

**TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 6.30pm on**  
**6.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Alresford Golf Club.**

**15/61) Apologies for absence.**

**Apologies for absence were received from the following:**

Mr P Kilmister	Chairman
Mr R Foot	Councillor (for late arrival)
Mrs G Hugh	Councillor (for late arrival)

**Present.**

Mr J Curtis	Councillor
Mr R Foot	Councillor
Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mr R Raimes	Vice-Chairman
Mr R Huxstep	County Councillor

Mr B Gibbs	Clerk
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One member of the general public.

Cllr Raimes took the Chair in the absence of Cllr Kilmister who had previously sent his apologies.

**15/62) Declarations of Interest including the disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests.**

None recorded.

**15/63) To approve the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on 13th January 2015**

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Curtis seconded the proposal that the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be approved. It was **resolved** that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly **signed** by the Chairman.

**15/64) Public Session**

Mr Angus Macpherson spoke about an application from the St Andrew's Parochial Church Council for a one-off grant of £400 to support the costs of using community offenders in maintaining the Churchyard. He explained that currently the cost was a fixed fee of £75 for the use of up to 10 attendees per day. It is hoped that this arrangement with Community Payback will enable five supervised visits in 2015. Mr McPherson left the meeting before the Parish Council discussed this grant request.

**15/65) Finance and Orders for Payment.**

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

V407 HMRC PAYE January-February 2015 £37.00p  
V408 Alresford Golf Club. Room hire £20.00p

It was unanimously resolved to approve these orders for payment.

**b) 2015-16 draft budget further considerations.**

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At the January 2015 meeting there had been some discussion about providing a bus shelter for the use of patrons of the number 67 Service to Winchester at the Ladycroft crossroads. Although a budget had been allocated it was felt that further evidence should be collected showing if there was sufficient passengers in need of using any shelter provided.

It was also necessary to identify land ownership so that negotiations to provide a bus shelter with the correct landowner could be undertaken. The Clerk agreed to report to a future meeting about both issues.

The provision of notice boards was discussed once again with Cllr Raimes agreeing to undertake a review of the two existing notice boards with full access by villagers.

These are at the Old Post Office and at the Flint Cottage Barn in Ladycroft.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should be asked to identify a suitable site at Bakelands so that a notice board can be provided for the new community there.

#### **c) Further LGA grant considerations.**

In response to Mr Macpherson's presentation in the Public Session, Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr McWhirter seconded a recommendation to pay 50% of the figure requested by way of a Churchyard maintenance grant for 2015-16.

This would therefore mean that a figure of £200 would be paid over.

It was unanimously resolved to approve this grant request.

The Parish Council of Tichborne noted that the statutory basis for this item is the Local Government Act 1972, Section 214 (6).

#### **d) To appoint Internal Auditors for the year 2015-16.**

Cllr Curtis proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded a proposal to re-appoint Mr Tim Light as Internal Auditor for the Municipal Year 2015-16

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve Mr Light's re-appointment.

#### **15/66) Reports by the County and District Councillors.**

Cllr Roger Huxstep reported on Hampshire County Council matters.

Although we hope the spring is establishing itself, Hampshire County Council's (HCC)'s preparation for next winter includes cleaning and jetting an extra 2,500 gullies, soakaways and drainage chambers which have been identified as potential flood risks, as well as 1,800 drainage-related maintenance or local jobs at over 100 sites.

The Council has also submitted 33 bids to the Environment Agency for funding towards flood defence and alleviation measures.

At his meeting on 22 January 2015, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources agreed a report on Hampshire Superfast Broadband (SFBB) and the County Council's plan to increase the availability of broadband services to premises in hard-to-reach areas through Phase two of its programme.

Phase one of the HCC's multi-million-pound programme is on track to ensure that 90 per cent of premises in Hampshire can access high-speed broadband by the end of 2015. So far, 155 cabinets and more than 55 kilometres of fibre optic cables have been installed, allowing over 33,000 premises to gain access to superfast broadband speeds for the first time.

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In total, Phase one is expected to add more than 59,500 business and residential properties. Following the new deal with BT, at least 34,500 further properties will gain access to superfast broadband, lifting the availability of high speed broadband from around 80% to more than 95%.

