

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 6.30pm on
Monday 19th August 2019 at Alresford Golf Club.

20/19) Apologies.

Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mr A Stewart	Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor
Mr L Ruffell	District Councillor

Present.

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mr R Foot	Councillor
Mr J French-Brooks	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr H Lumby	District Councillor
Mr B Gibbs	Clerk

20/20) Declarations of Interest.

a) Cllr Foot recorded the fact that he delivered post to the residents of Bakelands Gardens as he noted that some residents from that area are attending the meeting to speak in the public session.

20/21) To approve the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on 18th June 2019 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 18th June 2019 be approved. It was **resolved** that these minutes be accepted as an accurate record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

20/22) Public Session.

a) There was no requirement for a public session at this time. A number of residents of Bakelands Gardens indicated that they would like to speak at the time their grant application was discussed.

20/23) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

a) Cllr Lumby began his report by commenting on the recent residents survey carried out by the City Council.

MEL Research had undertaken a residents' survey for the City Council between January and March 2019. A door step survey was carried out which was representative by age, gender and rural or urban classification. Interviews were conducted with 1,618 residents spread across all sixteen wards.

The headline results show that 95% of residents were very (57%) or fairly (38%) satisfied with their local area as a place to live. In addition, 79% of residents were very (22%) or fairly (57%) satisfied with the way the council ran things. 14% said they were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and 8% were dissatisfied.

Also included in the report are the results of the Young Persons Survey which captured the views and opinions of 500 people aged 18 to 24 who live in the district.

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Councillors asked questions about the future of the current waste collection service contract at this point. They were concerned that the service was becoming very unreliable with collection dates often being missed. Other concerns centred on the future of glass collection and the effect this would have on the continued use of community bottle banks.

Cllr Lumby then informed the meeting that the South Downs Local Plan had been formally adopted by the South Downs National Park Authority on Tuesday 2 July 2019 and so is now in force.

The Local Plan is part of the statutory development plan for the whole National Park, along with the minerals and waste plans and adopted Neighbourhood Plans from many towns and villages within the boundaries of the National Park.

It sets out how the Park will manage development over the period 2014 to 2033. All Local Plan policies and Neighbourhood Plan policies should be viewed together and not in isolation. The South Downs Policies Map illustrates how the policies in the adopted Local Plan will apply. The Clerk confirmed that he had been sent a copy of the Local Plan for reference.

Cllr Lumby concluded his report by saying that the Winchester City Council Licensing Sub Committee had met on Tuesday 30th July 2019 to consider the application for a New Premises Licence for the Boomtown Festival at the Matterley Bowl.

The sub-committee approved the application for 2020 onwards, subject to various conditions. In particular, the licence authorised the relevant licensable activities for a maximum of 75,999 persons, which shall include all persons present at the premises in whatever capacity including ticket holders, performers, guests and staff.

At least 6,000 of these must be staff, artists and their bona fide guests. 1000 additional tickets to the event may be provided to local residents on Sunday. The licence effectively has approved an additional 11,000 people over the existing licence. Cllr Lumby commented that the Parish Council amongst many others objected to this application.

20/24) To receive a grant application from the Spring Gardens (Alresford) Residents Association Ltd.

Mrs Marcia Philliburt and Mr Tim Mason spoke about the development at Bakelands Gardens and its current broadband infrastructure. As built, the development was provided with a copper cable solution to provide broadband services to all of the homes. A more modern solution today would utilise fibre optic cables.

Mr Mason explained that in order to provide a fibre optic solution the residents association had explored a number of options so that their broadband infrastructure could be upgraded. The following had taken place.

- They had spoken to the developer responsible for building all of the houses.
- They had approached Hampshire County Council in order to have Bakeland Gardens included in the "Hampshire Superfast Broadband" initiative.
- They have considered applying for a grant under the "Rural Gigabyte Broadband Voucher Scheme"

Mr Mason said that they had received fairly negative responses to the first two initiatives. The voucher scheme enables small businesses/sole traders (or SME's as defined by the scheme) or residents registered at the address wanting fibre as part of a scheme to claim up to £3,500 in vouchers that go towards funding the scheme.

Mr Mason said that the issue is that the recipient would have to agree to a fibre connection for a minimum of 12 months once the fibre is connected or be liable for reimbursing the value of any voucher if those conditions were not met.

Mr Mason concluded his presentation by requesting the support of the Parish Council. He asked if it would consider the sum of £8,219 in order to take advantage of the voucher scheme whilst removing the financial risks involved.

