

# TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Tichborne Annual Parish Assembly of Tichborne Parish held at the Alresford Golf Club Tichborne at 7.20pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

### Apologies.

Mr A McWhirter            Councillor  
Mr J Pett                    District Councillor  
Mr R Humby                County Councillor

### Present.

Mr N Kinder                Chairman  
Mr R Foot                  Councillor  
Mr J French-Brooks        Councillor  
Mr A Stewart                Councillor  
  
Mr N Bolton                District Councillor  
  
Mr B Gibbs                 Clerk

Three members of the public.

### 1) Apologies were received from the following people.

Mr R Raimes, Mrs S Tattersall, Lady Craig-Cooper.

### 2) To approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Assembly held on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Those present accepted the minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly held on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### 3) Tichborne Parish Council Chairman's Report.

Chairman's Report 2023-24.

I would like to welcome everyone to the Tichborne Annual Parish Assembly. Please enjoy our hospitality whilst you are here.

The Council year started on 16th May 2023. Robert Raimes was elected chairman for the year with no other nominations. 2023 was a notable year for elections. On May 2nd Jerry Pett upset the odds by winning one of seats in Winchester City Council's Upper Meon Valley ward.

Overall, the electors of Winchester voted for a Liberal Democrat administration.

Through the course of the year, Tichborne Parish Council lost two of its members through resignations.

Robert Raimes submitted his resignation in early March 2024 after serving for 13 years on the Parish Council.

Over his time with the Parish Council, Robert made a significant contribution to village life including promoting the Diamond and Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the installation of commemorative benches to mark those two events, the provision of the community defibrillator and the maintenance of those footpaths and byways that crossed his tenancy.

He also took a leading role during the Covid 19 lockdowns.

We are extremely grateful for all his efforts on our behalf.

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Sally Tattersall also submitted her resignation during the year.

We would also like to thank her for all her hard work on behalf of the community.

The two vacancies have now been advertised and we have interest from two potential candidates although this process is at an early stage.

As always, thanks must go to Brendan our clerk for all his hard work as well as all the councillors for turning up when required.

The Parish Council continues to comment and make recommendations on all planning applications affecting the village.

There have been a couple of significant planning applications at the Tichborne Arms. These are both now progressing through the planning process and we hope that the local planning authorities have taken our comments into consideration.

There was also a major application from the Matterley Estate concerning the promotion of the Boomtown festival.

The proposal sought to gain permanent permissions for the holding of a music festival at the Matterley Bowl.

Along with many other individuals and organisations, Tichborne Parish council objected strongly to the application.

Following much delay and many revisions and interventions, we heard that the application had been withdrawn prior to it being determined by the SNPA Planning Committee.

We expect a revised application to come through at some point in the future.

The budget meeting in February 2024 saw an increase in the Band D rate to £35.87. This has led to a parish precept figure of £4,343 for 2024-25.

This equates to a 3% rise in the Band D rate from £34.82. The main reason for the rise is increase in salary costs.

Prior to this year's modest increase, the precept has remained at more or less the same level for a number of years.

Grants were approved to the Alresford Show, the Winchester District Citizens Advice, the St Andrew's Church PCC, the Tichborne Park Cricket Club and the Olive Branch Christian Counselling Service. They all received £300 each. The Parish council also supported the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Victim Support service and provided financial support for the pastoral needs and the welfare of a number of Ukrainian students at Perins School.

#### **4) Open Forum.**

As usual, a lively and informative discussion took place about village matters. No proposals or resolutions were passed.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Assembly closed at 8.11pm.

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

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