present**

<u>Tarporley Parish Council</u> - Lisa Miller, John Millington, Gill Clough, Ann Wright (Clerk). <u>PJH Outdoor Solutions</u> – Paul Hellmers.

### Purpose of Meeting – To confirm details of pavement gritting.

The following principles were agreed:

- Gritting of pavements is to commence when the weather is forecast to fall to 0° or below at 7am at CW6 0AG (The Swan).
- Weather to be as forecast by the Met Office<sup>1</sup>
- It was agreed that no gritting was required on Christmas day.
- It was agreed the gritter would be positioned outside the storage building behind the locked gate where bagged grit is stored in the grit box.
- Existing supply of white grit to be used, PJH to arrange provision of additional grit.

#### Route

It was noted both sides of the High Street require gritting.

<u>Burton Square</u> - from the Storage Building towards Burton Square, crossing from Burton Square diagonally to the bus stop and then back down High Street.

<u>Chestnut Pavilion</u> - round the Chestnut Pavilion in addition to the pavement by the road and bus stop.

<u>Poppy Lane</u> – up public footpath adjacent to/alongside car park to crossing through car park to Primary School entrance.

<u>Park Road</u> – up Park Road past the War Memorial Hospital, Doctor's Surgery, Primary School to High Street, noting in some sections the footpath is only on one side of the road and also does not run the whole length of the road.

<u>Tarporley Community Centre</u> - up slope to front door, central and end steps to the Centre (small shovel with gritter for use on steps) and steps from emergence/raised parking area to car pack at rear. Also, path (Pram Path) down the side of the play area to bottom of field than right onto Eaton Road. Eaton Road is not gritted.

Gritting finished at junction by Foresters Arms and Spar exit.

## Additional Grit Bin

It was agreed to install an additional locked grit bin on the verge on Poppy Lane Car Park to store bags to fill the gritter.

#### **Car Park Gritting**

PJH Solutions to provide price for gritting of Poppy Lane Car Park and TCC based (on above agreed criteria) and separate price for Rising Sun Car Park (public parking section only) which will be gritted on request. He reported he would have to buy new equipment to fit to a tractor or quad to undertake this gritting and as such would require a 3-year contract. He confirmed the price would be fixed for the period with some flexibility to allow for grit and diesel price increases or reductions.

Ann Wright 19 November 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/forecast/uk

# 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 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 service available:

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

<u>Primary Care Cheshire Wellbeing</u> 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 wil 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 wil 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 <u>Energy Project Plus</u>.

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 in 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 agree 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 31st 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 wil be on leave from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

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**Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting:** 

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

# Notes of S106 Arts Project Meeting with Instar 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Held virtually via Zoom.

#### Present:

Catherin Helm, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft (Chair), Peter Tavernor, Nigel Taylor, Ann Wright (Clerk).

Cathy Newbery - Public Art Consultant & Curator Instar – Trish Evans, Nick Humphreys

#### Purpose of Meeting: To discuss location options.

The group discussed the suggestion of the attached document.

## Option B

The group supported Option B: A trail, with Martin Smith<sup>2</sup> as the main artist with an allocation of £10,000, plus a further 4 smaller artworks and community offer accompanying that piece – allocating the remaining budget of £8,500 (£2,125 each) or variable depending on artists/makers/artforms selected.

It ws noted that Martin would not necessarily create a tree, what he would produce, and the theme of the trail will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### Location

It was agreed that the entrance to St Helen's where the best kept village signs are currently located is the best location for the main piece of art. However, there will need to be a wider discussion about the location and what changes need to be made, including possible relocation of the Tarporley sign and the curved bench.

It was agreed this would provide an opportunity to landscape and improve the area. It was noted that planning permission would be required if the artwork was over 2m high. It was noted that when the curved bench was in place it was hit on a couple of occasions by vehicles going down the adjacent drive and that needs to be considered when positioning the artwork. It was noted that Martin Smith will visit the site and make suggestions. It was discussed that the pieces of art creating the trail should not be too close together.

