

**MINUTES OF TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022 AT TARPORLEY CHAPEL.**

Present

Chairman – Cllr Gordon Pearson

Cllr Gill Clough

Cllr Andy Hallows

Cllr Jarina Khan

Cllr Danny Lloyd

Cllr Lisa Miller

Cllr John Millington

Cllr Andrew Wallace

Clerk Ann Wright

Deputy Clerk Abigail Webb

Other

CW&C Cllr Eveleigh Moore Dutton.

Public – 4

1. Chairman

Resolved 22/101 – That the Council appoint Cllr Gordon Pearson as Chairman for the Council year 2022-2023.

2. Vice Chairman

Resolved 22/102 – That the Council appoint Cllr Gordon Pearson as Chairman for the Council year 2022-2023.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Catherine Helm – Family commitment

Cllr Mark Ravenscroft – Family commitment

Cllr Peter Tavernor - Unwell

Cllr Nigel Taylor – Family commitment

4. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

5. Presentation CB Homes

Nathan Booth of CB Homes gave a presentation on application 22/00814/FUL, refurbishment of former Blaggs Shop.

CB Homes is a local family company which has been in operation for 40 years and works predominately in the CW&C area. They develop sites of between 2 and 20 homes and also work on self-build projects. They currently have a contract in place to obtain 75 High Street based on planning permission being granted.

They plan to retain the shop and believe the High Street can be vibrant and successful, they have undertaken a survey which received 600 responses asking what the shop should be, by far the most requests were for a butchers (50%) followed by gourmet takeaway, bar, or deli.

Highways & Parking

The proposal includes 3 parking spaces which it is recognised is below the criteria included in the CW&C parking policy guidance however it is believed there are special circumstances which make this acceptable including:

The central location of the site in the village with good public transport links.

CW&C parking guidance gives concessions for bringing listed and protected buildings back into use.

It was noted that the majority of shops on the High Street do not offer staff or customer parking.

The existing 3 bed flat is proposed to be replaced by 2, 1 bed studio flats which are more likely to attract tenants with no vehicles. Plus research shows 90% of flats on the High Street do not offer parking.

Plot 1 will have 2 parking spaces, Plot 2, 1 parking space accessed off Park Road.

It was suggested that families with a number of vehicles are unlikely to occupy these properties. There has already been a lot of interest in them from retired couples looking to downsize in the village.

Summary

CW&C are more flexible on parking where listed buildings are concerned and has contacted the property owner regarding bring the building back into use as soon as possible.

The property which is large commercial could be used for more intensive uses with more vehicle movements without the need for planning permission.

6. Public Participation

Tarporley Community Centre Report

It was reported that Tarporley Community Centre are still investigating obtaining a generator for use during power cuts.

It was reported that the Community Centre had obtained legal advice that rather than agreeing a lease and agreement should be drawn up that a lease will be agreed once the design is agreed and land to be included is finalised.

7. Planning

1) Planning Register

The planning register was approved as circulated.

22/00814/FUL - Refurbishment of existing listed shop (with new shop window), refurbishment of existing listed apartment above to create 2 studio apartments & refurbishment of rear storage outbuildings to create 2 dwellings with associated parking – 75 High Street, Tarporley, CW6 0AB.

Resolved 22/103 – That the Council submit:

Objection due to the lack of adequate parking for the residential properties proposed which is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan.

22/00098/FUL - Mixed caravan & camping site to include pods, tents, mobile caravans with 2 no. toilet/shower blocks, bio disc sewerage treatment plant & new vehicle access - Quarryfields Camping, Rode Street, Tarporley, CW6 0EF.

Resolved 22/104– That the Council submit:

The council wished to highlight the following concerns:

Highways Safety

The Council has serious concerns regarding the safety of the access and exit from the proposed site, particularly the visibility of the entrance/exit and the speed of vehicles on the highway in that location where slow vehicles including those towing caravans will be pulling out.

The Council objects to this application if CW&C Highways officers are not consulted and are unable to give careful consideration to this matter.

Visual Amenity

The Council has concerns of the impact on visual amenity of the proposed site on the top of the quarry site which will impact views from the Sandstone Ridge. The Council asks consideration is given to the planting trees to screen the impact and that this site can be limited to use during the summer when trees etc. are in leaf.

Holiday Use only

The Council requests that conditions are imposed that caravans/tents are for holiday use only and that the applicant maintains an up to date register of those staying on the site.

22/01039/FUL – Single storey rear extension, flue to side – 39 Oswalds Way, Tarporley, CW6 0GF.

Resolved 22/105 – That the Council submit:

No objection.

2) Applications received since publication of agenda

22/01248/FUL – Two storey rear extension – Glenholme, 7 Nantwich Road, Tarporley, CW6 9UN.

Resolved 22/106 – That the Council submit:

No Objection.

3) Lead Planners

The following lead planners were noted:

Until 13th June – Cllrs Gill Clough, Lisa Miller & Andrew Wallace.

Until 11th July – Cllrs Andy Hallows, Danny Lloyd & Peter Tavernor.

8. Minutes

Resolved 22/107 – That the Council approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 14th March 2022 as a true and proper record.

9. Minutes of Working Groups and Other Meetings

The Council noted the notes of working groups and other meetings, from page 157 of the minutes.

10. Council Dates & Rotas 2022-2023

Resolved 22/108 – That the Council approve the rota and meetings dates as on page 178 of the minutes including surgeries.

It was agreed to invoice PC Gilchrest and PCSO Ferreira to attend the surgeries.

11. Committees & Working Groups inc. Outside Bodies

Resolved 22/109 – That the Council approve the below committees and working groups and their membership, and that Cllrs Lloyd and Khan review the groups and advise which they wish to join.

