

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Tichborne Annual Parish Assembly held on
Thursday 22nd March 2018 at Alresford Golf Club at 7.10pm

Present.	Mr R Raimes	Chairman
	Mr R Foot	Councillor
	Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
	Mr B Gibbs	Clerk

There were no members of the general public present.

1) Apologies were received from the following people.

County Cllr Rob Humby. Dist Cllrs L Ruffell and A Thacker.

Lady Elizabeth Craig-Cooper, Mr Andrew Joyce, Mr John Curtis, Mr Anthony McWhirter, Mr Andrew Stewart, Mr David Pain, Mr Patrick Roper & Mr Neil Kinder.

2) To approve the minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Assembly held on the 25th April 2017.

These were not circulated at the Assembly. It was decided to receive the minutes at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

3) Tichborne Parish Council Chairman's Report.

Chairman's Report 2018

The Parish Council

The council year began on 23rd May at the AGM. Cllr Raimes was elected chairman for the year with no other nominations. May 4th 2017 saw the Winchester County Elections with Cllr Rob Humby being voted County Councillor for Bishops Waltham.

Teresa May called an early general election which took place on June 8th 2017.

On the 3rd May 2018 there will be Winchester City Elections as well as the Tichborne Parish Council Election.

Thanks go to all of the Council in particular to Brendan, our clerk, Anthony McWhirter for his continued work on planning and Neil Kinder, for his work on the website and broadband related issues.

Weather

2017 was one of the driest and warmest springs since 2000 with less than 25mm of rain falling in February, April, June and October. Total rainfall for the year was 690mm with a massive 140mm in July which led to a difficult harvest. The warm spring rose to very warm soils in April and plants waking up about two weeks earlier than normal. Several ground frosts occurred at the end of April, which isn't uncommon, but on April 28th there was an 8hr air frost with a minimum of -4.8c. Gardens, nurseries, vineyards and orchards all suffered.

Planning

Planning applications for extensions at Yew Tree and the Old Rectory and a telegraph pole at Longwood to beam in broadband were the only planning applications, which were all approved and plenty of tree felling and thinning applications. Work commenced on Goose Cottage and at Donkey Field following applications that were approved the previous year.

Work was also completed on Tichborne Lake and the re-routing of the river through the water meadows.

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Financial

The budget meeting in January saw the precept set at £4,375 with the addition of £183 Council Tax Support grant giving a total of £4,558. The precept in Tichborne has remained the same for seven years and this year it was decided to reduce the precept by 5%.

This reduces the band D rate to £37.76 from £39.73. Grants were approved to St Andrew's Church PCC, Tichborne Park Cricket Club, The Oliver Branch Christian Counselling Service, the Alresford & District Agricultural Committee and the Winchester Citizen's Advice Bureau. They all received £300 each. As of 7th December, the balance in the Parish Council bank account was £18,195.

Cheriton Parish Council approached Tichborne Parish Council seeking financial support for the play area which required urgent repair and updating as some of the equipment had been condemned. A consultation followed questioning the play area location as well as equipment required. It was clear from the results of the consultation that the current location of the play area should not change.

In July, Cheriton Parish Council was allocated the remainder of the S106 child play fund from Bakelands Garden development which was £94.75 and in November, Tichborne Parish Council agreed that they would also provide £1,000 from the 2016 Boomtown Community Fund.

Boomtown

The 2017 Boomtown event took place in August. Traffic into the event on Thursday caused some disruption due to the security checks whilst traffic leaving on the Monday appeared to cause fewer problems than in previous years.

A new license for 20,000 additional people, increased noise levels and an additional day was applied for in December. The increased numbers were then reduced to 5000 additional staff. The license was approved. An application to amend the existing planning approval followed in February.

Tichborne Parish Council received £2000 from the Boomtown community fund in 2016 and £700 in 2017. Half of the 2016 fund was allocated to the play area in a Cheriton with the other half being allocated to a community defibrillator possibly. The Tichborne Arms is the suggested site for the defibrillator if it progresses. The 2017 fund remained unallocated.

Other items

Alresford Show had another good year, with numbers thought to be slightly up on 2016. The Tichborne Park Cricket Club is making progress with fundraising and its development of its new pavilion although is unlikely to start work until autumn 2018 and hopefully completed for the 2019 season.

The Lengthsman scheme continued keeping the village green tidy, the footpaths clear and the signs clean.

Broadband appears to be getting closer with a promise that a Fibre to the Premises scheme should be completed in 2018 although no work has been started yet.

Robert Raimes,
Chairman, the Parish Council of Tichborne

There being no further business the Annual Parish Assembly closed at 7.27pm.

Mr Robert Raimes thanked everyone for attending.

Brendan Gibbs
Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

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