

Notes of the Tarvin Parish Council (PC) meeting held 18th May 2026

These notes are produced following the meeting to give people a timely update of the main issues discussed. They are not the official minutes. The minutes will be considered and approved at the next meeting **on 22nd June 2026**. That meeting will start at 19:15 in the Edna Rose Room at the Tarvin Community Centre. All are welcome to attend both meetings and stay as long as they want.

Councillor Rob Ford was re-elected Chairman for the coming year, and Councillor Neil Poole was elected Vice-Chairman.

Two members of the public attended the Open Forum, and one spoke about a planning application which, if agreed by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) Planning would, in his opinion, have a detrimental impact on his privacy. The PC considered the application later in the meeting and agreed to write to Planning, noting that the change to windows, contrary to the agreed original planning conditions, had already taken place (a breach of the planning condition) and asking CWaC Planning to look seriously at the implications for the neighbours apparent loss of privacy.

The PC agreed to engage Planning Consultants to help set the context for a **modified Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan** that would take into account such issues as the emerging CWaC Local Plan, the lack of a 5 year housing land supply for the whole CWaC area, the potential allocation of sites for housing in Tarvin Parish and the consequential impact of more houses on basic infrastructure (e.g. drainage, sewage treatment, roads, parking) and community infrastructure (e.g. school, GP practice, leisure and recreation facilities). The PC will be establishing a Working Party of residents to work with it on producing this modified Neighbourhood Plan. More details of this work, including how you can become a member of this Working Party, will be publicized in a few weeks.

Progress on the **2026/27 special project**, replacing stiles with kissing gates on public footpaths, to make the countryside more accessible has been slower than anticipated because the CWaC Public Footpaths Officer has been on leave and his expertise is needed when it comes to discussion with landowners. However, initial contact with one landowner in the area that is the PCs priority (between Tarvin and Oscroft) has

been very positive. As well as using PC money for this project grants will also be sought and crowd funding is also being explored.

The PC received a petition signed by approximately 240 people concerning the difficulties of **parking in Tarvin village centre**. This is an important issue which the PC has considered many times before. The PC agreed to pass the petition to CWaC Highways, the responsible body, to ask them to look at the issue and identify deliverable solutions. The PC will also pass on it's ideas for improving the situation, one of which was to take away two bus stops on the High Street, one adjacent to the chemist and one opposite the Post Office. The PC recognizes that this action would not free up much space, but it would reduce congestion. The PC recognizes that this maybe a controversial suggestion and will be inviting feedback, negative or positive.

The PC had received another complaint about speeding on the lower High Street and agreed to ask the Police and Highways for an update on the work that they have been doing.

At the close of the meeting Councillors stayed behind to thank now ex-Councillor Peter Ryan for his years of service to the Council, including being Chairman. Peter has been a great asset to the Council, particularly on problems that required a practical solution and his expertise and hands on approach had, over many years, saved the Council a lot of money. We will miss his input.