Committees	Membership
Cemetery Committee	Catherine Helm, John Millington , Peter Tavernor, Andrew Wallace.
Staffing Committee	Gill Clough, Andy Hallows, Peter Tavernor
Working Groups	Membership

Branding Working Group	Catherine Helm, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft, Nigel Taylor.
Brook Road Working Group	Andy Hallows, John Millington, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft, Andrew Wallace.
Christmas Festival Working Group	All Councillors 2 Business Representatives
Assets Integrity & Maintenance Working Group	Andy Hallows, Catherine Helm, Lisa Miller, John Millington, Mark Ravenscroft, Peter Tavernor, Nigel Taylor, Andrew Wallace.
Neighbourhood Plan (Review) Working Group	Nigel Taylor, Gordon Pearson, Peter Tavernor Michael George.
Play Area Development Group	Tarporley Parish Council – Lisa Miller, Andy Hallows, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft . Tarporley Community Centre - Linda Martin, Tony Yeates. Members of the Public – Mike Atkin, Neil Roberts. Administration – Clerk & Deputy Clerk.
Poppy Lane Working Group (Former RBL)	Gill Clough, Gordon Pearson, Peter Tavernor
Public Rights of Way Working Group	Catherine Helm, Mark Ravenscroft, Peter Tavernor, Andrew Wallace, David Press
Strategy Working Group	John Millington, Gordon Pearson, Peter Tavernor, Nigel Taylor.
Traffic & Parking Working Group	Gill Clough, Andy Hallows, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft, Nigel Taylor.
Website & LCAS Working Group	Gordon Pearson & Nigel Taylor

2. Rowecliffe Homes

Resolved 22/110 – That the Council agree Cllr Clough attend Rowecliffe Homes Trust but not as a Trustee.

12. Annual Report

Resolved 22/111 – That the Council delegates authority the Clerk to approve the Annual Report including the Chairman's report in email consultation with Councillors to be distributed the end of June/July.

13. Standing Orders & Policies

1) Code of Conduct

Resolved 22/112 – That the Council adopt the CW&C revised Code of Conduct.

2) Standing Orders & Policies

Resolved 22/113 – That the Council approve the Council standing orders and policies without change except for the Planning Standing Orders and Protocol

Resolved 22/114 – That the Council approve the following amendments to the Planning Standing Orders and Protocol:

That all planning applications be published on the Council's social media.

That all applications with a village wide impact will be advertised by a flier to every home including applications for 20 or more dwellings.

14. Parish Council Facebook Page

Resolved 22/115 – That the Council establish a Council Facebook page to be administered by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

15. Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2021-2022

It was noted the council's accounts have been converted to income and expenditure due to the Councils income/expenditure exceeding £20k for three years.

1) Audit information inc. bank reconciliation, variances, and asset register

Resolved 22/116 – That the Council agreed the audit information as circulated, pages 10 to 15 of the Cash Book.

2) Report of Internal Auditor

Resolved 22/117 – That the Council agreed the internal audit report as circulated, page 16 of the Cash Book.

3) Governance Statement (Section 1) 2021-2022

Resolved 22/118 – That the Council answer YES to questions 1 to 8, noting question 9 is not applicable, of the Governance Statement as circulated, page 17 of the Cash Book.

4) Accounting Statement (Section 2)

Resolved 22/119 – That the Council agreed the accounting statement as circulated, page 18 of the cash Book.

16. Parking Strategy

It was noted that CW&C had confirmed that they plan to undertake a review of the Parking Strategy for Tarporley during this financial year.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the officer to state that the Parish Council wishes to be fully involved in the strategy particularly in the scoping of the work before commissioning takes place and that CW&C Cllr Moore Dutton be included in this correspondence.

It was noted that previous strategies have been flawed by surveys taking place during school holidays or when the majority of shops have been closed e.g. on a Monday.

It was agreed that it was not a suitable time to undertake a parking survey at present as businesses are still in a state of flux from the pandemic.

17. S106 Arts Project

Resolved 22/120 – That the Council confirm the appointment of Martin Smith to create the main piece of art for the Public Arts Project.

18. High Street Pavement

It was noted that a meeting has been arranged with Highway officers to identify the 3 worst sections of the pavement on the High Street for costings to be obtained for the Parish Council to discuss funding the repairs.

19. Accounts & Payments

1) Accounts & Payments

Resolved 22/121 – That the Council approve the accounts and payments and bank reconciliation as on page 019 of the cash book including the below payments and additional invoices received since publication of the agenda:

E. Ackerley	Woodlands Grant Payment	102.48
E. Ackerley	Woodlands grant Final Payment	61.05
Beechwood Industries	Brook Rd Grounds Maintenance	810.49
Gaskells	Cemetery & Brook Road Bins	149.64
A. Webb	Salary	765.76
A. Wright	Salary	785.80
HMRC	N/I Paye	236.20
A. Wright	Reim. Phone & Land Registry Search	26.00
P J H Outdoor Solutions	Cemetery Maintenance	216.00
P J H Outdoor Solutions	Car Park & Pavement Gritting	414.00
J. Blackford	Cemetery & Grave Marking	190.00
Business Print & Design	Bin Stickers	46.80
C. Helm	Reim. Compost	15.98
CW&C	Rates - Storage Building	374.25
Nest	Contribution	154.27
L. Miller	REIM: Eggs	48.75
Peak	Final Payment - Climbing Wall	342.00
EDF	Storage building power	18.00
L. Miller	Reim - Tables	69.98
NatWest	Bank Charge	8.05
L. Miller	Reim. - Tables	69.98
L. Miller	Reim- Plants	117.92
Royal British Legion Industries Ltd	Bunting	190.54
Peak	Climbing Wall - Final Payment	342.00
Accounts Centre	Payroll	24.00
Play Inspection Company	Play area inspections	132.00
Beechwood Industries	Brook Rd Pitch Maintenance	7224.00
Royal British Legion Industries Ltd	Bunting	190.54
UHY Hacker Young	Internal Audit 2021-2022	240.00

Resolved 22/122 – That the Council confirm agree membership of the Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management £95 and the Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society £8.

2) Payments

Resolved 22/123 – That the Council delegate authority to the Clerk to make necessary payments between meetings on approve of invoices by a minimum of 2 cheque signatories.

3) HR Contract

Resolved 22/124 – That the Council do not continue/renew the HR Contract

4) Primary School Signs

Resolved 22/125 – That the Council approved a budget of up to £500 to purchase warning signs for the primary school if requested.

5) Additional Grounds Maintenance

Resolved 22/126 – That the Council agreed additional works at Poppy Lane Car Park and Burton Square at a cost of £692 + vat.

Meeting closed: 8.56pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Ann Wright 15-03-2022

Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting:
Monday 11th July 2022 - 7pm
Craven Room, Tarporley Community Centre.

Tarporley Parish Council Minute Book
Committees, Working Groups and Other Meetings
Presented at the May 2022 Meeting

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Notes of Meeting with CWAC Highways Regarding Traffic Speeds Outside Brook Road Playing Field Pedestrian Entrance

Tuesday 22nd February at 10:15am, on Brook Road

Present:

Ian Lovatt – CWAC Highways

Lisa Miller, John Millington – Tarporley Parish Council

Purpose of Meeting:

To explore options for controlling traffic speeds outside the Brook Road Playing Field pedestrian entrance following concerns raised by residents.

