

# TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held at the Alresford Golf Club Tichborne at 7.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026.

### 27/14) Apologies.

Mr N Kinder                      Councillor  
Mr J Williams                  County Councillor

### Present.

Mr A McWhirter              Chairman  
Mr R Foot                      Councillor  
Mr M McNeil                  Councillor (from 7.41pm)  
Ms M Phillibert               Councillor

Mr D Ablitt                    District Councillor  
Mr J Pett                        District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs                    Clerk

One member of the public

### 27/15) Declarations of Interest.

a) None recorded.

### 27/16) To approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Foot proposed and Cllr McWhirter seconded the proposal that the minutes the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 be approved.

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

### 27/17) Tichborne Parish Council vacancies.

Following on from the May 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 election the Parish Council has received a co-option application from Mr Matthew McNeil. Cllr Foot proposed and Cllr Phillibert seconded a motion to co-opt Mr McNeil on to the Parish Council.

This motion was **resolved** unanimously.

### 27/18) Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

### 27/19) County and District Council reports.

Prior to receiving a report, Cllr McWhirter congratulated Cllr Ablitt on his recent victory in the Winchester City Council election in the Upper Meon Valley ward.

Small Grants Window Opens

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The window for applications to the Winchester Small Grants Scheme has now reopened and will remain open until January next year or until all the available funds have been allocated – so there is clear advantage to getting your applications in earlier rather than later. The maximum sum available is £700 and local voluntary and not-for-profit groups and organisations are eligible to apply. Recent successful applications have come from “greening” groups, sport clubs and village halls. As funds become ever scarcer, this is one of the few sources that remains, and has been very benevolent to this Ward in the past.

### Meon Valley Bus

The team behind the Meon Valley Bus is trying hard to promote and improve both their scheduled bus services and the vehicle’s availability for hire for group outings. Their website has been recently refreshed and is here:

<https://meonvalleybus.co.uk/>

They are also pleased to announce that, for a trial period, they will be adding a stop at the Kilmeston bus shelter on the Friday morning run to Winchester for six-weeks starting Friday 17th July. We will ensure this is advertised in the July edition of the Upper Itchen ‘Church and Village’ magazine, but all encouragement to use the bus on any of its three weekly runs would be welcomed. We have also been asked about the possibility of adding a stop on the Winchester run at the Millbury crossroads at Beauworth - we’ll follow this up with the MVB team.

### Hampshire Bus Action Group (HamBAG)

HamBAG has been formed by several action groups across the county, all of which represent communities who have recently lost their last surviving bus service. They have come together in the hope that their collective voice may be more effective in raising awareness of the effect on communities, and particularly their elder residents, of the practical and social cost of losing ‘their’ bus.

The group, which has no political party alignment, has agreed a ‘vision’ statement (reproduced below) that it hopes to use to lobby all the Hampshire/Solent Mayoral candidates over the next two years and shape their approach to rural transport, acutely conscious that development of public transport strategy is one of the Mayor’s devolved powers.

Your Parish Council may wish to consider whether to commit formally to support their vision, so lending their weight to the group’s work.

#### *Vision Statement from the Hampshire Bus Action Group*

*Our vision is of a bus service where:*

*Every community has access to public transport that’s sufficiently frequent and affordable to meet people’s needs. Buses are so attractive, reliable and rapid that people choose to leave cars at home. Public transport is run as a network, with convenient rail, bus, and ferry connections for journeys to work, shops, hospitals, education, leisure facilities and airports. Public transport increases in line with development so new homes, workplaces and destinations are not car dependent.*

*Why this vision is needed.*

*Nearly half of Hampshire’s emissions come from transport, overwhelmingly from private cars. A fully loaded double-decker bus removes up to 75 cars’ worth of pollution and congestion from our roads. Many parts of Hampshire are “bus deserts”, either with no buses or a service too infrequent to be useful.*

*About a fifth of homes have no access to a car. The poorest fifth of households are twice as likely as the average to have no car. Hampshire County Council’s strategy on buses is fundamentally flawed because it focuses on supporting buses on a small number of routes which are already commercially viable and ignores the needs of scores of communities across the county.*

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*Buses in Hampshire need to serve more people. Last year, HCC came 64th out of 89 authorities in a league table of bus trips per person, with only 18.4 trips per person, down from 24.1 a decade ago. Many other authorities with similar population densities have significantly higher levels of bus usage.*

**27/20) Finance and Orders for Payment.**

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

Date	Description	Out	In	Balance
23/06/2026	AGC June 23rd 2026 Room Hire	30.00		660.92
18/06/2026	HMRC - June 2026	30.54		690.92
08/06/2026	HUGO FOX June 26 Website	23.99		721.46
29/05/2026	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 486587001	4.25		745.45
29/05/2026	BRENDAN V. GIBBS EXPENSES TO 190526	195.43		749.70
29/05/2026	BRENDAN V. GIBBS May 2026 Salary	122.50		945.13
18/05/2026	BRENDAN V. GIBBS SLCC Membership Fee	84.00		1067.63
15/05/2026	RP COMMERCIAL SERVICES Lengthsman	3000.00		1151.63
13/05/2026	NEIL KINDER DEFIB BATTERY PACK	354.19		4151.63
13/05/2026	ZURICH Municipal Insurance	372.30		4505.82
13/05/2026	AGC May 19th 2026 Room Hire	30.00		4878.12

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

b) The Internal Auditor has carried out a review of the Parish Council’s accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and has completed an audit report.

Cllr Foot proposed, Cllr Phillibert seconded and it was **resolved** to receive the Internal Audit report.

It was noted that the Internal Auditor remained independent of the Parish Council and had no connections to any member of it.

c) To approve the annual governance statement - Section 1 on page 5 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Cllr Foot proposed, Cllr Phillibert seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

d) To approve the accounting statements for 2025-26 - Section 2 on page 6 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Cllr Foot proposed, Cllr Phillibert seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

e) Authorise the Chairman and the Clerk to sign Section 1 and Chairman and the Clerk (acting as the RFO) to sign Section 2 of the Annual Return.

Cllr Foot proposed, Cllr Phillibert seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

The Clerk and the Chairman signed sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return later.

f) Authorise the Chairman and the Clerk (acting as the RFO) to sign the Smaller Authorities Certificate of Exemption on page 3 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Cllr Foot proposed, Cllr Phillibert seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

g) To approve the Notice of Public Rights for publication.

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Cllr Foot proposed, Cllr Phillibert seconded and it was **resolved** to approve this item.

The Clerk and the Chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return before the end of the meeting.

**27/21) Planning & Licensing.**

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

There were no planning applications to receive.

b) Planning applications and decisions received from Winchester City Council.

26/01102/HOU: 10 Bakeland Gardens Alresford Hampshire SO24 9QX

Proposal: Two storey rear extension

The Parish Council of Tichborne has no objection to this application.

**27/22) Any other reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.**

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.31pm

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 at the Alresford Golf Club.

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

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