



TARVIN TIMES

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COUNCILLOR CHANGES

Peter Ryan and Mark Butler have recently stepped down as councillors. We thank them both for all their work whilst serving as councillors, their contributions have been very much appreciated.

Heather Love has become a councillor and we welcomed her at the August meeting. That leaves one vacancy which has been advertised and which we would like to fill as soon as possible, ideally at the September council meeting.

TARVIN SETTLEMENT SPATIAL PLAN

The Parish Council ('PC') are in the process of creating a working party to update the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan, including a site identification policy which will proactively inform future housing growth within the parish.

To this end, residents will be aware of the recent survey which canvassed opinions on several locations where such growth might best be take place. Three options, known as 'Northern Growth', 'Eastern Growth' and a combination of the two, were offered for comment.

It was pleasing that 178 residents completed and returned the survey and that the two drop in sessions were very well attended and productive.

A number of residents and parish councillors have since formed a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which will manage the plan update, liaising with all interested parties over the coming months. The revised plan will then be subject to a parish-wide referendum for approval.



Although the closing date for responding to the survey has now passed, documents explaining the need for the exercise, together with a copy of the current Neighbourhood Plan, can be found on the PC website.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

In our previous newsletter ,we reported that the PC were beginning to invest the viability of replacing stiles with kissing gates where required in the Parish. This work is progressing. A working party of Councillors along with a footpath officer from Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) have walked footpaths 15, 17 and 19 and several broken gates and stiles were observed.

The working party have met with two landowners, one in Tarvin and one in Oscroft to discuss the fitting of kissing gates and these discussions have been productive. We anticipate that during the coming months some stiles on footpath 19 leading from kissing gate at the end of Church Yard to Oscroft will be replaced by kissing gates and pedestrian gates. Similar work is likely on footpaths 15 and 17 from Oscroft to Tarvin Sands.

Some of the work will be completed by CWaC, at their expense, but much of the detail has yet to be finalised. A further update will be included in the next newsletter.

COMMUNITY GRANT AID

In our previous newsletter we were inviting local organisations to apply for grant aid from the sum set aside from the precept. Applications were considered at the June Council meeting, and the following grants were approved:

Tarvin Community Woodland Trust - £1,000

Tarvin Community Centre - £1,000

Tarvinonline - £700

Tarvin Tennis Club - £600

Tarvin Athletic FC - £600

Tarvin Educational Foundation - £500

Tarvin Christmas Market - £300

Tarvin Summer Fete - £300

OVERGROWN HEDGES

Greenery around the parish is showing signs of renewed and vigorous growth following the end of summer. This includes many overgrown hedges, which impede footpath access especially affecting residents with pushchairs and wheelchairs. Please ensure hedges are trimmed if necessary, helping the parish to keep looking neat and tidy.

REPORTING ISSUES TO CWAC

The parish clerk has received complaints regarding the faded wording on many street signs around the parish. In fact, resolving matters such as damaged street furniture, pot holes, littering, fly-tipping, speeding and such like are actually the responsibility of CWaC.

The most effective way of residents reporting such issues is to use CWaC's 'Report It' tool on their website, which can be found at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it

All entries are logged and progress is monitored, so the more the tool is used, the greater the chance of a successful resolution to a problem.

The screenshot shows the 'Report It' page of the Cheshire West and Chester Council website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Accessibility, MyAccount, Report It, and Menu. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search Cheshire West and Chester Council...' and a 'Search' button. The main heading is 'Report it'. Below the heading, there is a grid of 10 buttons, each with a description of an issue and a right-pointing arrow. The buttons are: 'Tell us about a Highways issue', 'Street cleaning', 'Report a missed waste or recycling collection', 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Check the status of a report', 'Fly tipping', 'Civil parking enforcement', 'Dog and animal fouling', 'Litter and bins', 'Report a bus stop fault', and 'Street furniture'.

OWNERSHIP OF THE WAR MEMORIAL SITE

Ownership of the site in front of St. Andrew's churchyard which includes the War Memorial is generally considered as being 'unregistered'. The PC has for some time been attempting to establish ownership and so formalise its obligations over the memorial and its immediate area. Unfortunately, we have now been advised by our solicitor that the complexities involved in achieving this are such that it is not cost effective to pursue, given the uncertainty over whether such ownership can be established. The PC will nevertheless continue to insure and take responsibility for the maintenance of the war memorial.

PARISH AUTUMN CLEANUP

Each year, the PC organises two community activities both in Tarvin and Oscroft which help to keep the area looking tidy by litter-picking the streets and hedgerows. The next clean-up is scheduled for Saturday 17th October 2026.

It will start at 9:30am when volunteers should assemble to receive their litter picker, some bags and their round. Everyone should finish no later than 12:30pm. All filled bags should be left adjacent to existing litter bins. For Tarvin come to the Community Centre and for Oscroft, The Green. Details will be posted nearer the time on the PC website.

This is an important, regular community project designed to keep the very special place we live in clean and tidy.

TARVIN ONLINE

The Tarvin Online webpage provides business and community directories, a community calendar, and regular information about events and news in the Tarvin Parish and surrounding areas. It has been running for 12 years and has aimed to upload a new article every day of the year -- Christmas excepted. Tarvin Online receives financial support each year from the PC. Now though it faces closure and to continue urgently needs a minimum of three new volunteers to run it.

If you are interested in helping please either get in touch by phoning the number published on the Tarvinonline site 07810321085, or by contacting the Parish Clerk, who will pass on your details. If this work is not for you please help by asking and encouraging people that you meet who you think would be able to help Tarvin Online to keep going and continue to provide a valuable service to the community.

PETITION

The petition regarding the difficulty of parking in Tarvin village centre, coordinated by the Post Office, and signed by between 200 and 250 people, was submitted to CWaC about three months ago. The petition requested improvement to parking facilities on the High Street particularly between The Red Lion Public House and the bus-stop adjacent to The Cobbles.

Improvement to parking availability would improve access to businesses on this section of the High Street.

We understand that as the petition has exceeded 100 signatures there is likely to be an opportunity to make a presentation to the full Council at their Council meeting which is scheduled for the 15th October at Wyvern House, Winsford.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 28th September, 26th October, and 23rd November. All will commence at 7.15pm and all be held at the Community Centre.

The September meeting will be in the Wilkinson Lounge (enter at the rear of the building) and the October and November meetings will be held in the Edna Rose Room as normal.

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 and 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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