Notes:

Ian Lovatt stated that Brook Road could be reassessed for a 20mph speed limit. The reassessment is free, but if this recommends a speed limit reduction TPC would have to be obliged to cover 50% of the cost of the work to introduce this (the cost could be c.£1,500).

Ian Lovatt offered to install children crossing signs with the word 'Playground' underneath on existing lampposts either side of the entrance. As there are only lampposts on the western (pavement) side of Brook Road, both signs would be on this side, with one facing in each direction. These were offered free of charge, so TPC asked Ian to implement this ASAP. This will take approximately 3 months.



Painting the children crossing symbol on the road could be considered and would have a cost similar to that of the speed limit roundels recently agreed for the High Street. TPC would have to fully fund these.

A zebra crossing would cost approximately £12,000 and would have to be fully funded by TPC.

Ian Lovatt stated that a narrowing of the road with a chicane to slow traffic and create a crossing point was not a technique that was currently recommended. He stated that these measures can lead to head on collisions as people race to get through.



Speed sensing light up speed limit signs are expensive at approximately £7,000 each.

Ian Lovatt noted that there was no drop kerb opposite the pedestrian entrance. Although there is a drop kerb offset slightly to the right to give access to a residential drive (which can be used for pushchairs, wheelchairs and children's bikes crossing onto the pavement), Ian noted that a blind person would expect the drop kerb to be directly opposite. Ian stated that the cost of introducing a drop kerb would be approximately £800, but he would see if he could get this done by Highways.

Notes by John Millington

Jubilee Meeting

Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church - 14th March 2022

Present:

Tarporley Parish Council – Gordon Pearson, Gill Clough, Catherine Helm, Lisa Miller, Mark Ravenscroft, Peter Tavernor, Nigel Taylor, Abbie Webb (Deputy Clerk), Ann Wright (Clerk).

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss the Tarporley Big Camp Out Planning Document

Booking Form and rules and regulations

A separate task and finish group will look at the booking form and rules and regulations document. A meeting to be arranged for the 5th April 2022

Actions - Abbie to create booking form, poster and draft rules and regulations to circulate to the working group.

Arrival at the event

It was suggested that campers should be allocated a time slot (10am-11am or 11am-12pm) to help reduce the amount of cars in and around Brook Road Playing Field.

Entertainment

Climbing wall, circus skills, storytelling, den building, face painting and silver band have all been booked for the event. A craft table and garden games will also be available at the event.

Food / Drink

Danny will bring the smoker. Maximillian will bring their pizza van. Other eateries along the High Street will be contacted to see if they would like to provide a Jubilee 'special deal' that can be delivered to the event.

Actions - Abbie to speak to Latte Da, kebab shop and Rasoi.

The Girl Guides will be there with a tuck shop with drinks and snacks throughout the day.

Actions - Abbie to find an ice cream van/stall for the event.

Actions - Andrew to ask Rotary if they can provide a hot breakfast for the morning.

Decorate the High Street

Bunting to go up early on the High Street by Rotary. Do we want extra bunting to go on railing or by Burton Square/Chestnut Tree/Latte Da area?

Jubilee lamppost signs has been ordered.

Lamppost planters need to be in place before the 2nd June.

Actions - Abbie to speak to Walkers Nursery re: flowers.

Next Meeting

5th April 2022 at 630pm via zoom

Abigail Webb
17th March 2022

Notes of informal meeting regarding hiring rates for Brook Road Playing Fields.

16th March 2022, held virtually via Zoom.

Present:

Tarporley Parish Council – John Millington, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft, Ann Wright (Clerk).

Tarporley Victoria Junior Football Club (TVJFC) – Lisa Hazeldine, Matt Hazeldine, Gavin Nicholson.

Purpose of meeting: To discuss hiring rates for Brook Road Playing Fields.

It was reported that since the last meeting the Tarvin based under 17s team have joined the Vics and that 2 under 12s teams will be playing on Sundays next season as such there is a need to review the charges for next season.

It was noted next season the Vic's will be playing 5 matches on a Saturday, 3 on a Sunday, although not all these matches will be at home.

Training runs from the September until the end of April/May, from October until the end of March is held under lights, the remaining months will be held on Brook Road.

Saturday matches are played in morning up until 1pm, Sunday matches are played from 11am until 3pm.

It was noted that there are no matches or training during school holidays including half term breaks.

Concern was raised by representatives of the Vics that the previously discussed charges based on full use of both pitches between 9 and 1 on a Saturday did not take account of times when the pitches are not in use. It was discussed that the charges also need to take account of the exclusive use of the pitches by the Vics.

It was agreed the best way forward is to review the charges for the next Season then discount those to cover this Season.

It had been suggested at the last meeting that the charge for this season would be £4500 if the pitch is available until the end of the Season or £4250 if it is only available until the end of March.

Work to Pitches

It was noted the following works have now been agreed to be carried out on the pitches, herbicide treatment, top dressing, fertilizing and over seeding and some verti-drainage works.

It was reported that since the last meeting one of the matches has been postponed until the 23rd April.

It was noted that as the pitch is still new and being established more work is required this year than it is hoped will be required in the future, the works have been scheduled to avoid hot weather and allow the Jubilee celebrations to be held on the field at the beginning of June.

It was agreed training and matches can be switched to away matches or played on the Community Centre Field in April when works are being undertaken.

Gavin Nicholson presented figures based on the Vic's pitch usage which suggested a charge of £2480 for this season and £4650 for next season, these figures will be forwarded for the Councillors to consider.

It was noted the Vic's are conscious of the need to keep costs down for members and as a newly established team their subs are higher than more established teams and they do not

want membership to be for an elite few. The club uses sponsorship to cover the cost of kits and does fundraising for balls and equipment while subs pay for pitch hire.

Councillors noted that the cost of maintaining both pitches is approximately £8000 per year and that does not include the additional pitch improvement works which are due to be undertaken. The Council does not anticipate covering all of the cost of the maintenance through pitch hire.

Also, as the facility is a community facility it would be unreasonable to expect teams to cover the cost of community use of Brook Road.

It was confirmed the Council needs to know the dates and times of when the pitches will be in use for matches and training.

It is important that it is clear when the pitches will be being played so it can be established when the field will be available for community use.

It was noted that VAT does not need to be charged if the pitch is booked as a block booking and that the Council supported the idea of creating a licence for the bookings which is VAT exempt.

It was noted that block booking of the pitches will provide the Vic's with flexibility around use of the pitches.

It was noted any additional pitch use over the summer could be done as ad hoc bookings.

It was suggested Sunday matches could be held between 12 and 3 reducing the time Brook Road is dedicated to football and allowing more community time.