#### **Arts Council Funding**

It was reported that the Arts Council funding process has just changed so it is difficult to judge how much it would cost to apply. It was also highlighted that this funding is highly competitive, and that Cheshire is not a high priority for funding.

It was suggested that completing the current project would provide evidence for future grant applications and would also help shape the next phase of the art trail.

Cathy Newbery confirmed she could use the remaining time in her contract to identify the scope and resources available to create a second phase for the project.

It was noted that a tree is included on both the Primary and High Schools shields/badges, and it would be good if the theme developed linked to these images and then art could be located at the schools.

The group confirmed they support the ideas highlighted in the document:

- Roof top art
- Manhole covers
- Vacant hanging sign brackets

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.smithautomata.co.uk/

#### Way markers

The group also supported the installation of stained glass at the sorting office however it was discussed that this might be something which could be funded separately possibly through crowd funding. Instar confirmed they would price and scope this but keep it separate from the trail.

#### Theme

It was stated that it was important to agree a single theme for the trail, although how it is interpreted can vary, for example picking up on the history and usage of buildings on the High Street.

It was discussed that temporary art each year could focus on a different aspect of the theme. It was discussed that a history/heritage theme could attract funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund. 'The Independents of Tarporley' was suggested as theme which could be developed.

The main theme of trail can be used as a steppingstone to other themes.

It was highlighted that planning for future projects and phase was part of the current project.

Some concern was voiced about how effective the stain glass would be in the sorting office, it was suggested that it would need to be back lit.

#### Longevity of the Art

A discussion took place regarding the longevity of the art created. It was noted if the sorting office was to move the property was likely to revert to a residential property and the stained glass might have to be relocated.

It was agreed that it was important for the group to consider and understand the life expectancy of the pieces of art, although it was noted that the main piece of art being created in metal would have a long lifespan.

It was agreed that an inventory needed to take place of the brackets etc available on the High Street.

It was noted the proposed way markers would help connect the village with the wider countryside and encourage exploration. The Group agreed not to pursue Item 6 on the list as part of the Phase 1 trail.

#### Motif

It was agreed the main piece of art should be able to be developed into a motif for Tarporley which can be repeated throughout the village, and possibly used on merchandise, postcards, badges, tea towels etc.

It was noted further work needed to be done on additional fees, planning permissions, structural engineers etc.

#### **Next Steps**

Next meeting will discuss the following:

- Update from artist Martin Smith
- Shortlist of locations
- Discussion of Theme

#### **Next Meeting**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – 6.30pm – Zoom

Tarporley Village Public Art Project / scouting for potential sites / Nov 21
The following locations have been shortlisted as *potential* sites for public art works for a Tarporley Trail.

#### Please note:

- 1. Brook Road Playing Field is *currently* not on the list of sites. We did visit the area again, but believe the following is important to discuss when we next meet:
  - Will visitors to the village make the walk away from the village high street?
  - The access to the playing field is through a residential area and not direct, making it challenging to visit and it does not lead to anywhere else (eg it's not an obvious circular walk but you may have suggestions)
  - All the other sites we looked at are on/near the main high street and we feel there is an obvious beginning and end linked to public footpaths (see below)
  - An accompanying programme of activity linked to the trail could have a brook field focus so it can still be included and connected
  - Who is your priority audience? family? Tourists? Sandstone ridge walkers? Residents mainly? Day trippers? Wider catchment residents?
     Shoppers? Creatives? Working? Retired?
- 2. We met up with Martin Smith (<a href="https://www.smithautomata.co.uk/works.htm">https://www.smithautomata.co.uk/works.htm</a>) and we had a really productive chat about his work and practice. He is a brilliant and very experienced artist who has public realm commissions across the UK and internationally. He has availability to create work for this commission and he can work with a budget of £10,000 for a tree for example. We would not wish for him to duplicate an artwork but to produce a unique new kinetic work for Tarporley. Given this development and opportunity, we need to discuss the following options:
  - a) We go for a singular commission with Martin and increase the budget (no trail)
  - b) Have a trail, but Martin is the main artist with an allocation of £10,000. A further 4 smaller artworks and community offer (ideas below) will then accompany his main work allocating the remaining budget of £8,500 (£2,125 each) or variable depending on artists/makers/artforms selected
  - c) We go back to splitting the budget across 5 or 7 smaller artworks and not commission Martin

