

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 6.30pm on
Tuesday 4th March 2014 at Alresford Golf Club.

14/60) Apologies.

Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor
Mr H Verney	District Councillor

Present.

Mr P Kilmister	Chairman
Mr J Curtis	Councillor
Mr R Foot	Councillor
Mr S May	Vice-Chairman
Mr R Raimes	Councillor
Mr R Huxstep	County Councillor (from 7.01pm until 7.18pm)
Mr B Gibbs	Clerk

One member of the general public.

14/61) Declarations of Interest.

None recorded.

14/62) To approve the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on 14th January 2014.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr May seconded the proposal that the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 14th January 2014 be approved. It was **resolved** that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly **signed** by the Chairman.

14/63) Public Session

Mr Andy Joyce of Tichborne Park Cricket Club addressed councillors regarding the latest news on the Club's development plans. The Club's representatives had recently had a very productive meeting with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). As a result of advice received from the ECB the Club has amended its plans in order for it to be a more attractive proposition to grant making bodies such as Sport England.

The Club had also met with the Trustees of the Tichborne Estate who had viewed and accepted the amended plans for the new building. No final decision on construction methods and materials had been made at this time.

14/64) Tichborne Parish Council Standing Orders.

The Clerk had previously circulated copies of the Parish Council's revised Standing Orders and had invited comments from all councillors as to their acceptability. All Councillors have been offered the opportunity to agree amendments so that the Standing Orders can be approved at the Annual Council Meeting. This will not take place until after the Parish Council election on May 22nd 2014.

There are several reasons for considering and re-adopting the Standing Orders at this time including the need to reflect recent changes in legislation such as the Localism Act 2011.

(At this point Councillor Kilmister proposed bringing forward the agenda item on the Open Space Funds. This was to enable Mr Joyce to hear the discussion before departing).

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14/65) Planning & Licensing (Item brought forward).

The Clerk told the meeting that he had met with Mr Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey of the City Council to discuss the Open Space Funds that remained un-allocated. It had been agreed that there would be four actions arising from the meeting that the Parish Council should note.

a) There had been unreasonable pressure put on the Council to spend its Open Space Fund before the beginning of April 2014. Mr Dunbar-Dempsey apologised for this and explained that while some parishes had required some encouragement to use the funds available to them this was not the case here. It is understood and agreed that Tichborne Park Cricket Club will shortly be in a position to submit a planning application to provide for a new pavilion at their ground at Tichborne Park.

b) Mr Dunbar-Dempsey confirmed he was satisfied that the successful grant of planning permission will qualify for the release of £23,000 from the Open Space Fund towards this project.

c) As had been discussed in the public session Tichborne Park Cricket Club is not in a position to submit their plans at this time. Mr Dunbar-Dempsey agreed that these Open Space Funds will be 'ring fenced' until such time as they are.

Cllr May asked for it to be recorded that the 'Adult Sport' Open Space Funds from the Spring Gardens development had been allocated as follows:

£23,000 would go towards the Tichborne Park Cricket Club's new pavilion and £15,385 towards New Alresford's rugby pitch project. As discussed and agreed above, the milestone for the drawing down of the money for the Cricket Club's project would be the successful granting of planning permission.

d) In respect of the play pot Mr Dunbar-Dempsey had suggested that this should be divided between New Alresford's play facilities at Sun Lane (approx £8,958) and the remainder (£204) should be made available to the new Skate Park and Multi User Games Area (MUGA) at River Park, Winchester. Veolia ES Landfill Ltd would be making a significant contribution to this project and would be match funding the Council's contribution of £204.

Councillor Foot asked if other Parish Councils had been notified about the availability of the funds. Cllr Kilmister replied that members had spoken to representatives of Cheriton Parish Council and New Alresford Town Council.

Following on from this discussion it was **resolved** to allocate £8,958 to the New Alresford's proposed new play facilities in the town.

It was also **resolved** to allocate £204 to the Skate Park and Multi User Games Area (MUGA) at River Park, Winchester. This was to be managed via a third party arrangement through Veolia ES Landfill Ltd who were match-funding the contribution from both the City Council and Tichborne Parish Council.

Both resolutions were proposed by Cllr May and were seconded by Councillor Raimes. They were passed unanimously.

Cllr May then spoke about the conclusion of the allocation process. He said that this had been single most important project undertaken by the Parish Council in recent times. He said that it should be recorded that the majority of the Adult Sport Pot (£23,000) had been allocated to a project in Tichborne whilst the majority of the overall fund (£24,343) had been allocated to projects in New Alresford. He said that the Parish Council had also willingly supported a project in the City.

