

**THE PARISH COUNCIL OF TICHBORNE**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council commencing at 6.30pm**  
**on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Alresford Golf Club.**

**18/41) Apologies.**

Mr R Foot	Councillor (late arrival)
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor (late arrival)
Mrs A Thacker	District Councillor
Mr R Humby	County Councillor

**Present.**

Mr R Raimes	Chairman
Mr J Curtis	Councillor
Mr R Foot	Councillor (from 6.47pm)
Mrs G Hugh	Councillor
Mr N Kinder	Councillor
Mr A Stewart	Councillor
Mr A McWhirter	Councillor (from 7.15pm)

Mr L Ruffell	District Councillor
Mr N Scallan	Cheriton Parish Councillor

Mr B Gibbs	Clerk
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**18/42) Declarations of Interest.**

a) None recorded.

**18/43) To approve the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (Previously circulated).**

Cllr Hugh proposed and Cllr Stewart seconded the proposal that the minutes the last Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be approved.

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

**18/44) Public Session.**

No members of the public were present.

**18/45) Reports by the County and District Councillors.**

an 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

Cllr Ruffell began his report by saying that council tenants in Winchester will see their rents reduced by 1% from April next year. Despite inflation being currently over 3% he said his colleagues are supporting Government demands on social landlords to reduce rents that will help to keep council housing affordable for thousands of residents in the Winchester district. The Government has determined that local authority and housing association rents should reduce by 1% each year up to 2020.

With private rents in Winchester being some of the highest in the south east of England, the reductions will mean council rents will be significantly lower, and in many cases as much as 50% below market rents. He continued by saying that the City Council recognised how expensive housing can be in Winchester and were committed to doing what it can to keep housing affordable for its tenants.

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He also commented on the up-coming affordable housing scheme at Mitford Road in Alresford. This was a scheme of nine dwellings built as part of the city Council's commitment to build up to 600 affordable properties over the next few years. He concluded his report by highlighting several successful prosecutions of fly-tippers by the City Council's Neighbour Services team.

**18/46) The Cheriton Play Area project.**

Cllr Scallan from Cheriton Parish Council gave an update on the play area project's progress. The annual inspection of the equipment had taken place earlier this year and all manageable defects identified in the report had been now been rectified. It should be noted that the swings have been condemned due to them being beyond repair and they have now been removed. A public consultation took place in September and embraced the parishes of Cheriton, Kilmeston and Tichborne.

Questions were asked about what people wanted regarding the design and styling of the equipment, where it would be located and how big it should be. Parishioners of Cheriton were specifically asked if they would support an application to the Public Works Load Board for funding. It was clear from the results of the consultation that the current location of the play area should not change despite some obvious constraints upon it.

Cllr Scallan then spoke about fundraising efforts. Several donations have been received including the sum of £480 raised from use of a "Just Giving" webpage. He continued by saying that an organisation known as the Cheriton Play Area Working Group (Chaired by a Cheriton Parish Councillor) was assisting with fundraising alongside individual parents and other interested parties.

Other funding has been received from the following sources.

- Kilmeston Parish Council.
- Hampshire Playing Fields Association.
- Cheriton Parish Council (Boomtown 2016 grant).
- Tichborne Parish Council. (The residue of the Spring Gardens Open Space Fund for Children's Play).

Cllr Scallan then explained how the project would be financed and listed three areas to be managed.

- The capital cost of providing and installing the equipment.
- The maintenance costs incurred throughout the lifetime of the equipment.
- A sinking fund to provide for the eventual replacement of the equipment in years to come.

Cllr Scallan reminded the Parish Council that the cost of the equipment would be in the region of £40-60,000.

In response to questions from members, Cllr Scallan said that the priority was hoped to have the replacement swings installed by the spring of 2018 at the latest.

Cllr Scallan concluded his report by making a direct request of Tichborne Parish Council for it to consider providing a financial contribution to the project. He asked if consideration could be given to providing a one-off grant towards the capital costs of the project or a one-off contribution to the sinking fund. In addition, he asked that consideration be given for the Parish Council to make an annual contribution to the maintenance costs of the new equipment

**18/47) Boomtown Fair Community Fund.**

At the Parish Council meeting in September members had discussed four proposals in order to allocate the Boomtown Community Fund received in June 2016. 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.

