



TARVIN TIMES - The Newsletter of Tarvin Parish Council *Spring 2026* *Newsletter No.39*

2026-27 PARISH PRECEPT

Each year the Parish Council (PC) makes a request, known as the Parish Precept, to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) in order to support its activities for the next twelve months.

The PC considered the budget for 2026/27 at its January 2026 meeting and agreed a 3.9% increase in its precept for the financial year which begins on April 1st. This means that a Band D property will pay £48.49 for Parish Services for the year to March 2027.

The budget increase will allow current service levels to be maintained but the grants to local organisations' budget has been increased from £4,000 to £5,000. (see Community Grant Aid below)

The meeting noted that the special project for the current year, to take ownership of the War Memorial site, was unlikely to be completed for some time so proposed expenditure on the wall by the memorial was not included in the budget. This work is likely to impact on the 2027/28 budget.

COMMUNITY GRANT AID

The PC allocates a small amount of its precept each year to provide grants to voluntary organisations based in the Parish who are in need of financial support. The amount available during the coming financial year, as stated above, will be £5,000.

There are a number of conditions for organisations to meet. For example, grants will only be given where the group's membership or activities are open to all of Tarvin Parish. Also grants will not be given for purposes which are commonly considered as the work or responsibility of businesses or bodies funded by any Government Department.

Grants will not be made retrospectively and only one application for a grant will be considered from each organisation in any one financial year.

A limit of £1,000 per organisation will be applied except for very exceptional circumstances.

Voluntary Organisations within the Parish wishing to be considered for grant aid during the coming year should contact the Clerk requesting further details, including an application form.

Completed Application Forms must be received by the Clerk no later than the end of May 2026. Applications will then be considered at the June Council meeting and the approved grants distributed at the end of June.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

The PC has joined the Mid Cheshire Footpath Society who routinely walk Tarvin Parish public footpaths as part of their annual programme of inspection walks. They have provided the PC with spreadsheets for the last two years setting out the faults which they have found and which they have reported to CWaC. They also record work done by CWaC to remedy defects. These reports include photographs of broken stiles and other defects. For mapping they use the small-scale digital map found on the CWaC website. During the last two years all 48 paths have been walked including Prior Heyes and Hockenhull named paths. Remedial work has been carried out by CWaC.

The PC are in the process of investigating the viability of replacing stiles with kissing gates as a possible special project for 2026/27. Doing this would make the countryside much more accessible for a greater range of residents. It is hoped that a Tattenhall Councillor will be able to attend the next PC meeting to explain how they have already carried out similar work. It may be possible to fund this work from special project monies in the budget.

The PC will also be considering producing and publishing a comprehensive map of all the footpaths that cross the PC area.

DEALING WITH HIGHWAY ISSUES

It would be very helpful if residents could use the CWaC online "Report It" facility to flag potholes, blocked drains, streetlights not working correctly, and other road defects.

PLAY AREA UPDATE – KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

New safety surfacing has now been installed around the play equipment on the village playing field, helping to create a safer and more enjoyable experience for everyone.

As works have only recently been completed, the surrounding ground remains muddy and the newly sown grass seed has yet to establish. Please take care when accessing the equipment and avoid freshly seeded areas where possible.



Thank you for your cooperation, and we hope you enjoy the improved play area.



HEDGES

We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful area surrounded by fields and countryside. There are also so many colourful and well-tended gardens which add to the environment we enjoy.

Spring is upon us and it's a time for everything to start growing and people to start getting out and about.

Please could we remind everyone to make sure their hedges are cut back so that the footpaths are accessible to everyone, walking, with pushchairs, in wheelchairs and, on the shared user footpath along the A54, on bicycles.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



PARISH SPRING CLEAN

Each year the PC organises two community activities which help keep the area looking tidy by litter picking. The next clean up is scheduled for Saturday 28th March. Details are as follows:

For Tarvin, please come to the Community Centre at 9.30am to pick up bags, pickers, bibs and your round.

For Oscroft, meet at the Green at 9.30am to pick up bags, pickers, and bibs.

Please leave filled bags by existing litter bins and return pickers and bibs by 12:30pm to where you picked them up.

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION

A reminder that residents can subscribe to have their garden waste collected in 2026, with collections having just started. The service operates on an opt in basis and will cost £55.00 per bin per calendar year for 2026.

For more information or to subscribe to the service, please visit the CWaC website www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

We're watching you!

9 out of 10 dog owners
clean up after their dog
Are you the one who doesn't?

Bag that poo, any rubbish bin will do



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 23rd March, 27th April, and 18th May. 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

To comply with best practice published last year the PC has moved all Councillors onto .gov.uk e-mail addresses. The new addresses are shown below.

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