Future Development

It was noted that a future phase of Brook Road's development includes the creation of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). The delivery of this will be determined by funding, currently the Council's priority is refurbishing of the play area at the rear of the Community Centre which may include a small MUGA.

Funding

It was noted that the Vic's may be able to help obtain funding through the Football Foundation who offer various funds.

Next Steps

Councillors to review figures and information once provided, including dates and times of pitch use for 2022-2023 season.

Next Meeting

Wednesday TBC 7.30pm via Zoom.

Public Art Meeting

28th March 2022 at 630pm via Zoom

Tarporley Parish Council – Gill Clough, Catherine Helm, Lisa Miller, Gordon Pearson, Mark Ravenscroft, Peter Tavernor, Nigel Taylor, Abbie Webb (Deputy Clerk)

Cathy Newbury - Public Art Consultant

Trish Evans and Nick Humphreys - INSTAR

Apologies - Andrew Wallace

Purpose of Meeting: To share the theme with the wider Parish Council and to confirm the locations of the artwork.

Presentation

Trish talked through the presentation that had previously been given to the working group. Having spoken to different people/community groups, it was felt that an art trail in the village would be the best option and the theme of the trail would be a fox. Foxes are featured heavily in literature, film, print and folklore. The fox is iconic in shape and colour and this can be used to the advantage of the artists that will be commissioned.

The artwork can be in several forms such as steel, tapestry, graphics, glass or mosaic. The fox inspired art can either be in its literal form or more of an abstract perspective.

Locations

The central commission will be located outside St Helen's Church and will cost approximately £10,000. Martin Smith (kinetic artist) has visited the village and already has some ideas on what the piece of art might look like in this area.

There will be a commissioned piece of art to go onto the roof top of Number 32 (permission being sought) as this is a prominent wall when walking along the High Street.

A manhole cover outside Ginger and Pickles will also have a decorative fox themed artwork to replace the existing cover.

One of the hanging brackets attached to the shops along the High Street will be a commissioned piece of fox themed art (to be decided).

Two way markers at either end of the village will also be commissioned (way marker by the new daffodil development and the marker close to Lychgate Lane).

Theme

There was a slight initial concern with regards to the theme but once Trish has explained the strong links to the countryside and the environment as well as the arts, it was agreed by the Councillors who were at the meeting to proceed with this theme and the locations. A copy of the presentation will be made available with a voice over, talking through it so that the Councillors who did not attend the meeting can watch it. A formal decision will need to be made at the next Parish Council meeting in May.

Next Steps

Action – Trish will send a copy of the presentation to share with the rest of the Council and put it on the website / Facebook. It was decided that when Martin Smith has some draft designs, this would be a good time to publicise the project.

Action – Trish will send contract to Martin Smith to sign and return to Ann.

Action – Cathy has started a Q&A document to help explain the project to local businesses and community groups. Councillors and INSTAR to look at this and add any comments.

Next Meeting

5th May at 6.30pm

Notes written by Abigail Webb

**Jubilee Meeting via zoom
5th April 2022**

Present:

Tarporley Parish Council – Gordon Pearson, Gill Clough, Lisa Miller, John Millington, Mark Ravenscroft, Peter Tavernor, Nigel Taylor, Abbie Webb (Deputy Clerk), Ann Wright (Clerk).
Apologies - Andy Hallows, Catherine Helm

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss the Tarporley Street Party and the booking form process.

Funding

The Parish Council awards grants every year to community groups of up to £500.
A request for financial support towards a Jubilee Street Party has been received by the Parish Council. The working group proposed that a contribution of £500 was given to the Jubilee Street Party on the conditions that
Cheshire West and Chester Council approves the event.
Receipts are provided to Tarporley Parish Council.
Insurance is taken out to cover the event.
Tarporley Parish Council is not responsible for this event.
This recommendation will be taken to the full Council to approve at the next meeting.

Booking Form

After a discussion it was suggested that along with basic personal information such as name, address and email, other information required should be names and ages of children camping, size of tent and parking requirements.
A poster of the event will be created for Facebook and a list of rules and regulations will be circulated and sent to everyone who books a camping place.

Actions - Abbie to create booking form, poster and draft rules and regulations to circulate to the working group.

Next Meeting

TBC

Abigail Webb
7th April 2022

**NOTES OF TARPORLEY PARISH COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022 VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM.**

Present

Chairman – Gordon Pearson

Gill Clough	Andy Hallows	Catherine Helm	Jarina Khan
Danny Lloyd	Lisa Miller	John Millington	Mark Ravenscroft
Peter Tavernor	Nigel Taylor	Andrew Wallace	

Clerk Ann Wright
Deputy Clerk Abigail Webb

Land at front of Latte Da & Other Shops

It was reported the new owner of the shops including Latte da had approached the Chairman about this area being improved by the community with more planting to make the area more attractive. The owner had stated that they would be willing to cover the costs of the project.

It was noted that some recycled plastic planters have been identified which could be used. It was suggested that it would be good to improve the surface to make it better for events and that it would be helpful to have fixed water and power supply.

It was suggested the work could be linked with being the Heart of the Sandstone Ridge.

It was noted that the view through to the shops must not be obscured.

It was agreed the Chairman would contact the landowner and that the following working group would develop a scheme, Councillors Clough, Helm, Lloyd, Miller and Taylor.

Planning

It was agreed the Clerk under delegated authority would submit the following planning observations:

22/00773/FUL – Brook Cottage

No objection

22/00863/FUL – North Lodge

No objection

22/00920/FUL – Wastewater Treatment Works

No objections.

Jubilee

It was agreed the Council would provide a donation of £1500 towards the High Street Jubilee celebrations on proof of CW&C approving the event including the road closure and presentation of receipts to the value of £1500.

It was confirmed the council it is unable to provide administrative support to create risk assessments or cover through the Council's insurance policy.

It was highlighted that a number of Councillors will not be in the village and does not have the resources to take an active role in the event particularly as it has its own event arranged on the Saturday night.

Annual Report

It was agreed that councillors would write articles for the Annual Report to be circulated in June and include information about the S106 Arts Project to be produced by Instar.

Noticeboard

It was agreed put a hold on any works to the public noticeboard until it is clear how the public art project will impact that area.

Dog Fouling

It was agreed to look at putting up signs in dog fouling hot spot areas created by children.

Bike Racks

It was noted that a resident had contacted the Council look at installing more bike racks in the village and that the CW&C highways department had stated they had some racks which the Parish Council could utilise.

It was agreed the Clerk would find out more information about the available bike racks.

