

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 6.30pm on
Tuesday 13th January 2015 at Alresford Golf Club.

15/51) Apologies.

Mr R Foot	Councillor
Mr H Verney	District Councillor (for late arrival)

Present.

Mr P Kilmister	Chairman
Mr J Curtis	Councillor
Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mr R Raimes	Vice-Chairman
Mr R Huxstep	County Councillor
Mr H Verney	District Councillor (from 7.40pm)

Mr B Gibbs	Clerk
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15/52) Councillors Declarations of Interest.

None recorded.

15/53) To approve the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on 11th November 2014.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Curtis seconded the proposal that the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 11th November 2014 be approved. It was **resolved** that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly **signed** by the Chairman.

15/54) Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

15/55) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

V404 Alresford Golf Club. Room hire £20.00p
V405 B.V.Gibbs Salary November-December 2014 £148.00p
V406 HMRC PAYE November-December 2014 £37.00p

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve these orders for payment.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's bank account contained the sum of £10,686.06 as at 18th November 2014.

Cllr Kilmister **signed** the corresponding bank statement.

b) At the time of the last meeting in November 2014 the Clerk reported that the tax base for 2015-16 had not been finalised. In early December 2014 the tax base for Tichborne was confirmed by Winchester City Council as being 109.22. The band D figure used by the Parish Council to calculate the precept was agreed as being £39.73.

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This is the same figure as the previous year.

When the tax base (109.22) is multiplied by the band D figure (£39.73) it results in a precept calculation of £4339.31. With the inclusion of the council tax support grant of £356.88 this figure rises to a total of £4696.19

After some further discussion it was proposed by Cllr Kilmister and seconded by Cllr Hugh that a precept of £4339.31 be set for the year 2015-16.

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

Cllr Kilmister commented that this was the sixth year in succession that each household in Tichborne would be paying the same level of precept.

It was proposed by Cllr Curtis and seconded by Cllr Kilmister that Tichborne Parish Council accepts a support contribution of £356.88 from Winchester City Council for the year 2015-16.

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

The Clerk was therefore asked to request a total payment of £4696.19 from Winchester City Council as the funding for the Parish Council for the financial year 2014-15

c) The Parish Council's budget for 2015-16 was then considered.

The Clerk listed each item for consideration. As usual, the largest expense was the Clerk's salary costs totalling £1100 for 2015-16. This is calculated at a rate of £9.25 per hour with 10 hours work each month.

The Parish Council's insurance policy was the next biggest single expense. The Parish Council had undertaken a review of the insurance policy in June 2011 resulting in a fixed cost of £270.15p for a three-year term. That agreement had now expired and the cost of the policy for 2014-15 was £278.95.

It was **agreed** to allocate a budget of £300 to the policy for 2015-16 due to the potential need to insure new assets.

Other regular expense items for consideration were the room hire costs for each meeting and maintenance costs of the assets of the Parish Council.

Alresford Golf Club has indicated that room hire fees will remain the same for the foreseeable future. As a result the Parish Council **agreed** to allocate a sum of £140 to cover these costs for the year ahead.

The main assets are two bus shelters and three notice boards. Although the two bus shelters are fully insured against accidental loss it was noted that the Parish Council was setting aside money for their eventual replacement.

It was **agreed** that a further £200 be set aside to accrue money to repair or replace the Parish Council's bus shelters at Ladycroft.

The Clerk told the meeting that the average outgoings of the Parish Council (excluding an election year) were approximately £3,000. Councillors were asked to consider supporting several projects that would enhance facilities locally with the windfall precept resulting from the Spring Gardens development.

The potential to provide new notice boards was discussed and the Clerk was asked to enquire about the supply of a notice board at the Spring Gardens development as well as those at Ladycroft and the Village Centre. It was felt that the notice board at Sevington could be re-furbished rather than replaced.

It was proposed by Cllr Raimes and seconded by Cllr Curtis that the Parish Council ring-fences the sum of £800 in 2015-16 to cover the potential costs of new notice boards.

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

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Normally, the costs of a contested election were accrued over the four year period between elections. It was proposed by Cllr Kinder and seconded by Cllr Curtis that the Parish Council ring-fences the sum of £900 in 2015-16 to cover the potential costs of a contested election.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Kilmister and seconded by Cllr Curtis that the Parish Council allocates a Chairman's Fund of £100 in 2015-16 to cover the costs of refreshments at the Annual Parish Assembly and other sundry items.

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

d) Grant applications from local organisations were then considered.

The grant applications that were received for 2015-16 were from St Andrew's Church PCC for £250, Tichborne Park Cricket Club for £200 and the Winchester Citizen's Advice Bureau for £100. It was proposed by Cllr Kinder and seconded by Cllr Curtis that Tichborne Parish approved the three grant applications in full.

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

A further application from the St Andrew's Church PCC in respect of a proposal for the maintenance of the Churchyard was considered. It was felt that further information should be requested regarding the proposed scheme and how it was to operate. Cllr McWhirter agreed to speak to members of the St Andrew's Church PCC about this application and report back to the next ordinary meeting.

e) New projects to consider.

It was suggested that the Parish Council considers providing a value for money website as a way of increasing its profile locally and as a way of increasing transparency of the Council's business. Cllr Kinder agreed to work with the Clerk to identify a company able to host a website at a cost that was affordable and reasonable considering the Parish Council's income.

Cllr Curtis asked if consideration be given to the provision of a Bus Shelter at the north eastern side of the Ladycroft junction of the B3047. This would serve the bus route 64/65 heading towards Winchester. The two existing bus shelters were reported to be in good condition as a result of the maintenance provided by the Lengthsman scheme.

The Clerk and Cllr Curtis would report to the next meeting about the feasibility of providing this facility with some idea of the costs involved.

15/56) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Cllr Huxstep spoke briefly about some highways issues affecting Riverside Farm Lane and the Ladycroft ford. He commented that there were plans to fill some of the ruts and potholes at Cheriton Mill and Sevington in due course after an inspection of the area had been completed.

Cllr Huxstep also spoke briefly about the provision of superfast broadband to rural areas. BT Openreach considers Tichborne as outside the qualifying criteria.

Cllr Verney spoke about the proposed review of the Winchester City Council ward boundaries. The initial view of the Local Government Boundary Commission was for a 15 ward City Council made up of three elected members per ward.

This would result in a reduction in elected members from 57 to 45.

15/57) Planning & Licensing.

a) Planning applications.

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The Parish Council of Tichborne commented that it has NO OBJECTION to any of these proposals.

b) S106 Spring Gardens.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Winchester City Council had now transferred the residue of the Spring Gardens Open Space (children's play provision) to New Alresford Town Council.

15/58) The Parish Council received the following correspondence.

Correspondence from Released Potential CIC regarding the delivery of commercial projects in prison for ex-offenders.

Correspondence from the Department of Communities and Local Government regarding the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

15/59) Environment, Highways & Transport.

The Parish Lengthsman scheme continues into the spring of 2015 with a visit due on January 19th and a further visit in early to mid March 2015.

15/60) Community Safety.

There was no report to receive.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.01pm

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday March 10th 2015 at the Alresford Golf Club beginning at 6.30pm

Brendan Gibbs

Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

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