

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council commencing at 6.30pm
on Monday 14th January 2019 at Alresford Golf Club.

19/39) Apologies.

Mr R Humby	County Councillor
Mr R Foot	Councillor

Present.

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor (from 6.35pm)
Mr A Stewart	Councillor (from 6.50pm)
Mr J French-Brooks	Councillor (from 6.45pm)

Mr L Ruffell	District Councillor
Mr H Lumby	District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs	Clerk
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Mr Justin French-Brooks.

19/40) Declarations of Interest.

a) None recorded.

19/41) To approve the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 15th October 2018 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 15th October 2018 be approved.

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

19/42) Tichborne Parish Council vacancy.

Following Mr John Curtis's passing, the Parish Council had received an application from Mr Justin French-Brooks of Goose Cottage, Tichborne Alresford SO24 0NA.

Mr French-Brooks spoke briefly to the Parish Council. He introduced himself to everyone and explained the reasons why he had applied to fill the vacancy and he also highlighted the qualities and skills he felt he could offer the Parish Council.

There followed a brief session where Mr French-Brooks answered questions from councillors. Following on from the discussion Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded a motion to co-opt Mr Justin French-Brooks on to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

This was motion was **resolved** unanimously.

The Clerk asked Mr French-Brooks to sign a declaration of acceptance. Having signed the declaration of acceptance Cllr French-Brooks joined fellow members of the Parish Council for the rest of the meeting.

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19/43) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

b) Cllr Lumby began his report by saying that the current contract for refuse collection comes to an end in October this year. The contract is currently carried out jointly with East Hampshire District Council. Winchester City Council has decided to extend the existing contract on its own for a further year (East Hants are entering into separate arrangements with Havant). The key feature of the new arrangement will be the introduction of monthly kerbside glass collection from October 2019 -everyone will be issued with a free box and details of their collection day over the coming months. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for non-profit organisations, parish councils and landowners in 2019 for projects that care for and enhance the South Downs National Park and promote opportunities for people to understand and enjoy it.

The scheduled hearings for the SDNP Local Plan examination have ended. The Inspector is now considering what he has heard and will be working with the National Park Authority on main modifications to the Local Plan. This consultation will take place in 2019. Winchester City Council is urging groups from across the District to apply for a share of £1m funding to help support their essential infrastructure projects. The Council is making this funding available using some of its Community Infrastructure Levy income which is generated by new development taking place in areas outside the South Downs National Park.

Cllr Lumby also spoke about the long-running issue of rural super-fast broadband roll-out across Hampshire. Currently, fibre has been laid to the centre of the village but that there is no onward link up to the proposed distribution points in the village. Cllr Kinder again expressed concerns that there does not appear to be any evidence of a plan in place to complete the project from Hampshire County Council or BT Openreach.

c) Cllr Ruffell spoke about a multi million pound property and land acquisition in central Winchester that gives the City Council crucial control over the regeneration vision. The disused former Friarsgate Medical Centre and five properties either side of the bus station entrance in the Broadway are now owned by Winchester City Council.

The Council made the purchase to give it more scope to deliver its vision for the regeneration of central Winchester. Options for the short term use of the Friarsgate site will be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet and work will start on refurbishing the High Street properties in the New Year.

19/44) Public Session.

a) There were no members of the public present.

19/45) Correspondence.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Pension Regulator had recently written to the Parish Council informing it that the three year period for auto-enrolment will expire in July 2019 and that the Parish Council will be required to go through a further auto-enrolment process by this point.

19/46) Planning & Licensing.

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

SDNP/18/05996/CND

Matterley Farm Alresford Road Ovington Alresford Hampshire SO24 0HU

Variation of condition 3 on planning permission SDNP/16/00692/CND (to extend the time period within which only 2 motor cycle racing events can take place to between 20 March and 1 October in any calendar year) and variation of Condition 6 to allow any necessary ecological mitigation measures to be implemented before any event takes place from 20 March to 1st August in any calendar year).

Tichborne Parish Council **resolved** to raise a strong objection the above application and published the following reasons for its objections.

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The event if permitted will cause a significant amount of harm to the four species of ground nesting birds known to live and breed at this location. In general terms Tichborne Parish Council has a significant amount of common ground with the objections put forward by Cheriton Parish Council. It is hoped that the Council's comments are material to this application and that they will be considered by the Development Control Committee when it make its decision.