Street Name Plate

Councillors confirmed they would not offer funding for the replacement street name plate.

High Street Pavement – Trips & Falls

It was noted the Council has received a number of reports about trips and falls on the High Street, it was agreed this should be raised with CW&C Highways and also Cllr Moore Dutton and an indicative cost for undertaking repairs of the worst areas be requested.

Ann Wright 12-04-2022

Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting:
Monday 9th May 2022 - 7pm
Craven Room, Tarporley Community Centre.

Notes of Neighbourhood Plan and Design Code Meeting
12th April 2022 - Conducted via Zoom.

Present:

Tarporley Neighbourhood Plan Review: Michael George, Catherine Helm, Gordon Pearson (Chairman), Peter Tavernor, Nigel Taylor, Ann Wright (Clerk).

Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Review: Iain Keeping.

Cheshire West & Chester – Emma Jones, Catherine Morgetroyd.

Purpose of meeting: To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan Review & Design Code.

It was noted that Emma Jones is a senior planning officer at CW&C and will be the contact for Tarporley's Neighbourhood Plan. Catherine Morgetroyd confirmed she was attending the meeting due to her interest in the Design Code process.

It was noted that work on the reviewing the neighbourhood plan had been put on hold while work on the Design Code took place.

Design Code

Concern was raised regarding the depth and quality of the Design Code noting at this stage the Group had not received the full document.

It was noted that Design Codes are still very new as such not all Neighbourhood Plans have Codes although a lot had Village Design Statements (VDS).

It was noted only the initial baseline assessment which had been High Street focused had been received to date. The group had recognised any further development, residential or commercial, will be influenced by the various developments away from the High Street all of which are quite distinct.

The Group had submitted photographs to Aecom as the funding had not allowed for a second visit to Tarporley.

It was understood the Parish Council could not add additional funding to the package. It is not clear if the Group can take the document produced and add our own sections. There was concern that once the document had been completed by Aecom the Group may be forced to accept it and it would become an official part of planning policy even if the Group/Council is not happy with it.

Actions - It was agreed to ask Aecom if the group can amend and add additional information to the document and to what extent Aecom owns the copyright.

It was agreed the matter should be addressed in two ways – firstly what the Group can do to improve the Design Code and secondly if the support package can be increased.

It was discussed if the deficiencies in the Code could be addressed by the Plan itself although it was through this would be messy and confusing.

It was noted that that CW&C will have to produce a Design Code for the Borough and more information about this is expected to be available in the next few months which will be shared.

NPPF Update

It was asked what impact the NPPF 2021 updates had had on the CW&C Local Plans.

It was noted that CW&C have undertaken a 'conversation' regarding the future of the Local Plans and a report is due to go to Cabinet in April.

It was confirmed there are no imminent proposed changes to the Local Plans which would impact Neighbourhood Plan reviews.

Parking Strategy

It was asked if there had been any changes to the CW&C Parking Strategy as this could influence what work the Group undertakes in Tarporley particularly around provision of additional parking.

It was noted the parking SPD¹ was revised in February 2022 which provides planning guidance on the acceptable level of parking at new builds.

It was noted the wider parking strategy is under the remit of the Transport Team.

It discussed that the parking strategy may be influenced by the climate emergency.

CW&C Policy Advice

It was asked if CW&C could provide any advice or policy recommendations which should be considered as part of the Plan review.

It was noted sustainability is a key feature of policy with more detailed policies coming forward about new homes standards and energy production and these have been picked up in the Upton Neighbourhood Plan. It was suggested the Centre for Sustainable Energy may be able to offer some assistance.

Accessible and adaptable dwellings policies are coming forward evidenced on population statistics showing aging populations. It was noted this is easier to evidence at Neighbourhood Plan level as more detailed population statistics can be collected than at CW&C level.

High level census findings are expected in the next couple of months with full details being published next year.

Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Review

Iain Keeping reported that Tattenhall has a detailed VDS and this is now being crossed reference against the Design Code.

He confirmed Tattenhall are not planning to make significant changes to the Neighbourhood Plan.

He reported that having studied the National Model Design Code it is clear the document is aimed at larger towns and cities with rural areas being seen as having one character area.

The Chairman thanked all the attending the meeting.

Action – it was agreed the Group were happy with the views as they are.

Action – it was agreed to ask if policies can be duplicated in the Plan from the Design Code.

Ann Wright 20 04 2022.

¹ Revised Parking Standards SPD – Updated February 2022
<https://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/kse/event/36566>

Additional Information (provided by Emma Jones)

- Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan (Part Two) has been adopted - <https://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/kse/event/34617/section/5428432>
This plan, along with the Local Plan (Part One) supersedes the Vale Royal Local Plan and as such references to this plan should be updated. The Local Plan (Part Two) Appendix B is a useful matrix to explain what has happened with a policy i.e. what policy has been replaced by the new plans
- The Local Plan (Part Two) is supported by a number of evidence base documents, some of which may have been published after you made the plan. Therefore, it might be useful to have a look through the examination library as there may be evidence that could be useful for your Neighbourhood Plan - https://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/portal/cwc_ldf/cw_lp_part_two/evidence_base/ev_docs
- Cheshire West and Chester Council have adopted some Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). These add further detail to the policies within the Local Plans. The ones that you might be interested in are:
 - House Extensions SPD - <https://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/kse/event/36566>
 - Revised Parking Standards SPD - https://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/portal/cwc_ldf/spd/residential_extensions_spd
 - Travel Planning Guidance SPD - https://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/portal/cwc_ldf/spd/travel_spd?tab=files
- The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has been updated several times, with the latest version in July 2021, therefore any reference to the 2012 NPPF will need to be updated - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005759/NPPF_July_2021.pdf
- The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) is a live document that continuously changes, with the last update in June 2021. There are a number of topics and it supports the NPPF – <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-model-design-code>
- The General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) was updated in June 2020. This made changes to the use class order, introducing class E for most main town centre uses and allows more development to be undertaken through permitted development (without the need for planning permission). The amendments made to the order can be read through the link, but it might be a hard read. If you have any questions, I am happy to answer them
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/632/contents/made>

- This came up at the meeting, that the Government have published two documents to assist with design in the planning system. These reflect the increasing importance of design in planning that is set out in the NPPF
 - National Design Guide - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-design-guide>
 - National Model Design Code - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-model-design-code>
- The Council, in 2019, declared a climate emergency and since then have a dedicated team to work on the task of achieving net zero by 2045. There have been a few reports that have been published in how this can be done and the website is a good place to understand the work that has taken place so far - <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-committees/the-climate-emergency/the-climate-emergency.aspx>

Design code examples

The AECOM one for Alderley Edge is quite good and is available at appendix 5 of the NP at: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-a-f/alderley-edge-neighbourhood-plan.aspx> The AECOM one for Bewdley (<https://bewdleytowncouncil.org/shared-files/3090/Bewdley-Design-Code-Final-Report.pdf>) seems ok too and I like the fact it includes character areas for the land around the settlement too.

