

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council commencing at 6.30pm
on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at Alresford Golf Club.

18/30) Apologies.

Mr R Foot	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor

Present.

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mr J Curtis	Councillor
Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
Mr A Stewart	Councillor

Mr L Ruffell	District Councillor
Mrs A Thacker	District Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor

Mr B Gibbs	Clerk
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18/31) Declarations of Interest.

a) None recorded.

18/32) To approve the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on 25th July 2017 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Curtis proposed and Cllr Raimes seconded the proposal that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 25th July 2017 be approved.

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

18/33) Public Session.

No members of the public were present.

18/34) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Cllr Thacker reported that the UK's biggest business pitching competition headed by world-famous entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson will come to Winchester next month – and Winchester City Council will help businesses perfect their presentations. Business can pitch their ideas to a panel of experts and be in with a chance of winning £5,000 as a regional prize and a chance to meet and receive advice from Sir Richard Branson at a brunch hosted by him.

She continued her report by saying that the pre-submission version of the South Downs Local Plan opens for public consultation from 26th September to 21st November 2017. This will be the last opportunity for the public to comment before it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in early 2018.

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Cllr Ruffell began his report by saying that he had attended the recent edition of Boomtown and had learnt a great deal from the experience. He also commented on the up-coming planning & development control bus tour. This was an opportunity for councillors to tour the district in order to better understand planning in action. Cllr Ruffell concluded his report by introducing County Councillor Rob Humby to the meeting.

Cllr Humby apologised for not being able to attend the previous meeting in July. He introduced himself and explained his roles at Winchester City Council and with the County Council. He is the member for the Bishops Waltham Division within the County Council.

Cllr Humby said that he was a member of the County Council's cabinet with specific responsibility for the Environment and Transport.

He is known colloquially as "Rob, Roads and Rubbish" with responsibility for looking after 5,500 miles of roads (excluding the A34 and the Motorway network in the county) and responsibility for disposing of £100 million pounds worth of waste throughout the county.

Since the year 2011-12 some 350 million pounds has been saved from an original budget of 1.8 billion pounds. There is now an initiative to save a further 140 million pounds from this budget. His department is being asked to save a figure of 20 million pounds over the next three years.

Cllr Humby then spoke about a number of initiatives he was supporting as portfolio holder for Environment and Transport. Three main areas to be looked at are the future management of the Hampshire waste recycling centres, continued funding of school crossing patrols and the future of concessionary bus passes.

Revenue generation was being looked at with the proposal to charge one pound for all visits to the Waste Recycling Centres and fifty pence for every journey made by holders of concessionary bus passes.

The County Council has a strong track record in securing external funding for transport schemes, as evidenced by the capital programme for 2017-18 until 2019-20 that has a total value of £100million for new roads and improvements.

Hampshire's transport infrastructure is under constant pressure. With national plans to increase housing and our own ambition to increase economic growth and prosperity while maintaining quality of life, it will only come under more pressure.

With the Council's expertise and collaborative approach to partnership working Cllr Humby was confident that it can remain flexible and agile enough to successfully meet new funding bids and bring benefits for residents.

18/35) Boomtown Fair Community Fund.

A brief discussion took place where a number of ideas were put forward for final consideration in order to allocate the Boomtown Community Funds received in June 2017. These were as follows.

- The provision of a Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) at the village centre.
- Contributions to the cost of the Cheriton play area refurbishment.
- Contributions to the cost of a community event in the village.
- A contribution to the upkeep of the graveyard at the St Andrew's Church.

Cllr Raimes and the Clerk were asked to contact the landlord of the Tichborne Arms in order to move the defibrillator proposal forwards.

18/36) Correspondence.

The Clerk circulated the 2016-17 annual report of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils and this was noted by the all present. He also circulated a letter of thanks from the Olive Branch Christian Counselling Service. The Clerk said that he had now received letters of thanks from all the organisations that the Parish Council had made grants to in 2017-18 and had published these letters on the Council's website.

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The Clerk also reported that the County Council has re-launched the 241 Taxi service and documentation was distributed amongst members present.

18/37) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

- V515 Victim Support (Hampshire). Section 145 Grant Payment 2017-18. £200.00p
- V516 Olive Branch Christian Counselling Service. Section 145 Grant Payment 2017-18. £200.00p
- V517 Alresford Golf Club Room Hire 26th September 2017. £20.00p
- V518 Information Commissioner’s Office. Annual fee 2017-18. £35.00p
- V519 HMRC PAYE/NIC April-August 2017. £102.00p
- V520 B.V.Gibbs Salary April-August 2017 (in back-pay and salary increase). £410.90p

b) External Audit Review. The external auditor’s report (Issued by BDO LLP and previously circulated) was presented to the meeting.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Hugh seconded the proposal that the External Auditor’s report be accepted by the Parish Council.

It was **resolved** that the report be accepted in full.

c) To note the External Auditor’s report and to establish a plan of action to respond to the comments made in the report.

It was noted that this year’s return was “qualified” due to the fact that the Annual Governance statement was incorrectly approved and did not comply fully with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. It was agreed that from now on there would need to be a meeting in June that would be set aside in order to ensure the accounts were inspected in a timely fashioned by an internal auditor and that the audited accounts were then approved by the Parish Council before the deadline set by the regulations.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Hugh seconded the proposal that the Clerk ensures that the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 are followed from now on.

This was **resolved**.

18/38) Planning & Licensing.

a) Planning applications and decisions received from the Winchester City Council:

There were no applications to receive.

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

There were no applications to receive.

The clerk informed the meeting that the final consultation on the South Downs Local Plan closes at 5pm on Tuesday 21st November. The plan will replace more than a thousand policies from 12 different local authorities with just 96 new policies covering the whole of the National Park from Winchester to Eastbourne. He invited councillors to comment individually as well as a response from the Parish Council as a corporate body.

18/39) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman.

Cllr Curtis said that the Lengthsman had visited recently and the standard of work had improved tremendously in comparison to the previous visit. The Clerk said that the number of visits has now reduced to five visits per year.

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Cllr Curtis added that it was essential to identify some improvements to the rights of way network as well as a continuation of the work the Lengthsman did with the highways margins. He also commented on some aspects of the fencing at the village green.

18/40) Any other report which the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

On behalf of all the members of the Parish Council, Cllr Raimes asked for the minutes to record their deepest sympathies to Mrs Catherine Loudon and her children Ella, Jamie and Nina on the recent loss of Mr Anthony Loudon.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.42pm.

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 28th November 2017 at the Alresford Golf Club beginning at 6.30pm.

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

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