

**TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held at the Alresford Golf Club Tichborne at 7.00pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

**25/20) Apologies.**

Mr N Bolton                      District Councillor

**Present.**

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| Mr N Kinder    | Chairman                 |
| Mr R Foot      | Councillor               |
| Ms L Robbins   | Councillor (from 6.43pm) |
| Mr A Stewart   | Councillor               |
| Mr A McWhirter | Councillor               |

Mr J Pett                      District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs                      Clerk

One member of the public

**25/21) Declarations of Interest.**

a) None recorded.

**25/22) To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Previously circulated).**

Cllr Foot proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that the minutes the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 27th June 2024 be approved.

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

**25/23) Public Session**

There were no members of the public present.

**25/24) Tichborne Parish Council vacancy.**

Following a number of resignations earlier this year, the Parish Council has received an application from Ms Lucy Robbins of Ladycroft,

Ms Robbins spoke briefly to the Parish Council. She introduced herself to everyone and explained the reasons why she had applied to fill the vacancy. She also highlighted the qualities and skills she could offer the Parish Council.

There followed a brief session where Ms Robbins answered questions from councillors. Following on from the discussion Cllr Kinder proposed and Cllr Foot seconded a motion to co-opt her on to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

This motion was **resolved** unanimously.

The Clerk asked Ms Robbins to sign a declaration of acceptance. Having signed the declaration of acceptance She joined fellow members of the Parish Council for the rest of the meeting.

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## 20/25) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Hampshire County Council has announced that a by-election will be held on Thursday 31st October 2024 in the Bishop's Waltham electoral division, following the retirement of the local authority's former Leader, Councillor Rob Humby.

The County Council undertook a future services review, that many of us contributed to online to express which of 13 service areas offered by the county we valued the most and would wish to save if financial savings were required to balance the budget from 2025 onwards.

Although based on many assumptions regarding the medium-term Financial Strategy, one very large assumption being the settlement the county receives from central government, the MTFS currently projects a £85m budget shortfall across revenues of £2.6bn for 25/26. Officers of the County were tasked with looking where savings can be made by stripping back services to statutory minimum levels.

During September officers have presented proposals at 4 universal services scrutiny committee meetings in advance of the Cabinet decision day on the 14th October 2024.

The two areas most discussed at parish councils have been the potential cut to bus services and the closure of tier 3 and 4 waste recycling centres. In both cases the recommendations to cut bus services and to close Bishop's Waltham and Alresford tips were effectively rejected by the cross party select committee.

The Winchester Local Plan Review second ('Reg 19') consultation is now closed.

The next stage is for the plan is to be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for examination, scheduled for November 2024. The South Downs Local Plan Review is on course for the first 'Reg 18' draft to go out for consultation early in the New Year.

Parishes that are likely to have new housing allocation areas included in the Plan should, by now, have been notified on a 'confidential' basis in advance of the draft being taken by the South Downs Planning Committee on 14th November 2024, and therefore being published with the agenda papers for that meeting on 7th November.

## 25/26) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

BT22 Lightatouch Ltd. 2023-24 Internal Audit Fee £250.00  
BT23 Hugo Fox. July 2024 Invoice. £23.99  
BT24 HMRC PAYE/NIC July 2024. £56.80  
BT25 B.V.Gibbs Salary July 2024. £113.50  
BT26 Hugo Fox. Aug 2024 Invoice. £23.99  
BT27 B.V.Gibbs Salary Aug 2024. £113.70  
BT28 Alresford Golf Club. Room Hire. £25.00  
BT29 B.V.Gibbs Salary Sept 2024. £113.70  
BT30 Hugo Fox. Sept 2024 Invoice. £23.99

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

b) Grant applications 2025-26.

The Clerk reported that he had sent grant application forms to the following organisations.

Perins School, Alresford. Tichborne Park Cricket Club, St Andrew's PCC, HIOV Victim Support, Olive Branch Counselling service. Alresford & District Agricultural Society.

He hoped to provide a number of completed forms to the next meeting as part of the 2025-26 Budget process.

c) Tichborne Parish Council Budget 2025-26.

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The Clerk said that the Budget process will be undertaken through the autumn and winter meetings in November and January. He said that he would be working through this process with the Chair.

d) Tichborne Parish Precept 2025-26.

The Clerk said that he has not had any news from Winchester City Council regarding the 2025-26 Tax Base. Once this figure is released, the Parish Council will then be able to calculate the precept total.

**25/27) 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.

There were no planning applications to receive.

**23/28) Environment, Highways & Transport.**

a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

The Lengthsman will next visit the village in mid-November 2024. Volunteers are required to pick up the role of co-ordinator with the Lengthsman contractor.

**25/29) Any other reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.**

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.47pm

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Alresford Golf Club.

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

Chairman's signature .....

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