Little Bollington Design Guide seems good, but has quite a different layout and approach as it is prepared by Urban Imprint. A copy is attached and it has quite a different approach, which seems more architecture based and gives quite a bit of locally specific guidance and information. The Wickersley Design Code has been prepared by Integreat Plus and shows a different approach. It can be viewed at: <https://rotherham-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/event/36428> I think the first part of it is too general and could apply anywhere, but the later part gives more useful local information. It is really up to the NP group to decide what type of design guide or code you think is most suitable for your area.

I have found this recently, a made neighbourhood plan that was a finalist at the Urban Design Awards 2021 - <https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Documents/09-Planning--Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Neighbourhood-planning/The-Shenley-Plan-2019-2036-Adopted-2021.pdf> They are in a similar position as a rural village. I am not suggesting that you produce anything as detailed and in depth as this, I think they must have had some one with an urban design background. The Examiner even expressed that in areas the design code is too prescriptive and goes beyond national and local policy. However, it is a good example, I think, in what a Neighbourhood Plan can do in terms of design.

Notes of meeting of Public Rights of Way (PROW) Working Group 20th April 2020, held virtually via Zoom

Present:

Catherine Helm David Press Peter Tavernor Andrew Wallace
Ann Wright (Clerk).
Public – David Morton.
Apologies – Mark Ravenscroft

Purpose of meeting: To review recommendations of Footpaths Report 2022

1) Welcome & Appointment of Chairman

Cllr Andrew Wallace was appointed chairman.

2) Public Participation

FP 13

Mr Morton had provided a report regarding FP 13 (attached) which he asked the working group to consider he recognised that works can be expensive but asked that group to first consider supporting the works in principle. He noted the footpath provides a route from the village connecting the new permissive footpath at the Portal which is being well used and is greatly appreciated.

He reported at certain times of the year the path is treacherous and if it had a surface which was suitable all year round the route would be very well used as a commuting route as well as for leisure and health and well-being.

Portal Footpath

It was raised that the PROW which runs across the fairway has been incorrectly signed as a permissive path.

3) Footpath Report

It was confirmed the PROW across the fairway does not go in a straight line but weaves around the pergola as such a direct permissive route has been signed rather than signing the PROW, it was noted a PROW yellow disc has now been installed but this only signs to the pergola and not beyond as such it may be better if this removed.

It was noted the new noticeboards have not yet been installed, it was confirmed Mr Press is continuing pressure the Portal to get these erected. It was suggested as well as the text explaining the permissive routes that they include a sign showing that dogs must be kept on leads.

It was noted that RB9 was currently obstructed by branches lying in the path which forces walkers to walk in the muddy area. It was agreed the Clerk would report this to CW&C².

The working group agreed the recommendations of the Report.

It was suggested if CW&C are no longer undertaking footpath diversions the Parish Council should consider if they can adopt the power to undertake a diversion

It was noted a request had been made in 2021 for a bin at the junction of FP6 which had been refused by CW&C – it was agreed the Clerk should request the bin again.

It was discussed that the walks would be best added to the new Tarporley website which has been constructed. It was agreed Mr Press which provide information to populate a section on footpaths.

² Reported 21/04/2022 reference GS416977124

FP13

It was noted the Parish Council had agreed policy that paths which connect urban parts of Tarporley should be accessible in town shoes, whereas those linking to the countryside should be walkable in boots. It was noted that this path could be described as both urban and rural. Concern was voiced that given the length of the path and also the fact it would need to be edged works could be expensive.

It was believed that CW&C would not see the route as a health and safety issue and would therefore not take action although the officer may assist in providing a specification for a suitable path.

It was agreed the first step would be to see if CW&C will take action, the next step will be to contact the landowner and see if they would give permission for the works, if granted then a costing can be established for the works and funding sought.

Mr Morton agreed that he would look to see if there are grants available for such works.

FP11

It was noted works had not progressed on the surface of FP11. The landowner who had agreed to undertake works to the drains has stated they will not undertake these works until United Utilities have addressed the water leaking onto the land from the reservoir.

It was agreed the Clerk would contact the landowner to see who the contact is at UU who the PC can write to requesting the matter be resolved.

FP12

It was noted works are still outstanding on FP12, it was agreed to undertake these after the Jubilee.

4) Footpath Volunteers

It was agreed to look at developing a team of footpath volunteers once the footpath information is on the website, volunteers will also be required to assist with PF12.

Ann Wright
21-04-22

Representation to the Tarporley Rights of Way Working Group: Footpath 13

My name is David Morton and my wife Pippa and I moved to Tarporley in February 2021.

We live in Garden Cottage off Cobblers Cross Lane adjacent FP22 where it joins the golf course.

The purpose of this representation is to ask the Rights of Way Working Group to give further consideration to improving the surfacing of Footpath 13 from Park Road to Cobblers Cross Lane to make it suitable for year round use.

Background

One of the things we love about our location is that we can walk in to the centre of the village along FP13.

Over the last year from our own observations we have seen how well used this footpath is, but that it does become extremely muddy when wet making it very difficult to use. David Press states in his annual report: *"This is a very well used path and in good order, although it gets very muddy after rain."*

This statement is broadly correct, but I would want to add the words ***"and in these conditions, which can last for several months over the winter, it can become almost impassable."***

In November 2021 I wrote to the Parish Council about this path, asking for consideration to be given to providing surfacing suitable for year round use (see copy below). In December I received this reply:

The working group have looked at the request and given the cost of surfacing the path based on recent works undertaken would be over £4k and its usage surfacing it is not a priority.

