

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Tichborne Annual Parish Assembly held on
Wednesday 1st May 2019 at Alresford Golf Club at 7.05pm

Present.	Mr R Raimes	Chairman
	Mr R Foot	Councillor
	Mr J French-Brooks	Councillor
	Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
	Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
	Mr A Stewart	Councillor
	Mr H Lumby	District Councillor
	Mr B Gibbs	Clerk

Three members of the public.

1) Apologies were received from the following people.

Cllr R Humby & Cllr L Ruffell, Lady Elizabeth Craig-Cooper, Mr David Pain, Mr Patrick Roper & Mr Neil Kinder.

2) To approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Assembly held on the 22nd March 2018

Those present accepted the minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly held on the 22nd March 2018.

3) Tichborne Parish Council Chairman's Report.

Light refreshments from the bar were provided to all those attending before the Chairman's report was received.

Council

The Council year started on 16th May with the AGM. Cllr Raimes was elected chairman for the year with no other nominations. In early May 2018 Cllr L Ruffell held his seat for Upper Meon Valley in the Winchester City elections whilst the Tichborne Parish Council election due to be held at the same time was uncontested.

On September 20th the Upper Meon Valley ward was the subject of a by-election as a result of Amber Thacker standing down. Cllr Hugh Lumby was elected to complete her term and is standing for re-election In the Winchester City elections on May 2nd 2019.

Tichborne Parish Council lost John Curtis who passed away on 13th May last year after a short illness.

He had served on the Council for so long that I could not find anyone who could remember when he was first elected. He was cremated at Basingstoke and his wake at West Lea was extremely well attended.

A casual vacancy was announced with no one coming forward to call for a poll. Justin French-Brooks was eventually co-opted onto the Council in the January 2019 meeting.

My thanks go to all of the members of the Council for their continued commitment over the last year. I would particularly like to thank Brendan for keeping us legal, truthful and honest, Neil for keeping the website up to date and to Anthony for all his work on planning issues with a great deal of support from Justin whilst commenting on the Matterley applications.

Weather

2018 was one of the coldest and wettest springs for some time. Total rainfall for the year was 731mm which was well above average with almost half of that falling between the beginning of March and end of May. June through to the end of September was one of our driest and hottest summers on record. There were 28 consecutive days with temperatures over 25 degrees which led to a very straight forward and early harvest finishing at least three weeks earlier than normal. Hampshire recorded 950 day degree which led to a fantastic grape harvest and

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probably one of the best vintages that will ever be produced in the South of the UK. Rainfall in the winter months of November and December made up for the other half of the rainfall.

Planning

Planning applications were few and far between this year. A few tree applications, re planning for Goose Cottage and the Rectory and then a rework of ‘Marvo’ in Ladycroft.

Boomtown gave us two planning application in early 2019. Firstly, an application to extend the dates between the two motocross festivals was received. This application was approved with conditions. Secondly, application for change of use from agriculture to mixed agriculture and holding one motocross event and one music event per year. Tichborne Parish Council objected strongly for a number of reasons. Temporary permission until 2023 has been granted.

Financial

The budget meeting in January saw the precept set at £4195. The precept in Tichborne was reduced by 5% last year and prior to that has remained the same for seven years. This year it was decided to reduce the precept by a further 3%. This reduces the band D rate to £36.61 from £37.76. Grants were approved to 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. They all received £300 each. The 2018 Boomtown community fund gifted TPC £700 and £1000 was donated to the Cheriton play area project from the 2016 Boomtown community fund.

As of 7th December, the balance in the Parish Council bank account was £17,642.39

Other

Broadband continues to get ever closer. The entire conduit has been laid and fibre has been pulled though all the way to the bottom for the park. BT has suggested that they might be ready to take orders this June.

Progress has been made with the community defibrillator. It will be situated on the end wall of the Tichborne Arms and hopefully should be installed in the next month.

Alresford show had yet another fantastic day. Blessed with sunshine, the showground was filled all day long with a near record breaking crowd. The 2019 Show will be on Saturday 7th September.

The Country Sportsman Day also had a great day with record numbers. However, this will be the last show in Tichborne Park as they are relocating to Bereleigh for the 2019 show.

Tichborne welcomed new inhabitants in Park View, Butlers Cottage and Marvo in 2019 as we said goodbye to the Bousfield and Guy Dale-Smith.

Cllr Robert Raimes.

4) Open forum

During the open forum members of the public discussed ways in which the latest contributions from the Boomtown Fair could be spent.

There follows a summary of the points made during the discussion.

- A resident of Bakelands Gardens asked if help could be provided so that the community there could receive the superfast Broadband offering that will shortly be available to the village centre and at Sevington.
- A resident asked if there could be improved signage when entering the village from the B3046 and the B3047.
- Cllr Raimes provided an update on the provision of a community defibrillator.
- A resident asked if the Parish Council could consider providing a new bus shelter in the village at the Ladycroft cross roads.
- A resident asked if the Parish Council could consider the refurbishment of A31 viaduct in order to remove the graffiti on the arches either side of Riverside Farm Lane.

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- A resident asked if the Parish Council could consider the provision of signage on parish footpaths (to include information and advice for dog walkers on clearing up after their dogs).
- A resident asked if the Parish Council could consider the provision of dog bins on well-used footpaths.
- A resident asked if the Parish Council could consider publishing an updated version of the “Tichborne 2000” book.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Assembly closed at 8.27pm.

Cllr Raimes thanked everyone for attending and for all the contributions made during the evening.

Brendan Gibbs
Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

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