



Tarleton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday
8th October 2018 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Carr Lane, Tarleton**

Present

Cllrs. Kay; Baybutt; Evans; Mee and Wareing.
Six members of the public were present.

2018/051 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2018/052 Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Barron; Bryan; Latham; Lockwood and Sutton.

2018/053 Notifications of Interests: None

2018/054 Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2018/055 Clerks Report (for information only)

- a) The Clerk, in response to requests at the last meeting to make enquiries with Lancashire Constabulary and Lancashire County Council over speeding on Blackgate Lane and other areas in the Parish, looked into options. In short the County Council are currently reviewing how to tackle speeding, county wide. They have been overwhelmed by requests for action. SPID availability is very limited and not all are functioning properly. The "smiley face" signs are seen as ineffective after a very short time. There is a Speed Awareness Group who are considering the position.
- b) Also at the previous meeting there had been a request from a member of the public for statistics on the first year of operation on average speed cameras on the Tarleton Bypass. Figures released under a Freedom of Information Act request noted 6,356 offences were recorded in the first 12 months, 1000 in the first month. More than half the offences registered were recorded at 60-70mph. The fastest recorded an average speed of 101mph, double the 50mph limit.
- c) There was a new weekly letting at the Sports Pavilion as a Running Club has been formed and meets every Tuesday evening.
- d) West Lancashire Borough Council will be consulting over The Local Plan between 12 October – 13 December 2018. The Pavilion has been hired all day on Monday 5 November by the Borough Council as a venue for consultation over The Local Plan. Consultation is by appointment only after contacting the Borough Council to arrange.

- e) The Trustees of the Douglas Cardiac Trusts have again requested that the Parish covers the insurance for the Christmas tree in Mark Square. Members have previously approved that they are agreeable to this on an annual basis. The Clerk has a planned meeting with the Council insurance broker and will discuss the arrangements.
- f) The Council has been contacted by West Lancashire BC about Tarleton PCs bus shelter on Hesketh Lane as follows:
Persimmon Homes has a development coming soon off Hesketh Lane, Tarleton and within one of the entrances an existing bus shelter will need relocating (with a new shelter).
 The Clerk will follow-up on the above remembering that this shelter was rebuilt following an accident at the cost of over £3,000 in the last two years. There has been no previous communication from any party on moving the shelter.

2018/056 Parish Council Working Groups

There were no matters arising from the groups.

2018/057 Financial Matters

- (a) It was resolved that the payments listed should be approved.
- (b) Items of income received since last meeting were noted.

2018/058 External Audit Report and Certificate 2017/18

Members resolved to receive the external auditors (PKF Littlejohn LLP) Report and Certificate 2017/18.

2018/059 Planning Matters

Weekly planning applications considered:

- a) 2018/0931/PNP Cuerden Farm, Liverpool Road, Tarleton, Preston,
- b) 2018/0864/FUL Netholme Farm, Park Lane, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire
- c) 2018/0950/FUL 140 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 6AS.
- d) 2018/0693/FUL The Courtyard, 94 Church Road, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashir
- e) 2018/0928/FUL Blackhurst Farm, 396 Blackgate Lane, Tarleton, Preston
- f) 2018/0930/FUL 45 Carr Lane, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 6BS
- g) 2018/0972/PNP Shortwood Hall Farm, The Marshes Lane, Mere Brow,

Concerns were raised about many aspects of application 2018/0930/FUL 45 Carr Lane, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 6BS. Cllr Mee, also a Borough Councillor, agreed to “call in” the application for review by the Planning Committee to consider all facts. It was resolved that no representation should be made on any of the other applications.

2018/060 Code of Conduct Complaint

On 10 September 2018, the Monitoring Officer at West Lancashire Borough Council, consulted with the Independent Person on a complaint made against Tarleton Parish Councillors (Ref: LG5/87) under the Code of Conduct.

Following careful assessment of the complaint, assisted by an Independent Report, in consultation with the Independent Person, the Monitoring Officer determined that the complaint does not merit further action. Members resolved to note the Decision Notice which summarises the complaint and sets out the decision

2018/061 Church Road Tarleton Proposed Zebra Crossing

Notice has been given that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above pedestrian crossing under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to introduce a zebra crossing at Church Road, Tarleton from a point 27m in a north east from its centreline junction with Gorse Lane to the start of the zig-zag markings and 68m in a north east direction from its centreline junction with Gorse Lane to the end of the zig-zag markings.

Members resolved to support the proposal to the County Council. This was something the Parish Council had been promoting for some time.

2018/062 Request for a Donation

The Woodland Trust is giving free trees to schools and communities to plant in communal areas.

Tarleton Academy's application for 420 trees has recently been approved. They are working with All Saints Primary and Hesketh Bank Christian Centre has offered their support. The aim is to plant trees in the grounds of Tarleton Academy, Carr Heys, Mark Square and All Saints Primary. They have obtained permission from the landowners (through Acland Bracewell) to plant the trees at Carr Heys and Mark Square.

Members resolved to make a donation of £200 towards the purchase of bark to support these trees in their initial growth.

2018/063 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.

MBVH committee was therefore forced to have a re-think. One of the projects that have been on the "wish-list" for some time is the construction of a terrace between the hall and the bowling green. A request to use the loan to finance this project instead has been received.

Members resolved to put the loan on-hold pending a meeting between Council Members and MBVH officials to discuss the failed project and the alternative project.

2018/064 Carr Lane Pavilion Extension

Planning permission is in place to extend the pavilion to increase storage space. The extension will be fronted by a cricket score box and the shipping crate located on the playing field will be removed. Quotes have now been received from three contractors.

As part of the funding of the project Members resolved to make application to West Lancashire BC for s106 Public Open Space monies available to the Council. It had been previously indicated by Borough Council officers that s106 monies could be available as part of match funding on this project.

2018/065 Correspondence

Correspondence was noted.

2018/066 Next Meeting

The date and location of the next meeting scheduled for Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Carr Lane.