Our suggestion is to go for **option b**. When we spoke with Cathy and Mark at Ginger and Pickles we all agreed a trail is still what we want. We feel this is viable with the plan to start with a small trail to then extend it in a future phase. We will need to confirm with Martin pretty quickly to secure his availability.

- 3. We looked at locations to consider a range of artwork materials and format. We wanted to explore how artwork can be integrated within existing infrastructure so it is curious to find and in-keeping with the village. We also looked for stand alone locations to house the larger work by Martin Smith if decided. 2 locations were considered.
- 4. Those highlighted with a star are our preferred sites for artwork, but we feel all have 'potential'

In no particular order, we started at the top of the high street and worked our way down.

B			Artform opportunities
Burton Sq	Floor area	It has a flagpole	Stand-alone only option
	5.35m x 4.7m x 4.1m	Not the most central of	Option 1 for Martin Smith Commission
	(triangular grass layout)	location	
Wall, corner of High Street	5m(h) x 2.7m (w) + pitch of	Has previous advert on wall	Potential for a visual art work, but also
and Forest Road	roof area (total area to add artwork)	(faded) which may be liked by residents)	it could have something smaller or in response to existing cast iron signage
		side wall of residential	avior.
		will need permission	
Way marker sign on public footpath to Sandstone Ridge	No measurements taken	Currently broken, so is in need of replacement. A key	Potential to create a new artwork. It can act as a way marker. (link to
Trail		location to direct visitors to	another way marker the other end of
On 'the close'		the ridge trail	the high street)
	way marker sign on public footpath to Sandstone Ridge Trail	Wall, corner of High Street and Forest Road  Way marker sign on public footpath to Sandstone Ridge Trail  (triangular grass layout)  5m(h) x 2.7m (w) + pitch of roof area (total area to add artwork)  No measurements taken	Wall, corner of High Street and Forest Road  Sm(h) x 2.7m (w) + pitch of roof area (total area to add artwork)  Has previous advert on wall (faded) which may be liked by residents)  side wall of residential property No. 17 High street – will need permission  Way marker sign on public footpath to Sandstone Ridge Trail  No measurements taken  Currently broken, so is in need of replacement. A key location to direct visitors to

4	No 32 Roof top (on high street)	No measurements taken	Will need permission from hotel/restaurant + may be listed + will need access to roof	Imagine a carved silhouette artwork, or a weather vain – this location invites visitors to look up and around the village. This roof top is very aesthetic and well placed in the village. Could be steel, stone, ceramic?
5	Manhole cover(s) Near Chestnut Tree (pedestrian area outside ginger and pickles)	No measurements taken	We will need permission from water authority or equivalent	This is a curious metal commission, inviting visitors to look around them and to discover a creative decorative man-hole cover designed for the village. It could be used to take rubbings by children and also to make prints from, or simply to just enjoy. Think underground railings in Paris, street infrastructure can become a very attractive place to house artwork.
6	Market Court inner wall - off high street	3.5m(w) x 3.4(H)	The ceiling areas looked too damaged. We did have an idea of hanging something but the need for vehicle access could be a problem. We would need to fix to the walls, onto the brick. This wall is on the side of Si Belle shop. Need to get permissions	Visual art, print.

7	Sorting Office front windows x 2	1.2m x 1m (each window)	Need permission. This would cover up what is currently an eyesore.	Stained glass
8	Award Sq	4.3m x 2.5m *semi circle behind bench	Need permission. Requires re landscaping of area behind bench and removal (relocation of bench, rose bush and awards) A new awards sign could look a lot more aesthetic than current old posts	Stand alone only. Option 2 for Martin Smith commission.

