

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council commencing at 6.30pm
on Thursday 19th March 2020 at Alresford Golf Club.

20/59) Apologies.

Mr R Humby	County Councillor
Mr L Ruffell	District Councillor
Mr R Foot	Councillor
Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
Mr A Stewart	Councillor

Present.

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mr J French-Brooks	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mr H Lumby	District Councillor
Mr B Gibbs	Clerk

One member of the public.

20/60) Waiver of six-month Councillor attendance rule (Section 85 Local Government Act 1972).

Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a member of a Local Authority to attend at least one meeting of that Authority within a six-month consecutive period, in order to avoid being disqualified as a Councillor. This requirement can be waived and the time limit extended if any failure to attend was due to a reason approved by the Authority in advance of the six-month period expiring.

Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 states that “if a member of a Local Authority fails, throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, to attend any meeting of the Authority they will, unless the failure was due to some good reason approved by the Authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the Authority.” Attendance can be at any committee or sub-committee, or any joint committee, joint board or other body where the functions of the Authority are discharged.

Prior to the meeting Cllrs Stewart and Hugh had declared that they were self-isolating as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Cllr Foot had been asked to do an extended shift at work delivering mail to local businesses including NHS premises.

The waiver of the six-month Councillor attendance rule (Section 85 Local Government Act 1972) in respect of Cllrs Foot, Hugh and Stewart was proposed by Cllr Raimes and seconded by Cllr Kinder.

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve this proposal.

20/61) Declarations of Interest.

a) There were no declarations of interest made.

20/62) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

a) Cllr Lumby spoke about his previously submitted report to the Parish Council. The report was noted and there were no questions. Cllr Lumby then spoke about the current national situation with the Coronavirus. He said that

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the City Council's functions are carrying on but that there may be some interruption to services such as waste collection and glass collections. Councillors commented that there was inadequate information emerging from central government. Cllr Lumby said that he would endeavour to stay in contact with the Parish Council over the next few months.

20/63) Public Session.

a) Julia Kimber spoke about the need to support villagers through the forthcoming emerging epidemic. She said it was vital to provide a link to all in the village. Cllr Raimes commented that the Parish Council will provide support to villagers on a personal level. In addition he said that there is an agenda item to make some of the Parish Council's financial resources available to local support organisations and charities.

Following a general discussion amongst councillors and the member of the public it was agreed that a leaflet would be circulated throughout the village outlining how everyone could access help at this time.

20/64) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

- V590 Alresford Golf Club Room Hire 19th May 2020. £20.00p
- V591 B.V.Gibbs Expenses July 2019-Feb 2020. £110.82p
- V592 B.V.Gibbs Salary Jan-Feb 2020. £161.60p
- V593 HMRC PAYE Jan-Feb 2020. £81.01p

The Parish Council **resolved** to approve this order for payment.

b) The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's bank account contained the sum of £16,978.29p as at 20th January 2020.

c) Grant applications 2020-21.

It was noted that the VE Day celebrations organised by the St Andrew's Church may not happen. However, it was proposed by Cllr McWhirter and seconded by Cllr French-Brooks that should an event take place that the Parish Council would support this up to a limit of £500.00p

The Parish Council **resolved** to approve this proposal.

As there is a national emergency situation due to Covid-19 it was proposed by Councillor Raimes and seconded by Cllr Kinder to set aside up to £5,000.00p (Five thousand pounds) from the general reserve to support community groups during any lock down period.

The Parish Council unanimously **resolved** to approve this proposal.

20/65) To approve the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 6th January 2020 as well as those of the previous ordinary meeting held on the 25th November 2019 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Kinder proposed and Cllr McWhirter seconded the proposal that the minutes of the last two ordinary meetings of Tichborne Parish Council held on the be approved.

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

20/66) Planning & Licensing.

a) Planning applications and decisions received from The South Downs NPA

SDNP/18/06249/FUL: Matterley Farm Alresford Road Ovington Alresford Hampshire SO24 0HU

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Modification of existing agricultural field gate access (Gate L) from A272 to provide temporary access for Boomtown Festival for a maximum of two weeks in any calendar year.

The Parish Council of Tichborne wishes to raise an **objection** to this proposal

It is not appropriate to use the A272 to increase vehicular access to and from the event. In our view it would be safer to use the nearby A31 where there is already a lane dedicated to event traffic of this nature.

We are also concerned that several other items listed within the application to protect fauna and flora are too generic and do not highlight specific actions to be undertaken.

The Parish Council requests that his decision is made by the SDNPA Development Control Committee meeting lawfully under the present regulations.

b) Planning applications and decisions received from Winchester City Council.

20/00145/HOU: Marvo Ladycroft Alresford Hampshire SO24 0QP.

Extension and internal alterations of existing bungalow and demolition of existing conservatory to create additional accommodation at the rear of the property with larger ground floor kitchen / family room, bedroom, bathroom, double garage and utility room.

The Parish Council has **no objection** to this proposal. However, the Parish Council is concerned that work has started in advance of the permission being received.

20/67) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme. It was reported that the new contract for 2020-21 will commence in April 2020. Councillor French-Brooks and Cllr Raimes will remain as the points of contact. Cllr French-Brooks offered to contact the new contractor before the new contract begins. It was resolved that this be an approved duty.

b) Bus Shelters at the Ladycroft crossroads. It was agreed to set aside this item until the national situation has returned to normal.

c) Signage at each end of Riverside Farm Lane. It was reported that the repairs are taking place at this moment in time.

20/68) Correspondence.

The Clerk said that there is now a three-month delay in the deadline for the completion of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return from 30th June 2020 until September 30th 2020.

20/69) any other report which the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.58pm

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Thursday 28th May 2020 via the ZOOM video streaming service commencing at 6.30pm.

Brendan Gibbs,
Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

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