

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council commencing at 6.30pm
on Tuesday 25th July 2017 at Alresford Golf Club.

18/17) Apologies.

Mr R Foot	Councillor (late arrival)
Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
Mrs A Thacker	District Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor

Present.

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mr J Curtis	Councillor
Mr R Foot	Councillor (from 6.47pm)
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mr A Stewart	Councillor

Mr L Ruffell District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs Clerk

Cllr Lorraine Line and Cllr Nicholas Scallan from Cheriton Parish Council.
Mrs Mags Wiley. Senior Rural Housing Enabler, Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing.
Ms Leanne Smith. Chief Executive, Winchester Housing Trust.
Mr Nick Baldwin. Housing Enabling Officer, Winchester City Council.
Mr Andy Joyce. Tichborne Park Cricket Club.

18/18) Declarations of Interest.

a) None recorded.

18/19) To approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council both held on 23rd May 2017 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Curtis proposed and Cllr Raimes seconded the proposal that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 23rd May 2017 be approved.

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

18/20) Public Session.

Mr Joyce started his report by saying that the project is continuing albeit rather slowly. Funding was proving difficult to obtain at this time although there were discussions taking place to obtain funding from the England and Wales Cricket board (ECB) and the LEADER scheme (an EU scheme to encourage rural development). The ECB remained a critical stakeholder in the project. Mr Joyce then mentioned that the lease would not be signed until sufficient funding is in place to complete the development of the new pavilion.

In answer to a number of questions from members, Mr Joyce said that the build will not commence until at least the end of the 2018 cricket season, that the total cost will be around £250,000 and that the Pavilion will only be able to be used for Cricket related activities.

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Mr Joyce completed his report by saying that the Club's junior and colt sections are thriving.

18/21) HARA and Winchester Housing Trust.

Ms Smith introduced herself as the Chief Executive of the Winchester Housing Trust. The Trust is an affordable housing provider in the Hampshire area providing affordable housing to those with a local connection to rural locations. The Trust has a significant portfolio in Winchester but has focused on rural locations over the last few years in parishes such as Micheldever.

The main focus is to enable those people born and raised in a rural location to remain there rather than be forced to move away from the area due to a lack of housing within their budget. Accommodation is supplied on both a shared ownership and rental basis.

In conjunction with the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARA) and the Housing Enabling Officer of Winchester City Council they promote the development of suitable rural affordable housing schemes on suitable exception sites.

An exception site is defined as a parcel of land that would not normally be considered as suitable for the development of full market value housing. Any land parcels brought forward by HARA as being suitable for rural affordable housing schemes are therefore considered as an *exception* to the Winchester District Local Development Plan (Parts 1 & 2).

All of the Trust's schemes are not for profit and provide good quality housing in order to satisfy a local need. Stakeholders in projects include parish councils, landowners and the local community. Schemes are not large in nature and often number between 10 – 15 dwellings. Rents are often set at around 70-80% of private market value. Build quality is always very high and a typical dwelling would be about 10% bigger than an equivalent private development.

The Trust had previously assessed the housing need in the three villages of Tichborne, Itchen Stoke and Ovington and had identified that there were 10 individuals or families in need of rental accommodation. The Trust had approached Itchen Stoke and Ovington Parish Council and asked them if they knew of other individuals or families in need of rental accommodation that the Trust was unaware of. One of the reasons for her visit today was to ask the same question of Tichborne Parish Council.

Ms Smith said that another reason for her coming to the meeting was to bring to the Parish Council's attention that a local landowner was looking to bring forward a parcel of land for development by the Trust. The land sits between villages of Tichborne, Itchen Stoke and Ovington. She said that this scheme would be very small in nature and would not bring forward more than four or five dwellings.

The Trust asked for the support of the Parish Council to explore the following bullet points.

- Identify if there are any further individuals or families in need of rental accommodation within Tichborne.
- Identify suitable land parcels for development of an exception site.

Both the Trust and the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing stressed that at this stage of the process the only request being made of the Parish Council is to support the two organisations in exploring the housing needs within the Tichborne Civil Parish.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that the Winchester Housing Trust working with the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing and Winchester City Council investigates the need for affordable housing within Tichborne Civil Parish.

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

18/22) Cheriton Parish Council.

Cllr Line introduced herself and her colleague, Cllr Nicholas Scallan as members of Cheriton Parish Council.

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Cllr line began her report by saying that earlier this year Cheriton Parish Council had received the annual inspection report on its play area at the Cheriton Recreation Ground. The report had highlighted a number of significant defects that had resulted in the removal of the Play Area's swing set with urgent attention required to other items.

Subsequently, in May of this year Cheriton Parish Council resolved to spend £4,500 that has been set aside to for urgent repairs to play area. However, it is clear that more money is required within the next twelve months to maintain what remains of the current play area. An estimate has been received that indicates it will require up to £8,000 in replacing the swing set. At the top end of the scale it is estimated that it may require up to £50,000 in order to provide a modern, fit for purpose, play area for the parish of Cheriton and its surrounding villages.

