

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held at the Alresford Golf Club Tichborne at 6.40pm on Thursday 19th June 2025.

26/13) Apologies.

Mr R Foot	Councillor (late arrival)
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mr A Stewart	Councillor

Present.

Mr N Kinder	Chairman
Mr R Foot	Councillor (from 7.24pm)
Ms M Philibert	Councillor
Ms L Robbins	Councillor
Mr C Spicer	Councillor

Mr N Bolton	District Councillor
Mr J Pett	District Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor

Mr B Gibbs	Clerk
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26/14) Declarations of Interest.

a) None recorded.

26/15) To approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 1st May 2025 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Robbins proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that the minutes the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 1st May 2025 be approved.

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

26/16) Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

26/17) County and District Council reports.

District Cllrs Pett and Bolton presented a joint report alongside County Cllr Williams.

The Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has issued feedback on interim Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) proposals across several counties (Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Hampshire, and West Sussex), aiming to highlight key themes for improving final submissions. Feedback consistently references six evaluation criteria (including population, governance, service impact, financial sustainability, and public engagement) which are all equally weighted in decision-making.

A population figure of 500,000 is a guiding benchmark, not a strict requirement; however, deviations must be well justified. MHCLG emphasises the importance of defined geographic proposals covering the full invitation area, ideally with minimal boundary changes unless strongly justified. Service impact, particularly for vulnerable groups (e.g. adult social care, SEND), must be addressed with clear risk mitigation strategies.

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Financial viability is critical. Proposals should include high-level assessments of transition costs, efficiency savings, and debt management plans. The government will not cover transition costs but offers limited preparatory funding. Proposals must also show how they support broader public service transformation and align with devolution plans, including potential Mayoral Strategic Authorities.

Robust data, strong inter-council collaboration, and meaningful community engagement are vital. Councils are encouraged to use shared assumptions and datasets and to ensure transparency and accountability in their plans.

The Ministry feedback allowed for each of the 15 Councils covering the Hampshire-Solent area to submit their own proposals in September. Since the interim submission in March, Hampshire County Council has chosen to engage a second consultancy to develop, with East Hampshire DC, a plan reflecting its declared commitment to delivering simpler, stronger, and financially secure councils through LGR.

This marks a first split from the initial stage where all 15 local authorities across Hampshire and the Solent were working together towards the interim submission. At present, the two teams (HCC with EHDC and, separately, the 13 other Unitaries and Districts together) are working on 6 different proposals, only one of which is common to both. Robust, transparent planning that balances financial and community needs, aiming to ensure future councils can withstand pressures and deliver lasting benefits for local communities, will be critical to an effective solution.

Following its Planning Committee meeting on 8 May 2025, the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) agreed in principle to grant planning permission for the Boomtown Festival, but only subject to strict environmental conditions. The Committee delegated authority to the Director of Planning, in consultation with the Chair, to issue final approval once a Section 106 legal agreement is in place. This agreement must secure long-term biodiversity net gain (BNG) measures, water neutrality, and other environmental protections, with a legally binding monitoring and funding structure in place for at least 30 years.

The SDNPA acknowledged the cultural and economic value of the festival but stressed that these benefits must be balanced against the Authority's statutory duty to protect the landscape and biodiversity of the National Park. Members expressed concern that current BNG proposals were not yet strong enough and called for a detailed Biodiversity Enhancement and Landscape Management Plan (BLEMMP), which will undergo public consultation once finalised. If all legal and environmental requirements are not met within six months, the application may be refused.

26/18) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

BT12 HALC Annual Fee. £205.00
BT13 B.V.Gibbs Salary May 2025. £113.70
BT14 HMRC PAYE/NIC May 2024. £28.40
BT15 Alresford Golf Club. Room Hire. £25.00
BT16 RP Commercial Services. £3,000.00
BT17 Hugo Fox. June 2025 Invoice. £23.99
BT18 B.V.Gibbs Salary June 2025. £113.70

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

b) The Internal Auditor has carried out a review of the Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 and has completed an audit report.

Cllr Kinder proposed, Cllr Robbins seconded and it was **resolved** to receive the Internal Audit report.

c) To approve the annual governance statement - Section 1 on page 5 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Cllr Kinder proposed, Cllr Robbins seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

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d) To approve the accounting statements for 2023-24 - Section 2 on page 6 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Cllr Kinder proposed, Cllr Robbins seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

e) Authorise the Chairman and the Clerk to sign Section 1 and Chairman and the Clerk (acting as the RFO) to sign Section 2 of the Annual Return.

Cllr Kinder proposed, Cllr Robbins seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

The Clerk and the Chairman signed sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return later.

f) Authorise the Chairman and the Clerk (acting as the RFO) to sign the Smaller Authorities Certificate of Exemption on page 3 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Cllr Kinder proposed, Cllr Robbins seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

g) To approve the Notice of Public Rights for publication and sundry other documents from the External Auditor including a conflict-of-interest notice.

Cllr Kinder proposed, Cllr Robbins seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

The Clerk and the Chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return before the end of the meeting.

26/19) Planning & Licensing.

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

There were no planning applications to receive.

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

25/00652/HOUT The Crooked Billet Alresford Road Tichborne Alresford Hampshire SO24 0PN:

a) New workshop & tool store to eastern elevation of existing detached garage b) addition of photovoltaic panels (PV) to the southern slope of the pitched roof of the detached garage and proposed adjoining new workshop/tool store c) a new Electric Vehicle (EV) charging point to side of existing garaged) insertion of two rooflights to northern roof slope of existing garage.

Members were asked for their comments. The Clerk apologised for the late circulation of the proposals.

26/20) Any other reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

26/21) Exempt Business: To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the discussion of the following matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

There were personnel matters to discuss.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.01pm

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 9th October at the Alresford Golf Club.

Brendan Gibbs,
Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

Chairman's signature

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