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Cllr Raimes responded by saying that at this moment in time no household in the parish could receive superfast broadband. He acknowledged that the “Hampshire Superfast Broadband” project would eventually connect most of the village but that this was some way away.

He continued by saying that the Council as a corporate body was sympathetic to the grant request and shared the residents’ concerns about the lack of a fibre broadband solution. He said that it should be remembered that there are some extremely remote parts of the Parish in a similar situation that could cost a similar sum to connect to the services requested by the residents at Bakelands Gardens.

Cllr Raimes asked how many of the residents were seeking to receive a fibre broadband solution as part of this scheme. There were 33 properties in the development and 12 properties would like to receive to receive this solution

Cllr Raimes proposed reviewing the grant application through the autumn so that all of the Parish Council could have a view on the proposal. The Clerk said that there is an opportunity to hold a couple of meetings in order to discuss the grant application fully. Cllr Raimes also suggested that there were opportunities to support other infrastructure projects at the development that could include supporting the maintenance of the open spaces there.

It was proposed to hold two meetings during the autumn on Monday 21st October and Monday 25th November so that the budget and precept could be discussed and agreed upon whilst also considering all options to support the residents at Bakelands Gardens.

20/25) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

V576 Alresford Golf Club Room Hire 19th August 2019. £20.00p
V577 B.V.Gibbs Salary June-July 2019. £161.60p
V578 B.V.Gibbs HMRC pre-payment refund. £40.51p
V579 B.V.Gibbs Expenses Jan-June 2019 £120.32p
V580 Mr Robert Raimes. Reimbursement of community defibrillator costs. £327.22p
V581 HMRC PAYE/NIC Aug-Sept 2019. £40.40p

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

20/26) The Boomtown Festival (2019 and 2020 editions).

The Clerk reported that he had attended the licensing hearing on the 30th July 2019 along with other people wishing to make their views known on the new premises licence application. As Cllr Lumby reported the new licence was approved despite many objections. The Clerk reported that the Boomtown Festival Company had engaged the services of a Queen’s Counsel.

He presented the full report to the meeting for individual members’ attention. Meanwhile, it was reported that the 2019 festival had passed off without incident.

The Clerk commented that there was still no progress on the issuing of a decision notice regarding the outstanding planning application (SDNP/18/06249/FUL) at the Matterley estate.

The Clerk also commented that the prior notification application SDNP/19/02602/APNR had not been accepted and that a letter had been issued to the applicant to this effect. Either a full planning application or an appeal against this decision is to be expected.

20/27) Planning & Licensing.

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

SDNP/18/06249/FUL Matterley Farm Alresford Road Ovington Alresford Hampshire SO24 0HU

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Change of use of land from agriculture to mixed agriculture and holding of one music festival event and one sports endurance event in any calendar year including retention of wooden structures within woodland and minor alterations to existing access on A31, both associated with festival use.

Members were informed that the SDNPA was not in a position to issue a decision notice at this moment in time as the Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government were considering calling in this application.

b) Planning applications received from Winchester City Council.

There were no applications to receive.

c) Planning correspondence from the South Downs National Park Authority regarding gateway signs was received. A planning application will be received in due course.

20/28) Correspondence.

Although no items of correspondence were received the Clerk reported that a number of parishioners were asking if there was any interest in re-printing the Tichborne 2000 book. The original proofs are still in existence and there is the possibility of providing an updated version. Cllr Kinder said that he would discuss this with Lady Craig-Cooper who held the proofs and artwork.

20/29) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman. The Clerk said that currently the Lengthsman scheme did not have any administrative support. He informed the meeting that two successor schemes were emerging. One was managed by Soberton Parish Council with the other being administered by Itchen Valley Parish Council. He had registered with both schemes and would provide a further update at the next meeting

b) Community Defibrillator. Cllr Raimes informed the meeting that the defibrillator has now been installed and commissioned into service. The Clerk was asked to issue a news item on the website highlighting the fact that the project was co-funded by the Boomtown Community Fund and the Parish Council.

c) Village Signs. Cllr French-Brooks reported that he was working with the Clerk to identify a contractor who would refurbish the village signs at the entrance to the village at either end of Riverside Farm Lane. The Clerk said that a report would be presented at the next meeting.

20/30) Any other report which the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 21st October 2019 at 6.30pm at the Alresford Golf Club.

Brendan Gibbs,
Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

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