Cllr Line continued by saying that one of her main council tasks at the moment is to consult with neighbouring councils in order to understand their needs regarding play and play equipment. She said that her visit tonight was not simply about making a request for grant funding.

One of the main issues preventing Cheriton Parish Council from benefiting from the many funding streams available was the current position of the play area. At the moment it is situated in the corner of the Recreation Ground away from the main access routes. Moving it closer to the neighbouring car park would attract more grant funding as it could then provide a fully accessible play area including catering for the needs of the disabled.

Cheriton Parish Council is committed to consult as widely as it can with as many people as it can in order to understand the aspirations of the local community in terms of the location of the play area, the proposed style and design of the new equipment and the amount of money the community is prepared to pay for the equipment.

It was proposed to complete the consultation by the end of September. After analysing everyone's contribution it is hoped that Cheriton Parish Council will know what people want in terms of design, location and style. It is also hope that those responding to the survey will support Cheriton Parish Council in seeking a loan from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) in order to pay for the equipment.

However, there is a limit to what a small parish like Cheriton may borrow from the PWLB as the repayment schedules would be unaffordable beyond a certain amount.

Finally, Cllr Line sought the agreement of Tichborne Parish Council so that support from the local community can be received by way of correspondence to grant funding bodies and the completion of the distributed survey forms in order to demonstrate a need for the new equipment.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal and it was **resolved** that Tichborne Parish Council would provide as much support as it can to Cheriton Parish Council in order to achieve the aim of providing a modern, fit for purpose, play area at the Recreation Ground in Cheriton.

18/23) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Cllr Ruffell began his report by saying that the city Council has recently undertaken a Tenants Satisfaction Survey that showed the figure of 91% of tenants are happy with their landlords and the services they receive from them.

He continued by commenting that the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD) consultation is now complete. Following on from this Cllr Ruffell reported about how the improvement works at Winchester Bus Station have had a knock-on effect of causing traffic congestion at peak periods.

He concluded his report by saying that the City Council has achieved a 100% success rate with its fly-tipping prosecutions. This initiative had generated a figure of £26,606 in fines with one defendant receiving a twelve month custodial sentence.

18/24) Boomtown Fair Community Fund.

Following on from the presentation by Cheriton Parish Council there was a discussion about a consultation being put together in order to ask the community of Tichborne about how they would like to spend the money.

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Cllr Foot summed up the discussion by saying that if a flyer was produced for the community and after it was distributed there was very little back by way of responses then consideration should then be applied to assigning the money to the Cheriton Play Area refurbishment.

Cllr Kinder agreed to work with the Clerk in order to produce a suitable flyer.

18/25) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

- V506 Zurich Municipal Insurance Co Ltd. Annual Insurance Fee. £218.96p
- V507 Alresford Golf Club Room Hire 25th July 2017. £20.00p
- V508 B.V.Gibbs Salary May-June 2017. £148.00p
- V509 HMRC PAYE/NIC May-June 2017. £37.00p
- V510 Tichborne Park Cricket Club Grant Payment 2017-18. £200.00p
- V511 Hampshire Association of Local Councils. Annual Fee. £137.00p
- V512 Alresford & District Agricultural Society. Grant Payment 2017-18. £250.00p
- V513 St Andrew’s Church (Tichborne) Parochial Church Council. Grant Payment 2017-18. £250.00p
- V514 Winchester & District Citizens Advice. Grant Payment 2017-18. £200.00p

18/26) Planning & Licensing.

a) Planning applications and decisions received from the Winchester City Council:

There were no applications to receive.

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

SDNP/17/03342/HOUS

Location: The Old Rectory Riverside Farm Lane Tichborne Alresford SO24 0NA

Proposal: First Floor rear bay window addition.

The Parish Council of Tichborne raised NO OBJECTION to this application.

SDNP/17/03259/LIS

Location: The Old Rectory Riverside Farm Lane Tichborne Alresford SO24 0NA

Proposal: Extending rear single storey bay window up an additional storey.

The Parish Council of Tichborne raised NO OBJECTION to this application.

18/27) S106 Open Space funds.

The Clerk informed the meeting that as of June 30th 2017 the total of Tichborne Parish Council Open Spaces fund for the Children’s Play pot currently totalled £94.75p and that the Adult Sport pot stood at £13,951.72.

Following the presentation from Cheriton Parish Council it was felt that their needs could be helped by transferring the Children’s Play pot (currently un-allocated) to their project.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Curtis seconded a proposal to ask Winchester City council to allocate the remaining balance of the Children’s Play pot held on behalf of Tichborne Parish Council to the Cheriton Recreation Ground Play Area refurbishment project under the management of Cheriton Parish Council.

This proposal was **resolved** unanimously.

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18/28) Correspondence.

There was no other correspondence to receive.

18/29) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman.

Cllr Curtis said that the Lengthsman had visited recently and would visit again in the autumn. The Clerk informed the meeting that the number of visits has now reduced from ten visits per year to five.

Cllr Curtis added that it was essential to identify some improvements to the rights of way network as well as a continuation of the work the Lengthsman did with the highways margins.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.53pm.

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at the Alresford Golf Club beginning at 6.30pm.

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

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