14/66) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

V377 Veolia ES Landfill Ltd. Third Party (OSF) Contribution. £204.00p

V378 Alresford Golf Club. Room hire £20.00p

V379 HMRC PAYE January-February 2014 £37.00p

V380 B.V.Gibbs Salary January-February 2014 £148.00p

V381 B.V.Gibbs Salary September 2013-February 2014 £36.50p

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It was unanimously **resolved** to approve these orders for payment.

b) Financial Risk Assessment 2013-14.

The Clerk presented the updated Financial Risk Assessment to the meeting. There were several action points that had been completed and the Clerk indicated that these would now be signed off. The majority of the remaining tasks are the responsibility of the Clerk to complete but there are three items regarding the Council's Fixed Asset Register that will need to be completed by the Parish Council as a corporate body in due course.

c) Internal Audit 2013-14.

The clerk reported that the Internal audit for 2013-14 will be undertaken by Mr Paul Reynolds on the 13th and 14th May 2014.

14/67) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Cllr Huxstep reported that Hampshire County Council would meet in March to further consider its budget. Faced with the challenge of finding a further £90 million savings by 2015 (12 per cent of the Council's budget), the Council is asking residents to rank services according to which they value the most. Hampshire has already lost 43 per cent of its Government grant over four years and faces further unavoidable cuts, with the period of austerity set to continue well beyond 2015.

He continued by saying that the full extent of the damage to Hampshire's 5,280 miles of road caused by the winter weather cannot be fully assessed yet as some roads are still submerged, but the County Council has already identified over 300 locations where extensive and costly structural repair work is need. This includes roads that have been underwater and the small rural roads used as diversions

Locally, these issues included the A272 at Bramdean, the A32 at Farrington and the B2150 at Hambledon.

Subject to discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, it is proposed to cease the Accredited Community Safety Service (ACSO) by the 31st December 2014. The resultant savings would be used to support the continuation of a comprehensive Library Service and major repairs to the corporate and countryside estates owned by the County Council.

14/68) The Parish Council received the following correspondence.

The Clerk informed the meeting that there had been several items of email correspondence for the South Downs National Park Authority that had been circulated including several items on its emerging Local Development Framework. Documentation from Veolia ES Landfill Ltd confirming receipt of an OSF contribution to a project in Winchester was also received.

14/69) Planning & Licensing (Remaining items on agenda).

Between meetings the Clerk to the Parish Council had received two planning applications.

SDNP/13/05763/LIS

Godwins Farmhouse, Riverside Farm Lane, Tichborne, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 0NA

Repairs and alterations to southern side including external re-pointing and chimney demolition.

SDNP/14/00438/HOUS

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It was unanimously **resolved** to raise no objection to these two applications.

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b) Boomtown 2014.

Cllr Kilmister present a brief report to the council regarding the recent licence reviews.

He began by saying that the review of PREM500 licence had taken place on 11th Feb. The hearing on a new licence application took place the following day. Representations were made by supporters of the event and by representatives of the landowners. Organisations that opposed the licences included the South Downs National Park Authority. The SDNPA said that holding events at Matterley Bowl were inappropriate to the aims of the National Park especially concerning their stated objectives of tranquillity and dark skies.

The WCC licensing sub-committee voted to approve the licence applications. Cllr Kilmister said that there is a right of appeal (to magistrates) expiring 21 days from the date of the approval decision. Cllr Kilmister concluded by saying that there was nothing more that the Parish Council could do to oppose the issuing of the licences. The main focus would now be to continue to monitor the events as and when they take place.

14/70) Environment, Highways & Transport.

The Parish Lengthsman scheme has been severely affected by the recent floods. The Clerk had discussed the matter with the scheme's administrator and had agreed to the Spring 2014 visit being postponed until such time as Riverside Farm Lane had dried out completely.

Both Riverside Farm Lane and the Ladycroft ford continue to present challenges day to day. There has been further work at the ford as it has been noticed that the wooden rails have now been removed. Cllr Curtis would find out from what direction most of the stranded cars have travelled. Up to now there have been no accurate figures recorded to indicate if the problem exists when travelling from Ladycroft to Spring Gardens or the other way round. The general assumption is that strandings occur when travelling in either direction.

Riverside Farm Lane will continue to be a problem until there is a prolonged period of dry weather.

14/71) Community Safety.

There were no reports to receive.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday June 3rd 2014 at the Alresford Golf Club beginning at 6.30pm

Brendan Gibbs

Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

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