

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held
at Grange Farm Tichborne at 7.00pm on 30th June 2021.

22/17) Apologies.

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| Mr N Kinder | Councillor |
| Mr A Stewart | Councillor |
| Mr L Ruffell | District Councillor |
| Mr R Humby | County Councillor |

Present.

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| Mr R Raimes | Chairman |
| Mr R Foot | Councillor (until 7.46pm) |
| Mrs G Hugh | Councillor |
| Mr J French-Brooks | Councillor |
| Mr A McWhirter | Councillor |
| Mr H Lumby | District Councillor (from 7.06pm) |
| Mr B Gibbs | Clerk |

22/18) Declarations of Interest.

a) None recorded.

22/19) To approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on 25th May 2021 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Hugh seconded the proposal that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on 25th May 2021 be approved.

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

22/20) Public Session

a) There were no members of the public present.

22/21) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Cllr Lumby spoke about the following matters concerning Winchester City Council:

Winchester City Council's new Sport and Leisure Park at Bar End was opened on Saturday 29 May. Cllr Vivian Achwal has been elected as the 822nd Mayor of Winchester. Her chosen charities are Friends of the Family, Winchester Youth Counselling and the Eight Foundation (based in Whiteley).

Highways England have launched a further consultation on its latest proposals to improve Junction 9 of the M3. This started on the 27 May 2021 and will end on 8 July 2021.

Councillor Lumby also spoke about some Hampshire County Council matters including further cuts to the Children's Service budget. He also spoke about the potential for a further review of the County Council's ward boundaries.

Cllr French-Brooks expressed his concerns regarding the County's funding for roads as it appears that the promises of further funding for improvements appear to have been withdrawn.

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The Clerk raised his concerns that the HCC Countryside Service has not updated its footpath cutting list since 2019. Cllr Lumby was asked to speak to Hampshire Countryside Service so that their commitment to cut strategic footpaths in the village will continue.

22/22) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

V630 Greenbarnes Ltd. Replacement notice board at Ladycroft. £866.36
V631 B.V.Gibbs Salary Mar-Apr 2021. £161.60
V632 B.V.Gibbs Salary May-Jun 2021. £161.60
V633 HMRC PAYE/NIC May Jun 2021. £40.49

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

b) To receive the draft accounts for the year 2020-21.

The draft accounts for 2020-21 were presented for review by the Parish Council.

Cllr French-Brooks proposed, Cllr Raimes seconded and it was **resolved** to approve the accounts for 2020-21.

c) The Internal Auditor has carried out a review of the Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 and has completed an audit report.

Cllr Foot proposed, Cllr French-Brooks seconded and it was **resolved** to receive and approve the Internal Audit report.

d) To approve the annual governance statement - Section 1 on page 5 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Cllr Foot proposed, Cllr Raimes seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

e) To approve the accounting statements for 2020-21 - Section 2 on page 6 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Cllr French-Brooks proposed, Cllr Raimes seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

f) Authorise the Chairman and the Clerk to sign Section 1 and Chairman and the Clerk (acting as the RFO) to sign Section 2 of the Annual Return.

Cllr Foot proposed, Cllr Raimes seconded and it was unanimously **resolved** to approve this item.

The Clerk and Cllr Raimes signed sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return at a later date.

g) Authorise the Chairman and the Clerk (acting as the RFO) to sign the Smaller Authorities Certificate of Exemption on page 3 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Cllr French-Brooks proposed, Cllr Foot seconded and it was unanimously **resolved** to approve this item.

The Clerk and Cllr Raimes signed the Certificate of Exemption of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return before the end of the meeting.

Cllr Foot departed at 7.46pm after this agenda item had been completed.

22/23) Planning & Licensing.

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

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There were no applications to receive.

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

There were no applications to receive.

22/24) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) The Parish Lengthsman visited in June 2021 and dug out a few of the grips and trimmed two of the footpaths. Cllr McWhirter expressed his concerns that the grips by Cheriton Mill had not been cleared out in some time. This caused them to overflow in periods of heavy rain.

b) Cllr French-Brooks had been asked to highlight a number of footpaths that had been perceived to be severely overgrown in recent months. Cllr Raimes commented that a balance had to be struck between the community's desire to have well-managed footpaths and the needs of nature such as protecting the nests of ground-nesting birds and conserving a breeding population of hares.

22/25) The Alresford Show 2021.

a) Cllr Raimes reported the fact that the 2021 Alresford Show had been cancelled. The Clerk reminded the meeting that a grant allocation of £300 had been set aside for the educational benefits of the Show.

Cllr French-Brooks proposed and Cllr McWhirter seconded the proposal that the £300 grant allocation for the 2021 Alresford Show should be earmarked in order to support the 2022 event.

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

The Clerk commented that £600 was now earmarked for the 2022 Alresford Show. He said that he would also be inviting the Alresford and District Agricultural Society to make a grant application within the 2021-22 financial year.

22/26) HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

It was noted that 2022 will see the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen. One of the ideas promoted by the Parish Council would be to support a community event as well as the provision of a commemorative bench. It was also suggested that the village K6 Phone box could be refurbished as part of the celebrations.

22/27) Any other reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in October 2021 on a date and at a venue to be decided.

Brendan Gibbs,
Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

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