9	Way marker sign near church entrance	No measurements		Linked to other sign at top of high street (could mark the beginning and end of the trails but they point to wider landscapes to view)
10	Gate to public footpath through church	1.2m x 1.2m	Need permission from church. It may already have heritage value	Replacing the main iron gate structure with a new artwork – gateway to the ridge?
11.	Vacant hanging sign brackets	Various	Need permission from shop owners, but no infrastructure requirements, so can be relatively cheap to install.	Visual art, textile and/or iron work (see original blacksmith sign on street). This could be a permanent commission, however there is scope for the many vacant brackets to house temporary visual artworks (printed onto flags for example) to be shown during events – a community engagement project. Lots of potential and opportunity with these, there are many.

## Notes of Christmas Review Meeting (via zoom) Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Present (TPC)

Peter Tavernor, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft, John Millington, Catherine Helm, Andrew Wallace, Nigel Taylor,

Abigail Webb – Deputy Clerk

Apologies - Andy Hallows, Gill Clough, Lisa Miller

Overall the 2021 event was a success, despite the atrocious weather on the day. There was significant take up of Santa letters, the trail and the booked sessions with the Fairy Tale postman.

It was important though to let the trail run over Xmas itself to New Year. Also, for families, the learning was that it was better to have a few things they could move between - eg Santas Grotto, reindeer, children's entertainer and a trail.

#### Date of event 2022

It was concluded that we would stick with the first Saturday in December (3rd) but preferably run a little earlier, having the reindeer 12-2pm. We'd also check out with businesses whether the earlier timing was better, taking advantage of the late morning buzz in the village for lunchtime catering etc

(Action: Abbie to book reindeer and consult businesses)

#### Santa's Grotto

Hopefully we'll be able to reprise Santas Grotto, but it would be better to have something new that, like the Gingerbread House, could stay up through out. This would also give the option of having booked sessions to see Santa over more than one date.

It was discussed whether some late afternoon 'event/activities' could happen in the village before Santa goes on his village tour in mid December but this will be discussed at a later date.

## Use of St Helens woodland.

Could this be a possible site for Santas Grotto, need to check with Rector/Philip Posnett. (Abbie)

#### **Christmas Trees**

We need to align the putting up of Shop trees, lights on the crib and the NTC trees better; what were the preferences of the shops/ (Action: Abbie to liaise with NTC)

#### Maintenance Contract with NTC

After this years experience, concluded the NTC maintenance contract was a worthwhile option (!). Also worth asking NTC whether there could be a simple more robust option for the St Helen's (eg link to an external socket from The Swan)

#### Meeting with new Landlords of Latta Da building

It was noted that Gordon was meeting with the new owners of the Latte Da building who were keen to improve the slated area. A number of suggestions were made (power and water access) but also maintaining some flexibility for using the space.

#### Date of next Meeting

TBC

# Planning, Precept & Highways Briefing 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022, virtually via Zoom.

#### **Present:**

Catherine Helm, Lisa Miller, John Millington, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft, Peter Tavernor, Nigel Taylor, Andrew Wallace.

Abigail Webb (Deputy Clerk), Ann Wright (Clerk).

<u>CW&C</u> Cllr Eveleigh Moore Dutton.

#### Purpose of meeting: Briefing on Highways, Precept & Planning.

#### Highways

Highways had asked which nights would be best to close the High Street to undertaking relining. It was agreed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday would be best.

It was agreed to ask what communication highways will undertake regarding closure and consider if the Parish Council should supplement this information.

It was agreed to check the road will be swept before the lining is undertaken as had been promised by CW&C.

#### **Precept**

Paperwork has been circulated for the precept any questions to be raised at the Council meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Planning Application 21/04398/OUT, Outline planning application for 70 dwellings (with access considered)</u>, Land at Utkinton Road, Tarporley.