HCC has also agreed to extend the scope of its current programme to include support for residents living in new housing development where the private sector has not and is unlikely to make commercially funded access to SFBB provision for them. The title for the extended programme of intervention is 'Getting Connected'. More needs to be done and will be done. We just wish BT would speed things up.

Hampshire students had reason to celebrate this summer with strong performances in SATs, GCSEs and 'A' Levels. Of those completing their primary education in 2014, 88% achieved the nationally expected level 4 or above in mathematics, 91% in reading and 87% in writing - all above national results. 81% achieved level 4 in all three subject areas, an increase of 3%, and compared to 78% nationally. 25% reached the higher standard of level 5 in all three subjects.

The percentage of Hampshire's 13,000 GCSE students achieving five A\*-C passes, including in English and mathematics, remained at 60% this year, despite a number of changes to how subjects were examined and counted which has seen national results fall from 61% to 58%.

At 'A' Level, 89% of the 10,000 post-16 students studying at Hampshire's colleges and sixth forms achieved the Level 3 standard of two or more A\*-E grades at A Level, or the vocational equivalent, compared with 88% nationally.

The last full council was held on Thursday 19th February. Councillors debated the budget for 2015/16 and also received a briefing from Sir Tony Redmond, the Lead Commissioner of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in anticipation of re-drawing divisional boundaries for the 2017 County Election. Our division, the Meon Valley may well be the subject of an enlarged area to bring in up to further 10% more electorate.

The budget was approved and therefore there will be no increase in the County's Council Tax. The revenue budget that covers the cost of providing services including wages, goods and materials - which must be reduced by 12% in 2015/16 to meet cuts in Government grant and to balance demand pressures linked to an ageing population and children in care.

A relentless drive for efficiencies and savings since the period of austerity began, in 2008, will result in a total of £240million savings achieved by the end of March 2016. The changes to meet these savings were agreed as part of the budget setting for 2014.

We now prepare for the next phase of our savings and efficiency programme which aims to address a further £100 million of savings required by April 2017 - the equivalent of another 14% reduction in departmental budgets over the next two years.

Managing the next round of cuts will however, be much tougher, as savings become harder and harder to find. The austerity process has to be on-going, as we recognise the Government's need to bring public expenditure back under control. The Council will consult in the spring on a range of options to deliver the right support to residents at the right time and in the best way, which is likely to mean scaling back some areas and doing some things differently.

## **15/67) Planning & Licensing.**

### **a) S106 Open Space funds.**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 the residue of funds were as follows:

£87.83 remained in the S106 Child Play pot with £23,229.85 in the Adult Sport pot. Currently, there remains a commitment to drawdown £23,000 for the benefit of Tichborne Park Cricket Club.

Options for the use of the small surplus in both pots will be discussed at the next meeting.

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**15/68) The Parish Council received the following correspondence.**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Electoral review of the Winchester City Council: Draft recommendations.

Early indications of a forty-five seat City Council have been confirmed with a draft recommendation that the ward boundaries be re-drawn so that each city councillor represents roughly the same number of electors across the district. The main aim of the consultation was to gain support for the new arrangements or to seek alternative suggestions to that proposed. Councillors were urged to respond individually.

The Pensions Regulator. Invitation to register for a staging date for auto-enrolment of Local Government Pension Scheme.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he has begun the process of auto-enrolment in a work-based pension scheme.

**15/69) Environment, Highways & Transport.**

**a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme.**

It has now been confirmed that the Lengthsman scheme will continue to operate in 2015-16. The first two visits being in late May and mid July.

**b) Items to Note.**

Cllr Kinder reported that he has taken advantage of a service offered by Hampshire County Council to host community websites.

He reported that a beta version of the website was currently being tested and would be demonstrated at the Annual Parish Assembly.

**15/70) Community Safety.**

There was no report to receive.

**15/71) Tichborne Parish Council Model Standing Orders 2014 amendments to Section 3.**

Cllr McWhirter proposed and Cllr Curtis seconded the proposal that amendments to the Model Standing Orders be adopted.

It was **resolved** that the Tichborne Parish Council Model Standing Orders with amendments to Section 3 allowing video and audio recording and photography at Council meetings be adopted.

No decision was taken at this time by the Parish Council regarding a protocol for allowing video and audio recording and photography at Council meetings. It was suggested that requests be dealt with on a case by case basis.

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

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday May 19th 2015 at the Alresford Golf Club beginning at 6.45pm

**Brendan Gibbs**

**Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.**

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