

**TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held**  
**at Grange Farm at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

**22/37) Apologies.**

Mr R Foot	Councillor (for his late arrival)
Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
Mr A Stewart	Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor
Mr L Ruffell	District Councillor

**Present.**

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mr R Foot	Councillor (from 7.40pm)
Mr J French-Brooks	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor (via Zoom in a non-voting capacity until 7.27pm)
Mr H Lumby	District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs                      Clerk (via Zoom)

One member of the general public.

The Clerk recorded the fact that he was unable to attend the meeting due to the fact that he was self-isolating after testing positive for Covid-19. However, via Zoom he was able to contribute to the meeting whilst taking notes and audio recording the meeting via the Zoom link.

**22/38) Declarations of Interest.**

a) None recorded.

**22/39) Finance and Orders for Payment.**

a) Tichborne Parish Precept 2022-23.

The Clerk began the precept discussion by reminding members that the Parish Council had received a total sum of £4,219 from Winchester City Council in 2021-22 as its parish precept.

For information a spreadsheet was circulated that showed the tax base for Tichborne in 2021-22 had been 117.66 and the Band D rate had been £35.86.

The Clerk then spoke about the internal auditor's report received in May 2021. The Parish Council had met all the tests required of the Accounts and Audit (England) regulations 2015 and the Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – a Practitioner's Guide (England) 2020.

However, the auditor had commented that the Parish Council's general reserve was at a level where it would be able to meet the cost of up to six-months operating expenditure if no income were to be received by way of the precept.

With very little on-going commitments the auditor was of the opinion that steps should be taken over time to reduce the level of the general reserve.

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It was proposed by Cllr French-Brooks and seconded by Cllr Raimes that Tichborne Parish Council would like to see a reduction in the Band D rate of 2.9 % from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

This would result in a Band D rate of £34.82 for 2022-23.

This would also mean that the same level of precept would be collected. That is to say £4,219 would be received from Winchester City Council in 2022-23.

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

Cllr Kinder departed the meeting at this point.

b) It was agreed that as the Clerk had not been able to complete the budget documents due to illness that these be held over until the next meeting in late March / early April 2022. However, a discussion of the level of grant funding could take place later on in the meeting if the Parish Council was so minded.

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

V637 HMRC PAYE/NIC Oct -Dec 2021. £81.57

V638 HMRC PAYE/NIC Jan 2022. £39.63

V639 Grange Farm Partnership Room Hire (Jan 2022). £25.00

V640 Copyman Print & Design (T2K re-print) £662.00

V641 Cheriton Parish Council. Play Area Maintenance 2022 £300

V642 The Petersfield Forge Jubilee Bench (1<sup>st</sup> Tranche) £1,230

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

d) Grant applications 2022-23

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, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Victim Support and the Winchester Citizen's Advice Bureau.

It was proposed by Cllr Raimes and seconded by Cllr McWhirter that the Parish Council allocated each of these organisations a total of £300 (three hundred pounds) each except for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Victim Support where £100 was set aside.

It was unanimously **resolved** to include £1,600 within the 2022-23 budget to meet the cost of these grants.

## **22/40) Reports by the County and District Councillors.**

Cllrs Ruffell and Humby had sent their apologies. Cllr Lumby had previously circulated a written report that was **noted** by the meeting.

Cllr Lumby also spoke about a couple of items from his report.

For those concerned about motorbike noise and speeding especially near the A32 and the A272 there is to be a parish update at 1pm on Friday 14th January. Attendees will include the PCC Donna Jones, local MPs Flick Drummond and Damian Hinds as well as HCC Councillor Russell Oppenheimer. He is responsible for Highways Operations at HCC.

Statistics have been published by Hampshire Highways for the Winchester District for last November. In that month 49 emergencies were attended; 4,440 gullies and other drainage were cleared and 766 potholes were fixed.

In addition, they also coped with Storms Arwen and Barra, keeping the roads clear of fallen trees and other vegetation, debris and excess water.

General problems should be reported online at <http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>.

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Emergency issues on the highway can be reported outside of office hours by calling 101. In any emergency where there is a danger to life please call 999.

South Western Railways have confirmed that the onset of the Omicron variant is causing a shortage of staff across its business thus leading to short term cancellations. As a result they will be introducing a new, consolidated timetable from Monday 17 January 2022.

#### **22/41) Public Session**

a) Mollie Francis spoke about speed issues through the village. In the past it was apparent that there was no appetite for extra street furniture within the village warning drivers of their speed alongside a difficulty in imposing a speed limit. This issue has become more noticeable in recent years.

Mrs Francis also spoke about issues with cyclists also passing through the village at some speed and within large groups.

The Chair and Clerk agreed to take these issues up with Hampshire Highways and report back to the next meeting.

#### **22/42) Planning & Licensing.**

SDNP/22/06001/LIS & SDNP/22/06000/HOUS

Tichborne Cottage Riverside Farm Lane Tichborne Alresford Hampshire SO24 0NA

New chimney flue liner for wood/coal burner stove and extension of Chimney from 1.8 mtrs above thatched roof line to 2 mtrs above thatched roofline.

The Parish Council of Tichborne has **no objection** to this proposal.

SDNP/22/05677/FUL

Tichborne Arms Riverside Farm Lane Tichborne SO24 0NA

Replacement rear covered area and relocation of existing vehicular access to existing parking area.

The Parish Council of Tichborne has **no objection** to this proposal.

#### **22/43) Environment, Highways & Transport.**

a) Cllr Raimes commented about correspondence he had received from a villager regarding graffiti at the A31 viaduct. The Clerk also spoke about correspondence from a villager regarding footpath issues. Cllr Raimes said that he would speak to the person concerned between meetings.;

b) It was proposed to engage a contractor to clear out the grips between the village centre and the Ladycroft crossroads. Cllr French-Brooks and Raimes agreed to discuss this between meetings so that a proposal could be considered at the next meeting.

c) Cllr French-Brooks asked that it should be made clear to the Parish Lengthsman that the Village Green should not be cut until the spring flowers had come and gone.

#### **22/44) Village matters.**

a) Cllr French-Brooks confirmed that the Jubilee bench was a work in progress and the Petersfield Forge have commenced construction. Cllr Raimes said that the bench would be installed as soon as it was delivered to the Parish Council.

b) The Tichborne 2000 publication has sold well and the Clerk commented that most of the printing costs have now been recovered.

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**22/45) Reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.**

a) Cllr Raimes informed the meeting that the Parish Council will have reached the end of its four-year term in May.

If necessary, a poll will take place on Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm at Grange Farm Tichborne.

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

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