

Notes of the Tarvin Parish Council (PC) meeting held 22nd September 2025

These notes are produced following the meeting to give anyone interested a timely update of the most significant issues discussed. They are not the official minutes. The draft minutes will be considered and approved at the next meeting **on 27th October 2025 at 19:15** in the Edna Rose Room at the Community Centre. All are welcome to attend PC meetings and stay as long as they want. Meetings do not normally go beyond 21:00.

1. At the Open Forum members of the public raised the issue of the overgrown shared use path on the A54 running from 73 Bye Pass Road towards Barrow Lane. The hedge (in private ownership) needs to be kept cut back and the path needed to be sided by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) to expose its full width to make it safe for pedestrians and cyclists to use. (The PC will report this to CWaC).

2 residents asked for an update on the crenelated wall at the bottom of the lower part of the High Street. (CWaC Highways have written to the landowner and asked for the wall to be inspected and repaired as soon as possible.)

There was a presentation on recycling blister packs used for packaging many pills. Currently 2 local councils in our area, Tarporley and Tattenhall, have adopted a scheme provided by a private contractor. They periodically collect used packs from containers in agreed localities and then recycle them for other uses. However, there was some concern that currently the contractor might not have the capacity to expand their operation by too much. (The PC having regard to its Environmental and Sustainability Policy thought that this proposal was very worthy.) However, it felt that the cost, which had not been budgeted for, was quite expensive. Research by a Councillor had found that recycling blister packs was offered at both Boots the chemist and Superdrug. In addition, the branch of the Tarvin medical practice in Tarporley had a deposit point too. **The PC encourages everyone who generates blister pack waste to save them up and recycle at one of the destinations mentioned above when it is convenient to them.** Any action which reduces the amount of waste going to landfill or incineration is to be welcomed.

2. The local PCSO, James Hannath, attended with a colleague and spoke about speeding on local roads, in particular he mentioned the lower part of the High Street. His view was that community speed watch was no longer fit for purpose as it required too many volunteers plus the police equipment was old and required expensive batteries. Some local councils were now using smart speed indicator devices. These captured information on speed alongside the time but not car registrations. Where these devices were sited did not need the permission of CWaC Highways. That responsibility had now been passed to the Police Roads Policing Team. That team took evidence from the smart speed indicator devices and used it to mount targeted police action to catch and prosecute speeding drivers. (The PC will return to this issue at its next meeting having gathered additional information).

3. The next **community clean up will be on 11th October 2025 at 09:30** to no later than 12:30. **Rather than complain about litter why not join us to collect it?** Either come to the Community Centre, Tarvin or the Green, Oscroft to collect your picker, bags and bib. You will be allocated a “round” and filled bags should be left next to the many litter bins that are around the Parish.
Please support this worthwhile initiative.
4. A planning application to provide a handrail at the entrance pathway to St Andrew’s Church was supported in principle. However, the PC objected to the proposed position. It considered that it should be on the left-hand side not on the War Memorial side as this could potentially make maintenance of the wall difficult and would slightly compromise the entrance to the War Memorial.
5. At the next meeting it is hoped that the head of Planning at CWaC will attend the meeting to discuss planning difficulties in Cheshire villages. Other parish councils in the Tarvin/Kelsall Ward will be invited too. The difficulties concern the pressure to build more houses in places like Tarvin and the impact that has on infrastructure, community facilities and communities in the widest sense. Tarvin Parish Council has already recognised this challenge and has engaged a firm of consultants to look at possible scenarios for development in the parish area.
6. In 2012 the PC made a request CWaC Rights of Way that the “cinder track” that runs between Church Street and Cross Lanes should become a public footpath and be added to the Definitive Map which shows all public footpaths. This request was supported by evidence provided by users of the track. In 2024 CWaC appointed an independent consultant to examine the case. The landowner objected to the proposal and the consultant recommended refusal of the PC’s application. Although the PC could appeal to the Secretary of State it concluded there was not time to produce stronger evidence by the deadline of the end of September. However, the PC also resolved that it would resubmit an application with much stronger evidence and many more statements from users. The lesson for the PC is that if proposals are made to other bodies the evidence should be as comprehensive as possible with nothing left to chance. Bearing this in mind the PC is in the process of registering the land on which the War Memorial is built. In order to make the strongest case to the Land Registry the Council’s Solicitor is seeking evidence that other than the PC no one has ever maintained the War Memorial although it is acknowledged that volunteers with permission of the PC have kept the grounds well maintained. If you have any information or photographs of when the memorial was fenced off for maintenance work both of which would help please contact the Clerk (Clerk@tarvinparishcouncil.gov.uk) .
7. The PC is spending public money, your money and how it is spent is subject to independent review. The Council’s 2024/25 accounts have now been audited and there are **no issues** to report. This result should provide comfort to all residents that their money is not only properly accounted for but is spent appropriately.