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Members received a brief update from Cllr Raimes as to the viability of placing a community defibrillator at the Tichborne Arms. He commented that there was support from the landlord (the Tichborne Estate) and from the licensee, Mr Patrick Roper for the defibrillator to be placed within the premises.

The Parish Council welcomed the report received from Cllr Scallan of Cheriton Parish Council regarding the proposed improvements to their play area. It had previously resolved to support this project in any way that it could and members felt that a contribution towards the project from the community fund would be an ideal way of demonstrating this support.

Councillors were against the proposal to use the fund to provide for a community event as there is no demand for any event of this kind. Councillors were also against using the money to support the St Andrew's churchyard saying that the proper support for this should be via a Section 137 grant.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Hugh seconded the proposal that Tichborne Parish Council would provide £1,000 from the 2016 Boomtown Community Fund to provide a community defibrillator in the village centre.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Hugh seconded the proposal that Tichborne Parish Council would provide £1,000 from the 2016 Boomtown Community Fund to support the Cheriton Play Area project.

These proposals were both **resolved**.

#### **18/48) Correspondence.**

The Parish Council received the Hampshire County Council schools admissions policy September 2018 and a recent communication regarding super-fast broadband provision in the Village.

#### **18/49) Finance and Orders for Payment.**

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

V521 Alresford Golf Club Room Hire 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017. £20.00p

b) To appoint an internal auditor for the financial year 2017-18.

A quote had been received by Mr Tim Light of Lightatouch Internal Audit Services. Mr Light has offered to perform the role of internal auditor for the sum of £200.00p. In addition to this piece of work Mr Light has also provide a quote of £150.00 to do a performance check so as to ensure the Parish Council was compliant with the following regulations and statutes.

- The General Data Protection Regulations 2017
- The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
- Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England 2016

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that Lightatouch Internal Audit Services be appointed as the Parish Council's internal auditor for the financial year 2017-18.

Cllr Raimes proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that Lightatouch Internal Audit Services be appointed to perform a full compliance check of the Parish Council's financial regulations.

These proposals were both **resolved**.

c) To receive Grant requests for the year 2018-19.

Grant applications were received from several organisations for financial support in the year 2018-19. Councillors agreed that consideration of the requests would not be made until there had been an opportunity to informally discuss the draft budget between meetings. This would also allow a review of the Parish Council's grants policy to be undertaken.

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The organisations making applications were as follows:

- The Tichborne Park Cricket Club.
- The St Andrew’s Church (Tichborne) Parochial Church Council.
- The Olive Branch Christian Counselling Service.
- Winchester & District Citizens Advice.
- Alresford & District Agricultural Society Ltd.

It was also agreed that there could be no proper discussion of the 2018-19 precept due to an absence of information from Winchester City Council. This is due to the fact that the tax base figures for the district have not been published. Instead, the clerk was instructed to circulate all relevant information to members between meetings.

**18/50) 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.

SDNP/17/03259/LIS: The Old Rectory Riverside Farm Lane Tichborne Alresford SO24 0NA:

Extending rear single storey bay window up an additional storey.

The Parish Council of Tichborne has NO OBJECTION to this proposal

SDNP/17/03342/HOUS: The Old Rectory Riverside Farm Lane Tichborne Alresford SO24 0NA:

First Floor rear bay window addition.

The Parish Council of Tichborne has NO OBJECTION to this proposal

**18/51) Environment, Highways & Transport.**

a) Parish Lengthsman.

The Lengthsman was next due to visit the parish in early December. Cllr Curtis made his usual appeal for information on any roadside defects from other councillors so that he could brief the team when they arrived.

b) Visible inspection of Parish Council assets.

Cllr Raimes said that he had not been able to inspect all of the Parish council’s assets. There were reports that the notice board at the Old Post Office had an issue with its hinges and he agreed to take a look at this in due course.

**18/52) Any other report which the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.**

Cllr Raimes wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2018.

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

Members of the Parish Council of Tichborne are summoned to the next Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at the Alresford Golf Club beginning at 6.30pm.

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

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