The response was obviously disappointing but I am pleased now to have the opportunity to make representation to the Working Group to set out the arguments in favour of my proposal:

- Although it passes through countryside, the footpath is an important village facility linking both residential properties and important local amenities at either end including the golf course which is widely used for exercise and recreation.
- As such it is both a leisure walking route and a means of pedestrian access to local amenities. Thus it is not simply a rural footpath used purely for leisure and should be regarded as a village footpath
- As the annual report states, it is well used but becomes extremely muddy after rain. This can make it very challenging to negotiate (even dangerous because it is so slippery) even if wearing walking boots. In places it is quite narrow and on a slope towards the farmers field adding to the difficulties/dangers.
- Whilst it is normal and acceptable for rural footpaths to become muddy (and walkers will expect to have to wear appropriate footwear), as already stated, FP 13 is not simply a rural footpath but should be regarded as a village footpath providing pedestrian access to amenities.
- Although I have no data, colloquially I am confident the condition of the path when wet and muddy deters people from using it. It certainly deters my wife and neighbours who won't use it in winter. This is regrettable as we should be doing all we can to encourage non-motorised means of transport to amenities, and to encourage walking with all its health benefits. The golf course is a fantastic local resource for walkers with the added benefit of having paths that can be used year round by almost anyone in contrast to the rural footpaths which can only be used by people with adequate fitness and footwear.
- The only alternative routes are both much longer. From Cobblers Cross Lane to the junction of Park Road with the High Street via the footpath is 750m. Via Cobblers Cross Lane and Eaton Road it is 1.6km or via Forest Road it is 1.8km. Both involve walking along Cobblers Cross Lane which is in poor condition, has a de-restricted speed limit and no footway. These factors together mean people will tend to drive rather than walk.

**TARPORLEY FOOTPATHS IN DECEMBER 2021 and
JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022
REPORT BY DAVID PRESS, PARISH COUNCIL FOOTPATH VOLUNTEER**

INTRODUCTION

In December 2021, January, February and March 2022 I have walked all the Tarporley paths to audit the condition of our rights of way and identify changes since my last audit in January/February 2021.

This report:

- summarises the overall condition of paths and notes developments since my last annual report in January/February 2021
- reports on the permissive path around the golf course
- records my findings for each path
- Makes recommendations for decisions and actions

SUMMARY OF OVERALL CONDITION AND ACTION DURING THE LAST YEAR

All of our paths are signposted at junctions with highways.

The definitive map shows Tiverton FP25 and 26 ending behind the houses on Birch Heath: i.e. not linking to the highway. The Ramblers Don't Lose Your Way campaign has logged this and I have also reported it to CWaC. Because of this gap in the definitive map these routes are not signed from Birch Heath.

All of the gates which the Parish Council purchased some years ago are now installed. Some paths still have stiles, but the main impediment to converting them is persuading the landowner to make the switch.

This is the third year when I report that the diversion of footpath 17 to follow the route most people use to skirt the regularly flooded area, awaits action from CWaC. The landowner has agreed and CWaC has been asked to consider a diversion in the public interest.

The usual culprits for paths ploughed, planted and not reinstated are FP3 (north west of the Sandstone Trail) and FP23.

The CWaC has undertaken surface improvements to FP1, FP10 and FP16.

So that it doesn't get forgotten, I'm repeating my note from the last couple of years that the landowner has said that when she applies for planning permission for development at Tiresford farm, then she will consider formalizing a route through the A49 underpass. The Parish Council might want to ensure that this is the case.

Similarly, I'm noting that for the last couple of years the Parish Council agreed that the Parish Council website would become a host, or at least incorporate links to, the walks on my Tarporley Walks Facebook page. This remains to be done.

GOLF COURSE ACCESS

In January the Parish Council and Macdonald Portal Hotel Golf and Spa signed an agreement for a permissive route around the Portal golf course.

With the support of the Public Rights of Way Officer, Peter Atkinson, we have installed 22 way markers to indicate the route.

The Parish Council has purchased 4 notice boards which the Hotel will erect on the route providing a map and explanation of the permission granted and the rights of way.

REPORT ON EACH PATH

FP 1 from Captains Walk to junction with Tiverton FP21 (south of Birch Heath and west of by-pass)

This path is in reasonable order.

CWaC made some improvement to the surface from Nantwich Road to the stretch which David Wilson Homes had improved last year. Although this hasn't extended all the way to Nantwich Road the path is normally ok for walking in town shoes.

On the far side of the by-pass the path continues in reasonable order, although the route on the ground sometimes has to detour to avoid the flooding in that area.

FP 2 from St Helen's churchyard to Birch Heath Road/Redhill (between Redhill cottages and Redhill farm)

The path is in good condition although frequently very muddy. In February a tree was partially obstructing the double stile below the hill with the mobile phone mast.

FP 3 from car park behind Rising Sun to west of the Sandstone trail and junction with Iddinshall FP1/FP2

Most of the path is in good condition. Just by the dismantled tree stile, at the far end of the valley, the pond which had arisen a couple of years ago has significantly receded. After the gate which replaced the tree stile there is a further gate and then a long stretch alongside two fields. For many years the field gate between these fields has been permanently open, making the stile redundant. The gate has now been locked, bringing the stile into use. It's in need of some maintenance or replacement and I suggest we should seek permission to replace with a pedestrian gate.

As is frequently the case, during the year the path headed north west beyond the Sandstone Trail toward Iddinshall was planted without any reinstatement, but in December the crop was long harvested and the route unobstructed, although indistinct on the ground.

I reported last year on the anomalous signing of an unofficial route at the Iddinshall end of the path. Last year I walked the definitive route which was unobstructed. This year the pedestrian gate at the end of the route was locked shut.

FP 4 from High Street next to The Close to the junction with the branch of restricted bridleway 5 which loops around cottages on Back Lanes west of by pass.

It's my opinion that woodchip which Silver Band members laid two or three years ago has disappeared. Otherwise the path is fine.

RB 5 Moss Lane from south east of roundabout on A51/A49 on SE side of by-pass to North of Moss Cottage and junction with FP3 (and also semi-circular loop of Back lanes NW side of by-pass)

This restricted bridleway has two routes: one directly from the roundabout to Moss Cottage and the other following back lanes and looping around Cromwell cottage on the north west side of the by-pass.

The route is good.

FP 6 A51 opposite Rode Street Farm following the Sandstone Trail route south to junction with Tiverton FP 13 (a few fields north of Crib Lane/Pudding Lane junction)

The route is generally in good condition.

More than four years ago I obtained permission from the landowner, and asked CWaC, to put a litter bin beside the track near the A51. It has not yet been done.

The Parish Council might consider making another written request.

The PROW Officer had proposed removing the redundant gate where the path emerges from the edge of the wood a hundred metres north of FP3 and using it elsewhere on our network. This remains to be done.

FP 7 from A51 next to Rode Street Farm following the Sandstone Trail route north to junction with Utkinton FP11

The route is in good order.

FP 8 from A51 NW of roundabout to Utkinton Road between bridge over By-pass and Heath Green

Last year the landowner did a good job reinstating the path after planting.

