Tarleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Carr Lane, Tarleton

Present
Cllrs. R Bryan; S Bryan; Latham; McDiarmid; Mee; R Evans; M Evans; Hargreaves; Daly and Eminson.

2024/107 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks
The Chairman Cllr S Bryan welcomed everyone to the meeting

2024/108 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Cookson and Wareing.

2024/109 Notifications of Interests: None

2024/110 Minutes of the last meeting
It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2025 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2024/111 Clerks Report (for information only)

a) The Clerk confirmed a meeting with United Utilities took place at the Mere Brow Treatment Works which resolved with an open line of communication between ourselves and UU. It was also advised that UU would like to be involved with the local flooding group.
b) The Clerk advised the manhole behind the Pavilion was still awaiting repair and this was being regularly chased.
c) The Clerk advised that the meeting with SJR Architecture was positive with plenty of possibilities to explore in respect of the car park at Church Road, Tarleton. Further designs were being considered to discuss at a later date.

2024/112 West Lancashire Borough Council update on Public Toilets
It was heard that some Councillors met with the facilities manager for West Lancashire Borough Council to discuss their plans to close the public toilets in Tarleton. It was heard that this was a decision being made across the Borough and Tarleton was one of three which were to be closed. WLBC advised that the upkeep of the toilets was in the region of £23,673.31 for 23/24 and that the toilets were a target for vandalism which increases the upkeep. It was also discussed that the building had been hit by vehicles on a number of occasions and the structure of the wall was in doubt.

It was resolved that WLBC would close the current toilets as it was not cost effective to maintain the current building as it stands. As the Council have plans to renovate the site including the car park, consideration in the future would be made to install facilities at a later date if the demand requires it.

2024/113 Financial Matters
(a) It was resolved that the payments listed should be approved. £

(b) Items of income received since last meeting:

(c) To reconsider the 2025/26 budget and setting of the precept (previously circulated)

With consideration made to the information provided by West Lancashire Borough Council regarding the facilities, which was not available at the previous meeting, it was resolved that the precept for 2025/26 would not be increased. This decision takes into account the broader financial pressures on households due to rising living costs. As such, the precept will remain at its current level.

2024/114 Correspondence
A letter was received from Lancashire County Council regarding the addition of a footpath along Mere Lane, Mere Brow.

2024/115 Next Meeting
The date and location for the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.30pm at the **Pavilion, Carr Lane.**