

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held at the Alresford Golf Club Tichborne at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th March 2026

26/44) Apologies.

Mr A Stewart Councillor
Mr A McWhirter Councillor
Ms M Phillibert Councillor
Ms L Robbins Councillor
Mr C Spicer Councillor

Mr J Pett District Councillor
Mr J Williams County Councillor

Present.

Mr N Kinder Chairman
Mr A McWhirter Councillor
Mr R Foot Councillor

Mr N Bolton District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs Clerk

26/45) Declarations of Interest.

a) None recorded.

26/46) To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Tichborne held on the 18th November 2025 and the minutes of the Finance Working Party meeting held on the 8th January 2026 (Previously circulated).

Cllr Foot proposed and Cllr McWhirter seconded the proposal that the minutes the meeting of the meeting held on the 18th November 2025 and the minutes of the Finance Working Party meeting held on the 8th January 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.

26/47) Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

26/48) County and District Council reports.

District Cllr Bolton presented a report.

26/49) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

Transaction Description	Outgoing	Incoming
BRENDAN GIBBS Salary March 2026	122.50	
HMRC March 2026	60.40	
NEIL KINDER DEFIB PADS	64.19	

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RP Gardening March 2026 Invoice	3000.00	
BRENDAN GIBBS Salary February 2026	122.50	
HUGO FOX INV-22080	35.88	
HUGO FOX INV-24060	23.99	
ALRESFORD GOLF CLUB Room Hire	30.00	
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SERVICE CHARGES REF : 479010329	4.25	
SERVICE CHARGES REF : 476521223	4.25	
HMRC February 2026	39.00	
BRENDAN GIBBS Salary January 2026	156.40	
SERVICE CHARGES REF : 474072457	4.25	
HUGO FOX FEB 26 ON ACCOUNT	23.99	
HUGO FOX INV-21690	23.99	
UGO FOX INV-26571 601721	23.99	
LLOYDS BANK PLC IA TSFR 070526	7000.00	
HCC Lengthsman Contribution		11000.00
BRENDAN GIBBS Salary April 2026	122.50	
HMRC April 2026	30.66	
SERVICE CHARGES REF : 484028842	4.25	
SERVICE CHARGES REF : 481503768	4.25	
LLOYDS BANK PLC IA TSFR 010426		1000.00
HALC 2026-27 Annual Fee	196.00	
DM PAYROLL SERVICE Annual Fee	144.00	
HUGO FOX INV-25431	23.99	

b) To retrospectively approve the decisions of the working party meeting held on the 8th January 2026 regarding the 2026-27 Budget and Precept

c) Tichborne Parish Council Budget 2026-27.

At January's Working Party meeting, it was agreed to allocate a total of £300 (three hundred pounds) in grant funding for 2026-27 to the Perins School for use in supporting those local families who are unable to supply uniforms to their children.

d) Tichborne Parish Precept 2026-27.

At January's Working Party meeting, it was agreed to leave the band D rate at £36.93 from 1st April 2026. This would result in a total precept of £4,428 for 2026-27.

Cllr Kinder proposed and Cllr McWhirter seconded the proposal that the decisions made by the Finance Working Party on the 8th January 2026 be approved by the Parish Council with regard to the 2026-27 Budget and Precept.

The proposal was duly **resolved** unanimously.

26/50) Planning & Licensing.

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

SDNP/25/04953/CND: Variation of Condition 1 and 2 of SDNP/24/05303/FUL to extend the 1-year permission by 5 years to 2030.

Matterley Farm, Alresford Road, Ovington, Hampshire, SO24 0HU

The Parish Council recorded the following comments.

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The Parish Council has concerns with this planning application which is the reason given for the temporary permission for Boomtown, which is *“to allow the impact of the music festival event on the amenities of the area and the special qualities and enjoyment of the South Downs National Park to be reviewed”*.

A substantially similar or identical reason has been given for the grant of temporary permissions for this event in 2016, 2019 and 2025. It appears that no such review has ever been undertaken by the SDNPA in the almost ten years since 2016.

In reports to the Planning Committee, the reasons given for the lack of any such review have included the applicant being unable to produce information due to coronavirus/cancellations of the event, and the continual increase in numbers at the event (for which the applicant has been granted planning permission) which keep changing the circumstances.

Coronavirus/cancellations only occurred in 2020 and 2021 and this reason was given for the temporary permission 2016, long before coronavirus. Permission kept being given by the SDNPA for the repeated increase in numbers at Boomtown. These permissions should not have been given if they prevented the review being undertaken.

Furthermore, based on past history, the applicant is likely to apply for permission to increase numbers throughout any further temporary permission that may be granted which would presumably again make the completion of the review impossible. In the light of all this, how realistic is it to expect the SDNPA to carry out any such review during a further temporary permission, if it was to be given?

If no such review is completed before the lapse of any further temporary permission, will this reason be given again for one or more further temporary permissions? If there is no realistic chance of any such review being undertaken during the period of the grant of a further temporary permission, is it appropriate for such a review to be given as the reason for a further temporary permission?

It is accepted (see, for example, the Planning Practice Guidance (the “PPG”)) that successive temporary permissions should be avoided.

Indeed, the PPG states “it will rarely be justifiable to grant a second temporary permission (except in changing circumstances to provide a clear rationale, such as temporary classrooms and other school facilities)”. It does not seem to us that the grant of a further temporary permission for the reason given would be in accordance with the PPG.

This reason has been given since 2016 for temporary permissions for Boomtown and no review has yet been undertaken. Accordingly, we do not consider that this further temporary permission should be granted for the reason given.

As a related matter, from some of the reports to the Planning Committee it appears that the SDNPA is relying upon the applicant to provide the information (or some of it) to be used for any review. However, we consider the SDNPA itself should gather this information and carry out the review because the applicant is in a conflict-of-interest position.

It is obvious that the applicant has an interest in any review having an outcome favourable to it.

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

There were no planning applications to receive.

26/51) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman scheme would continue into 2026-27. The Parish Council would shortly be receiving the sum of £11,000 that would cover the costs of the scheme.

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b) Councillor roles and responsibilities.

Nothing to report.

Any other reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.23pm

Members of the Tichborne Parish Council are summoned to the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 19th May 2026 at Alresford Golf Club.

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

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