

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Grange Farm in
Tichborne at 6.30pm on Thursday 14th December 2023

24/30) Apologies.

Mr R Foot	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A Stewart	Councillor

Mr J Pett	District Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor

Present.

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mr J French-Brooks	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mrs S Tattersall	Councillor

Mr N Bolton	District Councillor
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Mr B Gibbs	Clerk
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Three members of the public.

24/31) Declarations of Interest.

a) Cllrs McWhirter and Tattersall declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the St Andrew's PCC on tonight's agenda.

24/32) To approve the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 26th September 2023. (Previously circulated).

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr French-Brooks seconded the proposal that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 26th September 2023 be approved.

It was **resolved** that these minutes be accepted as an accurate record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

24/33) Public Session

The Parish Churchwardens attended to the meeting. They spoke about the amount of support they needed for the graveyard maintenance. Currently, the costs are exceeding £1,200 per annum. The Churchwardens asked if it was possible for the Parish Council to allocate a sink fund to the PCC. It was confirmed that this was not possible. The Clerk said that funding was normally made through S137 grant funding. The Clerk commented that there was potential funding from the 2022 & 2023 Boomtown community grants to the total of £4,500.

24/34) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Cllr Bolton spoke about a few items including grant funding opportunities such as the rural England prosperity grants and the Small grants scheme. Cllr Bolton also spoke about the local election schedule for 2024 that included further actions required on the day to do with Voter ID.

He then wished everyone the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

24/35) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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a) Grant applications 2023-24.

The Clerk spoke about this item. He said that the Parish Council had supported the Ukrainian students at Perins School over the last two years and provided pastoral grants of £600.00 to help with the cost of school uniforms. Cllr Foot had mentioned at the previous meeting that the School was hosting a Christmas event for the Children and he asked if the Parish Council would like to support this.

At the time, the sum of £300.00 was suggested as being reasonable. The event has now taken place and the Clerk informed the meeting that the total cost came to just under £140.

It was **resolved** that a grant of £140 be provided to Perins School in support of the provision of a Christmas event for its Ukrainian students. The Parish Council of Tichborne noted that the statutory basis for this item is the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 19.

b) The Clerk proposed the following orders for payment as follows:

BT25	Perins School	S142 /S19 Grant 23-24	300.00
BT26	Alresford Golf Club	Room Hire	25.00
BT27	HMRC	PAYE/NI	52.60
BT28	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary Sep 23	105.30
BT29	Hugo Fox	INV-3194	23.99
BT30	HMRC	PAYE/NI	26.44
BT31	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary Oct 23	105.30
DD1	ICO	Annual Registration	35.00
BT32	Hugo Fox	INV-3403	23.99
BT33	Brendan V Gibbs	Salary Nov 23	105.30

The Parish Council **resolved** to approve these orders for payment.

c) To receive LGA Grant requests for the financial year 2024-25.

Grant applications forms have been sent to the St Andrew's Church PCC, Tichborne Park Cricket Club, The Oliver Branch Christian Counselling Service, the Alresford & District Agricultural Committee and the Winchester Citizen's Advice Bureau, HIOW Victim Support and Perins School.

It was proposed by Cllr Raimes and seconded by Cllr French-Brooks that the Parish Council allocated each of these organisations a total of £300.00 (three hundred pounds) in the 2024-25 budget except for the HIOW Victim Support. According to their own figures they would normally ask for a figure of £100.

It was unanimously **resolved** to include £1,900 within the 2024-25 budget to meet the cost of these grants.

d) Tichborne Parish Precept and Budget 2024-25

The Clerk began the precept discussion by reminding members that the Parish Council had received a total sum of £4,151 from Winchester City Council in 2023-24 as its parish precept.

For information a spreadsheet was circulated that showed the tax base for Tichborne in 2023-24 had been 119.22 and the Band D rate had been £34.82.

The Clerk said that the proposed figures for 2024-25 showed the tax base for Tichborne is 121.08. If the Band D rate was assumed to remain as it is (£34.82) then there was the potential to set a precept of 4,216.

The Clerk then spoke about potential outgoings of significance. It was noted that the grant figure allocated next year had risen to £1,900. The Clerk also spoke about the recent NJC pay award. It was noted that the Parish Council is contractually obliged to follow the NJC's pay recommendations. The Clerk said that he would circulate a draft budget between meetings in order for this to be reviewed by the Parish Council.

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23/36) Planning & Licensing.

a) Planning applications and decisions received from the South Downs National Park Authority.

SDNP/23/01165/CND Park View Cottage Riverside Farm Lane Tichborne Alresford Hampshire SO24 0NA: (Amended) variation of condition 5 of planning application 97/01671/FUL. Planning permission has been received.

23/37) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr French-Brooks spoke about the recent damage to the Village Green. Cllr French-Brooks said that he would liaise with the Tichborne Arms as it was understood that their contractor may have caused the damage. The Clerk said that this type of work is beyond the scope of the parish Lengthsman. He also commented that the area of land known as the Village Green was in fact the Tichborne visibility improvement scheme and was under the management of Hampshire Highways. The Lengthsman was actually due to visit the village on February 5th 2024.

b) The bottle bank at the Tichborne Arms.

The Clerk spoke about the project to re-instate the bottle bank within the Tichborne Arms car park. The quote has been re-issued by the contractor and it was now simply a question of commissioning the construction of the hard-standing. All agreed that the project can now proceed.

It was **resolved** to empower Cllrs Raimes and French-Brooks to liaise with the Tichborne Arms, Biffa Plc and Winchester City Council in order to identify where the hard standing is to be positioned and instruct the contractor accordingly.

23/38) Any other reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.27pm

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 7th February 2024 at the Alresford Golf Club.

**Brendan Gibbs,
Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.**

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