SDNP/18/06249/FUL

Matterley Farm Alresford Road Ovington Alresford Hampshire SO24 0HU

Change of use of land from agriculture to mixed agriculture and holding of one music festival event and one sports endurance event in any calendar year including retention of wooden structures within woodland and minor alterations to existing access on A31, both associated with festival use.

The Parish Councillors agreed to work together between meetings to put together a detailed objection to this application.

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

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Marvo Ladycroft Alresford Hampshire SO24 0QP (formerly West Lea)

Extension and internal alterations of existing bungalow and demolition of existing conservatory to create additional accommodation at first floor level with balconies, larger ground floor bathroom and a larger, double garage with workshop.

Tichborne Parish Council has **no objection** to this application.

19/47) Boomtown Community Fund 2018.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had applied to draw down £700 from the 2018 Boomtown Community Fund. This is a fund made available by the organisers of the Boomtown festival to local parishes.

19/48) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

V554 Alresford Golf Club Room Hire 14th January 2019. £20.00p
V555 B.V.Gibbs Salary Nov-Dec 2018. £161.60p
V556 B.V.Gibbs Expenses July-Dec 2018. £37.61p

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

b) Internal Audit 2018-19.

The Parish Council had appointed Lightatouch Internal Audit Services to be the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for the financial year 2018-19. The Clerk said that before the audit took place the website would need to be updated over the next few weeks to report a grant paid to Cheriton Parish Council that exceeded a figure of £500.

The Parish council **noted** this information.

c) To receive LGA Grant requests for the financial year 2019-20.

Grant applications have been received from the 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.

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It was proposed by Cllr Hugh and seconded by Cllr Kinder that the Parish Council allocated each of these organisations a total of £300.00 (three hundred pounds) each.

It was unanimously **resolved** to include a figure of £1,500 within the 2019-20 budget to meet the cost of these grants.

Various local government powers are used to make these grants and a description of these will be recorded in minutes at the time the grants are paid.

d) Tichborne Parish Council Budget 2019-20.

Although this item is to be held over until March 2019 there was a brief discussion about some of the grant applications that have been received.

Cllr Raimes commented that the budget will need to be approved before 31st March 2019 and that further discussion will take place at the next meeting of the Parish Council due to take place in March 2019.

e) Tichborne Parish Precept 2019-20.

The Clerk began the precept discussion by reminding members that the Parish Council had received a total sum of £4,558.00 from Winchester City Council in 2018-19. This was made up of a precept of £4,375.00 and a Council Tax support grant of £183.00.

The Clerk explained that the precept was calculated by multiplying the tax base and the Council Tax Band D property rate.

For information the Tax Base for 2018-19 at Tichborne was 115.85 and the Band D rate was £37.76.

The 2018-19 figure of £37.76 equalled a reduction of 5% over the previous figure of £39.73.

The Clerk then said that he had received the figures from Winchester City Council regarding the Tax Base and the Council Tax Support Grant applicable to Tichborne for the year 2019-20. The Tax Base was now slightly lower at 114.58 with the Council Tax Support Grant being removed altogether.

Members of the Parish Council were reminded that both the internal and external audits from 2016-17 commented that the Parish Council's reserves were rather high in relation to its commitments, earmarked funds and liabilities.

This was the main reason for the 5% reduction in 2018-19

Members agreed that there was scope for a further reduction in the precept as the reserves remained high with no real changes to the Parish Council's commitments.

It was proposed by Cllr Raimes and seconded by Cllr Kinder that Tichborne Parish Council requests a precept contribution of £4,195.00 from Winchester City Council for the year 2018-19.

This would have the effect of reducing the Band D rate for 2019-20 to £36.61 and would result in a 3% reduction in the precept.

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

f) To approve the counter-signing of statements from the Council's bank account.

Cllr Raimes signed all outstanding bank statements from January 2018 to November 2018 (four in total).

19/49) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

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Cllr Raimes said that the Lengthsman visited at the beginning of January and he had provided them with a list of outstanding items. It is hoped that they can sweep the shingle off the highway at the Cheriton crossroads junction of Riverside Farm Lane and the B3046.

b) Community Defibrillator.

There was nothing to report at this meeting due to time constraints.

19/50) Chairman's report.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 18th March 2019 at the Alresford Golf Club beginning at 6.30pm.

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

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