

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council commencing at 6.30pm
on Monday 24th October 2022 at the Alresford Golf Club.

23/22) Apologies.

Mr A Stewart	Councillor
Mrs S Tattersall	Councillor
Mr H Lumby	District Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor

Present.

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mr R Foot	Councillor (from 6.47pm)
Mr J French-Brooks	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mrs S Tattersall	Councillor (via Zoom)
Mr N Bolton	District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs Clerk

Five members of the public.

21/23) 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 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, Cllr Tattersall had sent her apologies as she was unable to attend this meeting due the fact that a close family member who is currently living with her had recently tested positive for Covid-19.

The waiver of the six-month councillor attendance rule (Section 85 Local Government Act 1972) in respect of Cllr Tattersall was proposed by Cllr Raimes and seconded by Cllr Kinder.

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

Cllr Tattersall joined the first 40 minutes of the meeting via zoom but did not take part in any debate and did not vote on any matter whilst her zoom link was active.

23/24) Declarations of Interest.

a) Cllr Kinder declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 7(a) as this was a planning application submitted by himself.

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23/25) To approve the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 28th June 2022 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 28th June 2022 be approved.

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

23/26) Public Session

a) a members of the public spoke about the following traffic matters.

- An increase in traffic along Riverside Farm Lane.
- An increase in traffic travelling at inappropriate speeds approaching the village and travelling through the village.
- No walkways along this highway.
- A lack of signage on the highway verges.

Another member of the public spoke about the following matters.

The Tichborne Arms has recently re-opened after a substantial refurbishment. Following its re-opening it was apparent that the following issues have emerged.

- Noise and disturbance from the pub’s garden.
- A large barbeque has been installed leading to smoke and cooking smells being dispersed over neighbouring properties.
- Inappropriate parking along the highway has been reported.
- A play area has been installed that is too close to the neighbouring properties.
- The play area was generating an amount of noise and disturbance from children.

Cllr Bolton was asked to comment on these matters. He said that he would not comment directly upon the issues raised. He did say that he would “reach out” to the pub landlord in order to make him aware of the parishioner concerns. The Clerk also said that he would have a conversation with the pub landlord and report back to the Parish Council.

The Clerk commented that the Parish Council has no powers or duties to act upon any of the concerns raised.

23/27) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Cllr Bolton began his report by commenting on the solar together campaign. This is a bulk buying initiative where residents can register an interest in solar panels, a battery or an EV charging point. A reverse auction is then held to produce the most competitive prices - you can then choose to accept this or not.

Hampshire County Council is to pay an extra £200 per month to Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government’s Homes for Ukraine Scheme, over the next five months. The extra money is to reflect both the important contribution Hampshire hosts are making to this significant humanitarian effort, as well as the current challenges many may be facing, in terms of cost-of-living pressures, particularly over the winter months.

The new payments will start in October and be funded via the grant paid to upper tier local authorities to support implementation of the Homes for Ukraine scheme locally. The county of Hampshire has welcomed the third highest number of Ukrainian nationals in England.

Testing on the new average speed cameras on the A32 and the A272 is now underway and the results so far are very positive.

The consultation on 20mph speed limits in residential areas has now closed. Around 9,000 responses were received, which are now being reviewed.

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The summer was an opportune time for maintenance works over the 5,500-mile road network. Across the county 35,595 square metres of carriageway was resurfaced in July, 14,657 gullies and other drainage was cleared, 2,801 square metres of footway was resurfaced or repaired and 10,520 road defects were addressed, including potholes.

Cllr Bolton concluded his report by reporting on the current initiatives to provide better broadband for those areas that are considered as being “off grid.”

23/28) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) The Parish Lengthsman scheme is under new management and the Lengthsman is next due in early November. Cllrs Raimes and French-Brooks remain as the liaison between the Parish Council and the contractor.

b) The Clerk spoke about speeding issues along Riverside Farm Lane. He commented that its official designation (by Hampshire Highways) is the C218. The speed limit along the entire length of the road is 60mph This is the national limit for a single carriageway road. Following the Covid 19 lockdowns, it is apparent that more villagers are reporting vehicles travelling at excessive speed.

There have been requests in the past to look at reducing the speed limit along Riverside Farm Lane and particularly from the A31 viaduct and on towards Ladycroft. However, Hampshire Highways undertook a traffic survey (in 2008) that did not produce compelling evidence of a significant problem there.

The Parish Council has commissioned another survey of traffic speeds that will be undertaken by positioning a speed data recorder SDR along the road at some point north of the village centre. The Parish Council is also looking to work with other local councils in joining a community speedwatch team. It was hoped that the data will be presented to a future meeting.

23/29) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

- V667 Perins School Grant to Ukrainian Pupils (Sec 19 Misc Prov 1976). £300.00
- V668 Alresford Golf Club Room Hire. £25.00
- V669 B.V.Gibbs Salary Jul-Aug 2022. £161.60
- V670 B.V.Gibbs Salary Sept-Oct 2022. £161.60
- V671 ICO Annual Fee. £40.00p
- V672 HMRC PAYE/NIC Jul-Oct 2022. £80.00

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

b) To review the Financial Risk Assessment for 2022-23.

The Clerk said he would be updating the Financial Risk Assessment for uploading on to the Parish Council’s website once the Parish Council had accepted the amendments made to this year’s document. These included listing the S137 fund at £1,647.47 at a rate of £8.81p per elector multiplied by the number of electors (187).

The Clerk had previously requested a review of his salary and this will take place later in the meeting..

A VAT claim for £153.89 has been submitted.

The Parish Council **resolved** to approve the amendments and publish the document on the website.

c) To appoint an Internal Auditor for the financial year ending 31st March 2023.

It was **resolved** to appoint Lightatouch Internal Audit Services to act as the Parish Council’s Internal Auditor for the financial year 2022-23

d) The Clerk reported that the Parish Council’s bank account contained the sum of £12,007.28p as at 6th October 2022

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Cllr Raimes **signed** this bank statement.

e) Tichborne Parish Precept 2023-24

The Clerk commented that the Winchester City Council Tax Base is not available at this time. However, the general feeling of the Parish Council notwithstanding this information is that the Band D rate for 2023-24 should remain the same as of 2022-23.

Providing the present financial circumstances remain the same in January 2023, this would result in a Band D rate of £34.82 for 2023-24.

23/30) Planning & Licensing.

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

SDNP/22/04521/HOUS The Old School House Church Lane Tichborne Hampshire SO24 0NA: Extensions and alterations to the existing dwelling, including the replacement of a double garage, a new outbuilding and associated works

The Parish Council of Tichborne has **no objection** to this proposal.

Cllr Kinder declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application as he is the applicant.

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

There are no applications to receive.

23/31) Any other reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

There were no other items to consider at this meeting.

23/32) 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.

It was **resolved** to approve this.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.59pm.

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held at Grange Farm, Tichborne on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.00pm

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

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Exempt Business:

23/33 Cllr McWhirter spoke about the forthcoming Matterley Bowl application that was due before the SDNPA Planning Committee in December 2022. He asked the Clerk if he could respond to the latest initiative by Cheriton Parish Council regarding the non-enforcement of the current planning conditions at this year's festival.

23/34 The Parish Council approved the Clerk's request for a review of his pay scales.

It was **resolved** to pay the Clerk's NJC pay scale 2020-21 SCP 14 (£12.21p) backdated to 1st April 2022.

It was also **resolved** to include the Clerk's pay into the annual budget process.

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