A discussion took place regarding the above planning application which included the following points:

It was noted the Parish Council has received 9 comments (1 preceded the flier), 7 of which objected to the application and 2 raised questions, no comments of support had been received.

Concern was raised that an outline application had been submitted in 2013 for sheltered accommodation the site was subsequently approved for 18 dwellings which was approved on appeal and that approval of this application at Outline would result in approval of a application for market housing.

It was discussed that it was not clear if the whole development was for over 55s or just a portion of it. It was agreed the Clerk raise this with the planning officers.

It was noted the application included lifetime homes and also bungalows.

It was discussed the site is not close to the village centre although it was noted it is closer than from Brook Road. It was discussed the site particularly with older residents would result in an increase in traffic into the village centre.

It was discussed the layout is acceptable as presented in the application and includes areas of green space.

Councillors considered whether the proposal provided significant community benefit. It was noted the site which is a green field provides an attractive approach into the village. It was noted 70 additional properties would make a significant contribution to the Council's

funds/precept.

It was noted the site is outside the settlement boundary and feels isolated and is detached from the village.

The application provides 30% affordable properties or a contribution in lieu.

It was noted when Councillors met with the developers in 2015 a discussion had taken place that identified the following as being of community benefit:

- Health centre/Doctors surgery
- Allotments
- Affordable housing
- Reduction in speed limit.

It had been discussed the site was too far out from the village centre to accommodate a car park.

It was noted the application suggested that dwellings could be up to 2.5 storeys.

It was discussed if developing the site would set a precedent to allow development of land on the other side on High Street.

It was noted the site is in open countryside not green belt although some of the restrictions are the same. It was noted the site for the care home application had additional protection as a designated green space in the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted the application is:

- Outside the settlement boundary.
- Is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- In Open Countryside.
- Has impact on the visual entrance to the village, and listed building.

Cllr Moore Dutton confirmed she would check the application had been called in. It was noted CW&C currently had more than a 5-year housing supply.

Ann Wright 18 January 2022

# Tarporley Emergency Plan Working Group 18th January 2022, virtually via Zoom.

#### **Present:**

Gill Clough, Catherine Helm, Lisa Miller, Peter Tavernor, Ann Wright (Clerk).

### Purpose of meeting: To discuss developing an emergency plan for Tarporley.

It was discussed that there was a need to be better prepared for an emergency such as an extended power cut that happened recently.

It was agreed that the best way to communicate in such a situation was via WhatsApp. It was agreed to try and establish what WhatsApp groups exist in the village which might be used to communicate information.

It was agreed that a network of volunteers was needed that includes more that the Parish Council noting as not everyone might be available or in the village during an incident.

#### Flyer

It was agreed to develop a flyer to be distributed to every home identifying numbers to be used in an emergency and basic information e.g., who to contact if a tree has come down across road.

#### **Priority Services Register**

It was noted that vulnerable residents can sign up to the register and be given assistance in a power cut.

It was agreed investigate this further and how it can be promoted.

#### Street Angels

It was discussed that physical volunteers were also needed and that it would be ideal to have a coordinator in each area/street.

#### **Emergencies**

The group discussed what emergencies or incidents would be included in the scheme.

- Flooding
- No water supply X hours
- No electricity supply X hours
- Fallen trees
- Significant damage to property (not fire)

It was agreed to establish useful contact numbers for councillors e.g., people who could remove trees or provide a service.

## Sandbags & Flooding

It was agreed to contact Mark Ravenscroft to seek advice about the distribution of sandbags etc.

### **Emergency Venue**

It was agreed the Community Centre and Chapel would make good venues in an emergency. It was agreed to contact Tony Yeates to ask him to find out more about the cost of installing a generator at the Centre for use during power cuts.

It was agreed to contact Lindsay Burgess regarding creating an emergency plan and what assistance and advice she can provide.

It was also agreed to create a WhatsApp group for use in incidents/emergencies.

# **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - 11am virtually Via Zoom.

Ann Wright 18 January 2022