

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Grange Farm Tichborne
at 6.30pm on Thursday 12th January 2023.

23/35) Apologies.

Mr R Foot	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor

Present.

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mr J French-Brooks	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mr A Stewart	Councillor
Mrs S Tattersall	Councillor
Mr N Bolton	District Councillor
Mr H Lumby	District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs	Clerk
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One member of the public.

23/36) Declarations of Interest.

a) There were no declarations of interest made.

23/37) To approve the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 24th October 2022 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Tattersall seconded the proposal that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 24th October 2022 be approved.

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

23/38) Public Session

a) The member of the public spoke only to say that she was interested in hearing the results of the speeding survey later on in the meeting.

23/39) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

County Cllr Humby's written report was received by the Parish Council. It noted the changes to the County Council Cabinet Portfolios and wished the new portfolio holders the very best in their endeavours.

Cllr Bolton began his report by speaking about the new procedures for polling stations and voter identification.

The forthcoming local elections on the 4th May 2023, will be the first to be impacted by the Elections Act 2022.

Electors will have to show an approved form of photo identification before voting in a polling station. Photographic ID will include passport, driving licence, immigration documents or a PASS ID card. However, this will not include work or student passes and photocopies of ID documents. If they do not possess approved ID, they can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate that will be available from the Electoral Registration Officer of Winchester City Council.

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The presiding officer will refuse an electoral ballot paper if they have reasonable doubt the ID does not look like the elector or suspect that the document is forged. Many of our residents opt for absent voting. Postal voters will need to make a fresh application every three years, instead of the five yearly signature refresh currently.

New postal and proxy applications will require identity verification going forward. The changes to absent vote applications are expected to come into force from December 2023 and the online application service is estimated to be available from August 2023.

The government will be running a campaign starting this month and more detail will be forthcoming shortly.

Cllr Lumby spoke about the current state of the roads in Hampshire. He commented that Hampshire Highways were under severe pressure due to the number of potholes that have emerged after the recent cold spell. In addition, there is a considerable backlog of issues caused by autumnal flooding.

Due to the significant number of submissions the council is expecting, applications for the King's Coronation Street parties are invited to begin now and they need to be submitted at least 12 weeks in advance so that residents can be confident of getting the legal process completed in time for the event. The final date for submissions is Friday 3rd February 2023.

Applications after this date will be accepted, but no guarantee can be given they will be processed in time.

Cllr Lumby spoke about the 20's Plenty consultation. He outlined that the County Council will be discussing this at its meeting of the 23rd January. The following points were noted.

- The County Council is hoping to encourage wider use of 20mph restrictions.
- Casualty data is to be an important factor in the prioritisation of requests.
- A hierarchy is to be used to identify and evaluate requirements for a 20mph speed limit to be established. Routes serving a strategic function to have more stringent criteria whereas minor and local roads would have fewer conditions.
- It is proposed to relax the current 24mph mean average speed threshold to 26mph for non-strategic roads, subject to Hampshire Police comments.
- Enable 20mph speed limit schemes to be introduced in new and existing modern developments in slow speed environments.
- Enable 20 mph speed limits as part of significant area wide regeneration projects.
- Relax the current requirement to move Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) and Speed Indicator Device (SID) signs every 2-3 weeks and allow devices to be re-deployed at locations giving more flexibility to address key locations.
- Speed data from such devices to be used for assessing/supporting 20mph limits where appropriate.
- Applicants must demonstrate that a 20mph speed limit is supported by the majority of the community and commit to the setting up and operation of a Community Speedwatch group.

Cllr Lumby concluded his report by wishing all members of the Parish Council belated New Year greetings.

23/40) Environment, Highways & Transport.

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

b) In previous meetings, councillors and parishioners had spoken about speeding issues along Riverside Farm Lane. It was noted that the speed limit along the entire length of the road is 60mph.

The Parish Council commissioned a survey of traffic speeds that was completed before Christmas. It was highlighted that there is a significant increase in traffic visiting the village. After evaluating the results of the survey, it was clear that traffic levels were consistent with daytime visits and that the traffic flow was two-way.

The increase in two-way traffic has resulted in significant damage to highway verges. Cllr Raimes expressed his concerns that visitors to the village lacked an understanding of the potential dangers of excessive speed along Riverside Farm Lane. It was also made clear that there had been a noticeable rise in visitors to Tichborne during the day time period and early evening that could be the result of the refurbishment of the Tichborne Arms.

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Sadly, it was pointed out that the majority of these visits were made by people from outside the local area who were almost certainly ignorant of the local traffic network.

23/41) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

BTR1 Grange Farm Partnership Room Hire. £25.00
BTR2 Mr R Raimes. Grips re-imbursement £170.00
BTR3 B.V.Gibbs Salary Nov-Dec 2022. £161.60
BTR4 B.V.Gibbs Salary Jan-Feb 2023. £161.60
BTR5 HMRC PAYE/NIC Sept-Dec 2022. £40.08

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

b) Tichborne Parish Precept 2023-24.

The Clerk began by saying that the Parish Council had received a total sum of £4,219 from Winchester City Council in 2022-23 as its parish precept.

A spreadsheet was circulated that showed the tax base for Tichborne in 2022-23 had been 121.18 and the Band D rate had been £34.82

It was proposed by Cllr French-Brooks and seconded by Cllr Raimes that Tichborne Parish Council would set a 0% increase to the Band D rate from 1st April 2022.

This would result in the Band D rate remaining at £34.82 for 2023-24.

However, due to the tax base falling to 119.22 this would also lead to a lower precept being collected. That is to say, a figure of £4,151 would be received from Winchester City Council in 2023-24.

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

23/42) Planning & Licensing.

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

SDNP/22/05487/HOUS: The Old Rectory Riverside Farm Lane Tichborne Hampshire SO24 0NA. Erection of detached outbuilding to provide garaging for two cars and storage.

The Parish Council is happy for this to be dealt with under officer delegated powers

SDNP/22/05968/CND: Matterley Bowl Petersfield Road Ovington Down Hampshire SO24 1HW. Variation of Condition Numbers 1, 2 and 3 relating to Winchester City Council planning approval 08/02622/FUL to allow for the continued hosting of Motocross events.

Tichborne Parish Council would like to ask that the determination of application SDNP/22/05968/CND should be made by the SDNPA Planning Committee in view of the overall importance of planning applications for events at Matterley Farm in the wider context.

Tichborne Parish Council would like to ask the SDNPA delegated officers or the SDNPA Planning Committee to include an enforceable condition to limit attendance to 6,000 to prevent or minimise the foreseeable detrimental environmental impacts of this type of event.

Tichborne Parish Council would like to ask that a condition should be imposed by the SDNPA delegated officers or the SDNPA Planning Committee to restrict events of this nature to take place between 1st August - 15th October in order to minimise the adverse impact upon nesting birds (particularly those that nest upon the ground).

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

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There are no applications to receive.

23/42) Any other reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

There were no other items to consider at this meeting.

23/43) 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.

There were no exempt matters to discuss.

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held at Alresford Golf Club on Tuesday 28th March 2023 commencing at 6.30pm

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