

TARRINGTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025 AT 6.30PM IN LADY EMILY COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Stuart Greenfield, Paul Grey, Robert Hodges, Ian Howard, Linzy Outtrim, John Tallis (Chair), and Janette Ward.

In attendance: Cllr Graham Biggs (Ward Councillor).
Mr Paul Hayden (Clerk).

Members of the Public: FOUR

1/25 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Cllr Tallis welcomed everyone to this annual parish meeting.

2/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Jakki Cunningham.

3/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 13th May 2024 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed.

4/25 ANNUAL REPORT OF TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Tallis presented his report on parish council activities during 2024/25 (attached as Annex A to these minutes).

5/25 TARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Responsible Finance Officer/Clerk presented the following draft financial summary:

Total Income 2024/25 £20,114:	Precept	£ 18,150
	Bank interest	£ 137
	VAT reclaim	£ 735
	Lengthsman	£ 1,092
	TOTAL	£ 20,114
Total Expenditure 2024/25 £21,475:	Clerk	39%
	Grants	23%
	Lengthsman	13%
	Jubilee Green	9%
	Admin costs	6%
	PRoW	4%
	HALC	3%
	SID warranty	2%
	LECH hire	1%
		100%

Grants made to:	LECH	£ 2,407
	Gazeboes for community events	£ 1,418
	Tarrington Tatler	£ 700
	Village website	<u>£ 390</u>
	TOTAL GRANTS	£ 4,915

Reimbursements due:	VAT reclaim	£ 1,345
	Lengthsman grant	£ 1,872
	PRoW grant	<u>£ 670</u>
	TOTAL	£ 3,887

6/25 CLLR GRAHAM BIGGS CABINET MEMBER ECONOMY & GROWTH HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Cllr Biggs gave a presentation on his role as the Cabinet Member responsible for Economy & Growth covering the current financial state of the council, strategic and affordable housing, opportunities for economic growth and development, key initiatives such as the establishment of a Development Company for housing, the Hereford Enterprise Zone, Business Board, Skills Board, expansion of the Youth Employment Hub, creation of an Inward Investment Manager post, City Vision, bursaries for students to attend NMITE and development of a Cyber Strategy to encourage and grow cyber related businesses in the county. Cllr Biggs also touched on the Local Plan and the Government's mandatory housing targets for Herefordshire, and answered questions from those present.

7/25 PUBLIC MATTERS

The status of the Tarrington Neighbourhood Development Plan was raised in the light of the Government's housing targets and a request was made to consider affordable housing in any review and the importance of communication with residents during the review process.

The meeting was closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman's Report

Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 12th May 2025

Six ordinary and 1 extraordinary meetings were held during the year 1st April 2024 to the 31st March 2025. The Council considered 8 planning applications within the parish and a number regarding adjoining parishes, during the year, representing local resident views. One in particular will become evident later this year, when work starts on the new wetland area to augment the sewage plant, north of the railway, aimed at reducing the "phosphate" pollution problems in the Wye/Lugg catchment area.

We welcomed Stuart Greenfield, from the Hopfield estate, as a new parish councillor filling the vacancy created when Cllr Gill Board resigned in April 2024.

The current parish councillors are Jakki Cunningham, Stuart Greenfield, Paul Grey (Vice-Chairman), Robert Hodges, Ian Howard, Linzy Outtrim, John Tallis (Chairman), Janette Ward (Footpaths Officer). Cllr Graham Biggs is the Ward Councillor and Paul Hayden is the Clerk.

Highway safety remains a major concern for residents and therefore the Parish Council's key priority. The PC have encouraged West Mercia Police to implement regular speed enforcement in the village. We commissioned our 3rd speed indicator sign, at Garbrook, facing towards traffic approaching from Ledbury, using the PC's Lengthsman to install the pole. We are working on a submission to HC, to commission Traffic Calming measures on the A438, funded from PC reserves. Establishing costs for this work is proving difficult.

Durlow Common Road is STILL the worst section of tarmac in the Parish, in urgent need of resurfacing, but despite raising this repeatedly with HC it remains a low priority issue for them. The PC will continue to raise it with HC, through every channel available to us.

The change of national government has resulted in local authorities being given substantially higher targets for house-building – Herefordshire's target has risen by 15,000 over the next 6 years. This has been translated into a draft requirement of 24 new homes in our parish over that period. The PC, with the help of residents, will need to review our Neighbourhood Development Plan to ensure that it is robust enough to support any local requirements we wish to apply to any proposed development – whether that is for affordable housing or for local infrastructure.

The Parish Footpath Officer continues to work with local landowners to maintain the public footpaths and stiles, and where maintenance is not carried out, the PC has provided remedial support to ensure that they are kept open and passable. New HC procedures should make this easier. The PC maintains the village green, cutting the grass, hedges and shrubs, and encourages all residents to make use of this facility. It also supports the Lady Emily Hall to maintain the playing field and playground at the Hall.

Finally, I would like to thank all councillors, our Ward Councillor and Clerk for their work over the past year. I hope that in 2025/26 we will have opportunities to make further progress to improve facilities in the village and we welcome ideas and support from parishioners.

Cllr John Tallis