RB 9 From SE of roundabout on A51 following south side of By-pass to Utkinton Road

The path is currently in good order. I'm unsure whether this is because of this year's maintenance or whether it was so severely cut back two years ago that it's stayed pretty clear all year.

As reported last year, the sign at the A51 is leaning over.

The drainage alongside the path at the roundabout end is getting worse year by year.

FP 10 from Utkinton Road between Rose Mount Farm and Newlands to Oswalds way, junction with FP 11 and on to Heath Green

CWaC funded and contracted for the new surface behind Heatherways.

The route as a whole is in good order.

FP 11 from Forest Road opposite Woodlands Way to junction with FP 10 at north east end of Oswalds Way

The Parish Council had committed to laying a new surface to match that behind Heatherways, but only after the landowner has completed her drainage improvements.

The vegetation either side of the path has been controlled.

FP 12 from Forest Road (south of Forest House) to Park Road

About 3 years ago Andrew Wallace led volunteers laying gravel on the first half of the path off Forest Road. It had been a great improvement.

It would be good to improve the second half to the same standard.

In February a small tree was partially blocking the path between Lime and Elm Close.

FP13 from Park Road to Cobblers Cross

This is a very well used path and in good order, although it gets very muddy after rain.

FP 14 from High Street beside entrance to British Legion to Oathills Close and then following roads (Oathill Drive/Churchill Drive) to Eaton Road

This path is in good order.

FP 15 from Tilstone Lane (the lane between Eaton Road and the A51) to Wettenhall brook where it becomes a Tilstone Fearnal path

The path is in good order.

FP 16 from Birch Heath by Birch Heath Farm north to FP2

At CWaC's expense concrete sleepers have been laid near the farmyard and it has significantly improved what used to be a very muddy surface. It looks as if the landowner has further improved the surface by extending the length of path covered by sleepers.

FP 17 from junction with FP 2 behind St Helens to junction with FP 3/RB5 N of Moss Cottage

Over three years ago I secured the landowner's permission to divert the route so that it follows the line most people currently use and avoids the area that floods most winters. He has agreed that we can then use the gates to replace the first couple of stiles on FP2 walking away from the Church.

The Parish Council have written to CWaC requesting a diversion. It must be time to write again!

FP 18 from RB5 on Back Lane at west of By-pass to FP6 (Sandstone Trail)

This path continues to be relatively well drained after several years' of digging from the PROW Officer and me.

The new sign at the junction with the Sandstone Trail has now been installed.

FP 19 from FP3 behind the Rising Sun to FP4 behind the Silver Band

This path is in good order.

Footway Utkinton Road to Heath Green

This is signposted for the Delamere loop but its status is as part of the highway rather than a right of way.

It is in good condition.

RB 20/Utkinton RB 10 from Heath Green to top of Forest Road /A49

In good order.

FP 21/ Rushton 30/32 from north end of Cobblers Cross through Portal Golf to Eaton Lane

The path is in good order, although it's route is probably a mystery to most.

FP 22/Rushton FP31 from Cobblers Cross west of the hotel to the golf course and across the course to Saplings Lane

As previously reported the path that everyone uses across the golf course is not actually the right of way.

FP 23 & Tiverton FP14 from junction of FP1 (south of Birch Heath)/Tiverton

FP24/26 to Nantwich Road south of the By-pass and north of Tiresford Farm

This route crosses two fields: one alongside the bypass (Tiverton FP14) and with a pond in its northerly corner; the second (Tarporley FP 23) beyond the pond toward Birch Heath up to the junction with FP1. In the second field, it's clear from the ground that most people walk around the perimeter of the field, whilst the right of way crosses the field. For many years the right of way has been overplanted without reinstatement. In February it was good to see that there is a visible line through the stubble suggesting that people are using the right of way.

The pedestrian gate at the Tiresford end of FP24 will not shut and needs maintenance.

We should not forget our long term aspiration to gain the landowner's permission to allow a route from Nantwich road around the bottom of the Haddington Park development and under the bypass.

FP 26 Tiverton from Birch Heath toward FP1 to Captains Walk.

The path was impassably choked with vegetation earlier in the year but in February it was passable with evidence of significant cutting of vegetation. Drainage is very poor and the path is frequently flooded.

Utkinton FP9 A49 Luddington Hill onto golf course.

In good order and greatly improved by the clearance of scrub carried out by the golf course staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Parish Council:

1. Remain vigilant to ensure the landowner dedicates a route through the underpass at the south of the Haddington Park development when she brings forward development proposals for Tiresford farm.
2. Write to CWaC requesting a bin at the junction of FP6 (Sandstone Trail) and the A51
3. Write to CWAC asking for a progress report on diversion of FP17.
4. Ask the PROW Officer to intervene with landowners to deal with issues identified on FP3 and FP23.
5. Incorporate or link the Tarporley Walks Facebook page routes onto the Parish Council website.

David Press, Tarporley Parish Council Footpath Volunteer March 2022

Tarporley Parish Council Rota & Meeting Dates 2022-2023

Play Area & Brook Road Inspections to be dealt separately

	Planning (leading up to meeting date)			Surgery (night of meeting)	Tarporley Talk (due 12th of month specified)	Village Walkabout Councillors	Meeting action
June	Gill Andrew Lisa				Gill		1Q Budget Review
July	Andy Pete Danny			Gill & Jarina	Andy	Gill Andrew Lisa	
August	Catherine Jarina Gordon				Catherine		
September	John Mark Nigel			Andy & Danny	Jarina		Insurance: 2Q Budget Review Advertise 'small' grants
October	Gill Andrew Lisa				Danny	Andy Pete Danny	Decision on 'small' grants; Review all council contracts
November	Andy Pete Danny			John & Lisa	Lisa		
December	Catherine Jarina Gordon				John		3Q/Year End Budget Review

January	John Mark Nigel			Nigel & Gordon	Pete	Catherine Jarina Gordon	Set Precept
February	Gill Andrew Lisa				Gordon		Complete Review Risk Assessment
March	Andy Pete Danny			Catherine & Mark	Mark		Review Asset Register
April	Catherine Jarina Gordon				Nigel	John Mark Nigel	Review Year End Finances.
May	John Mark Nigel			Andrew & Pete	Andrew		Annual Meeting event; Annual PC Meeting; Complete AGAR; Internal and External Audit Approve draft Annual Report

Briefings Virtual	Parish Council Meetings Face to Face
13th June 2022	11th July 2022
10th October 2022	12th September 2022
12th December 2022	14th November 2022
13th February 2023	9th January 2023
	13th March 2023
	TBC May 2023 (Annual/First)

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