



TARVIN TIMES - The Newsletter of Tarvin Parish Council *Spring 2022* *Newsletter No.25*

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the recent resignations of two parish councillors, we have a new councillor in Mark Butler, who lives in Oscroft. The parish council ('the council') welcomes Mark along with Cllr. Steve Parker, who joined in November. This leaves one vacancy on the council (see below).

These changes were occasioned by the resignations of three councillors for personal reasons over the last few months, to whom the council extends its thanks for their efforts and commitment to the parish

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The vacancy for a councillor will be filled by co-option. If you are interested in how your parish is looked after and how it develops then why not consider becoming a councillor? The positions are voluntary and take up as much time as you are prepared to give. The commitment is at least to attend the monthly council meeting normally held on a Monday evening. Councillors represent the views and concerns of the residents to the council and, through it, to the Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council ('CWaC').

You must be over 18 and qualify under one of the provisions of Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972 below:

1. Be on the electoral register for the parish, or
2. Have owned or rented land in the parish for 12 months, or
3. Have worked in the parish for 12 months, or
4. Have lived in the parish or within 3 miles thereof during the whole of the 12 months preceding appointment.

If you think that you would enjoy being a councillor and wish to put yourself forward for co-option onto the council, please contact the parish clerk. He will provide you will a form to be completed and returned along with your letter of application which should explain why you are interested in applying, any relevant experience you think you can bring to the role of parish councillor and provide some information regarding yourself.

Applications should reach the clerk by 21st February 2022 and will be considered at the council meeting on 28th February 2022.

2022/23 REVENUE BUDGET

The most significant changes to the council budget include an increase of £1,000 for grants that we intend to make to local voluntary organisations. The council will also increase the annual donation to the Royal British Legion, which is considered to be a better use of funds than placing poppies on village lampposts, as had been suggested by a number of residents.

The council's budget will continue to spread the cost of irregular but unavoidable expenditure over a number of years, such as tree inspections, council election costs and legal and professional fees.

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1	Parish budget 2022-23	
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3	Expenses	
4	Administration & salaries	0.00
5	Grants, donations and subscriptions	0.00
6	Grounds maintenance	0.00
7	King George V playing field maintenance	0.00
8	General maintenance	0.00
9	Total expenditure	0.00
10		
11	Income	
12	Parish precept	0.00
13	VAT refund	0.00
14	Other	0.00
15	Total income	0.00
16		

COMMUNITY GRANT AID

The council allocates part of its precept each year to provide grants to voluntary organisations based in the parish which are in need of financial support. The amount available during the coming year will be £4,000.

There are a number of conditions that organisations must meet. For example, grants will only be given where the group's membership or activities are open to all of the parish. In addition, grants are not given for purposes which are commonly considered to be the work or responsibility of businesses or bodies funded by any government department.

Voluntary organisations located within the parish wishing to be considered for grant aid during the coming year should contact the clerk requesting further details and an application form. Completed application forms must be received by the clerk no later than the end of June 2022.

SPEEDING IN THE PARISH

The 20 mph signs which were installed on many streets in Tarvin a couple of years ago have helped to encourage motorists to moderate their speed as they make their way through the village. However, the council regularly receives complaints from residents regarding speeding, particularly on the approaches to Oscroft. If you live in Oscroft then you will be all too familiar with vehicles speeding through the village either coming down Cross Lanes or proceeding along Shay Lane and Willington Road.

Whilst there are several signs clearly detailing the speed limits, many motorists choose to ignore these signs and travel through the area in excess of the permitted speeds. This has recently led to a mobile speed camera being located on several occasions on Willington Road just before the 50 mph speed sign, which is reflective of the general concerns about speeding through the Parish.

In order to try to make motorists more aware of the speed they are travelling at, the council are investigating the option to have flashing speed warning signs installed on the three routes into Oscroft as well as on Tarporley Road approaching Tarvin which will advise motorists of their speed. Specifically, the signs are

proposed to be located at:

- The top of Cross Lanes shortly after the junction with Tarporley Road
- On Willington Lane shortly after the 40mph speed sign as you approach Oscroft
- On Shay Lane shortly before the 30mph sign as you approach Oscroft
- On Tarporley Road as you approach the village, just before the junction with Sandford Drive.

The proposal will first require approval from CWaC.

It is hoped that the signs will act as a further reminder to motorists of their actual speed as well as indicating whether they are exceeding the speed limit. Examples of the types of sign envisaged are shown here.

If you have any concerns or comments about these proposals, please contact one of your parish councillors (contact details are on page 4).



PARISH 'SPRING CLEAN'

Each year, the council organises two community activities which help to keep the area looking tidy by litter-picking the streets and hedgerows. The next 'spring clean' is scheduled for Saturday 9th April starting at 9:30am and finishing no later than 12:30pm. More details will be posted nearer the time on Tarvin Online and the council website.

CWaC have contributed their bit to keeping the parish tidy by clearing the weeds and general road detritus from the carriageway divide at the junction of Cross Lanes and Tarporley Road. The council will also be closely monitoring CWaC's grass cutting efforts this year following the insufficient maintenance experienced in 2021.

THE RIDGEWAY - GAP IN HEDGE

The council agreed in 2019 to a proposal to make the informal gap in the hedge, which allows people to get from the Ridgeway to the footway running alongside the A54 road, a permanent feature. This project has been much delayed by Covid restrictions but will install a gate, install an all-weather surface and provide a safety barrier between the road and the pavement on the A54.

As the A54 road side of the hedge is the responsibility of CWaC highways department, their agreement to the proposal has now been obtained and CWaC are expected to sign off the project during February 2022. When the work starts there will be a temporary road closure during the working day and residents affected will be contacted beforehand.

GOOD HEDGE KEEPING

The council regularly receives complaints about hedges and trees overhanging footpaths. This makes life very difficult for pedestrians.

Please inspect the hedges and trees on your property and check that they have not encroached onto the footway. If they have, please arrange to have them cut back. Thank you.

TARVIN CONSERVATION AREA

Parts of Tarvin village a designated conservation area. If you live in or have a business in the conservation area, there are restrictions on what work you can and cannot do to your property which may affect its appearance – e.g. installing plastic windows and inappropriate advertising signs, whether temporary or permanent.

The council wants residents to be proud of their conservation area and to ensure it is protected and if possible enhanced.

If you want to make changes to your property you can get advice from the CWaC planning department. If you are not sure whether your property is in the conservation area, please refer to the leaflet on the parish notice board on the High Street in Tarvin or go to the council website where it can be found under the heading “Your Parish”.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full council meetings will be held on Mondays 28th February, 28th March, and 25th April. All will commence at 7.15pm and will be held in the Edna Rose room at the Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to attend council meetings – there is an open forum at the beginning of every meeting for you to have your say on any subject relevant to the Parish.

You don't have to stay for the whole meeting. Feel free to come/go as is convenient to you.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Cllr. Mark Butler ()

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