



# Tarleton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Carr Lane, Tarleton**

## **Present**

Cllrs. Kay; Baybutt; Bryan; Evans; Latham; Mee and Wareing.  
Three members of the public were present.

## **2018/067 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2018/068 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. Barron and Lockwood.

**2018/069 Notifications of Interests:** None

## **2018/070 Minutes of the last meeting**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## **2018/071 Clerks Report (for information only)**

- a) The orders for all the Christmas lighting had been placed, all as last year including solar trees;
- b) The Bus Shelter by the Alty Development on Church Road will be moved and replaced as part of the scheme. The existing shelter will be taken down and stored. This will then be available for future use elsewhere;
- c) A meeting had been arranged with the Lancashire CC Flood Risk Manager about obstructed watercourses in the Tarleton Parish. The Clerk and Cllr Bryan would attend;
- d) CiL monies 1/4/18 – 30/9/18 had been received. The Council had received £3863.26, the monies derives from Tarleton Mill, Plox Brow, Tarleton;
- e) The Clerk will make enquiries into Neighbourhood Planning. A number of benefits can be accrued by the Council initiating its own plan;
- f) West Lancashire had reported significant vandalism of the toilets on Church Road, Tarleton. The Clerk had offered the prospect of this Council installing CCTV in the area to supplement the Borough Council's cameras.

## **2018/072 Parish Council Working Groups**

There were no matters arising from the groups that would not be dealt with later in the agenda.

## **2018/073 Insurance Renewal**

The Council's long-term agreement (LTA) with Aviva is due to expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Quotes have been obtained from three companies including the current provider. Having checked our demands and needs it was established that the favoured option was for Hiscox to provide our insurance cover.

The annual rate for 1 December 2018 to 30 November 2019 was £2,522.50. To enter a new LTA until the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 the rate is reduced by 5% per annum to £2,398.88. The advantage of a 3-year binding agreement (LTA) is that the Council knows that for the period of the agreement that premiums will only increase slightly (due to property sums insured being index linked). The rates applied by Hiscox at the start of the agreement will be maintained at the same level throughout the period. Members resolved to enter a new LTA this time with the new provider Hiscox.

### **2018/074 Financial Matters**

- (a) It was resolved that the payments listed should be approved.
- (b) Items of income received since last meeting were noted.
- (c) Members resolved to note the Parish Council's half-year financial position to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### **2018/075 Planning Matters**

Weekly planning applications considered:

- a) 2018/0985/FUL, Dunscar Garden Centre, Southport New Road, Tarleton
- b) 2018/1044/FUL Huntapac Produce Ltd, 293 Blackgate Lane, Tarleton
- c) 2018/0986/FUL 80 Blackgate Lane, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 6UT.
- d) 2018/1029/FUL Land SE Of Jumps Farm, Moss Side Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6LD
- e) 2018/1063/FUL Briar Dene Nursery School, 2 Fulwood Avenue, Tarleton
- f) 2018/1089/FUL 48 Church Road, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 6UQ

Borough Councillor Mee was "calling in" 2018/1063/FUL for review by the Planning Committee. It was resolved that no representation should be made on any of the other applications.

### **2018/076 The West Lancashire Local Plan Review Preferred Options**

This item was carried forward to the December Council Meeting

### **2018/077 Mere Brow Village Hall (MBVH) Loan**

At the May 2018 Council Meeting Members approved an interest free loan to MBVH of £20,000 to upgrade the downstairs toilets whilst providing disabled toilets as part of the redesign. Unfortunately the tenders received made the scheme uneconomic with the lowest quote being £36,000. Members agreed at the October Meeting of the Council that a meeting would be arranged with MBVH officials to discuss the position. This latter meeting has resulted in a revised scheme being presented at a cost of £23,800 at which cost MBVH officials would like to proceed.

Members resolved to reaffirm the decision to provide an interest free loan to MBVH for £20,000 on the same terms and conditions agreed at the May Council meeting.

### **2018/078 Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted.

**2018/079 Next Meeting**

The date and location of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Carr Lane.

**2018/080 Exclusion of the Public**

It was resolved that members of the public are excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Para 2 for the next matter on the agenda for the reason of confidentiality of the business to be transacted

**2018/081 Defamatory Comments on Social Media**

Legal advice was sought about alleged defamatory comments made on social media about individual Tarleton Parish Councillors following the issue of The Tarleton Masterplan. This guidance was independently funded. The advice confirmed that comments made by at least three persons identified were indeed defamatory.

Members resolved that any further action would be again privately funded and not using Council monies. It is understood that legal action will continue on behalf of three Members supported by The Conservative Association.