

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 6.30pm on
Tuesday 1st September 2015 at Alresford Golf Club

16/30) Apologies.

Mr A McWhirter Councillor
Mr R Raimes Councillor

Present.

Mr P Kilmister Chairman
Mr J Curtis Councillor
Mr R Foot Councillor
Mrs G Hugh Councillor
Mr N Kinder Councillor
Mrs A Thacker District Councillor
Mr R Huxstep County Councillor

Mr B Gibbs Clerk

District Councillor Laurence Ruffell attended as a member of the public and spoke in the public session.

Three members of the general public.

16/31) Declarations of Interest.

None recorded.

16/32) To approve the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on 23rd June 2015.

Cllr Kilmister proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Tichborne Parish Council held on the 23rd June 2015 be approved. It was **resolved** that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

16/33) Public Session

Dist Cllr Laurence Ruffell introduced himself to the meeting. He commented that one of the results of the proposed boundary review of Winchester City Council would be the Cheriton and Bishop's Sutton ward being combined with the one at Owslebury and Curdridge to form the proposed Upper Meon Valley ward. He said that the boundary review would result in "all out" elections being held in May 2016. He concluded by saying that he intended being a candidate at that election when it is held.

Mr & Mrs Batty of Ladycroft Cottage and Mr Booth of Alma Cottage all indicated that they would like to speak about matters later on in the meeting but had nothing specific to say at this time. Mr & Mrs Batty said they wanted to speak about a planning issue and Mr Booth wanted to speak about speeding issues and the Ladycroft ford.

16/34) Reports by the County and District Councillors.

Dist Cllr Thacker began her report to the Parish Council by informing it that the local government boundary review for the Winchester District has now been completed. As mentioned by Cllr Ruffell in the public session the Cheriton and Bishop's Sutton ward will be combined with the one at Owslebury and Curdridge to form the Upper Meon Valley ward. This will be a two member ward from May 2016.

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Cllr Thacker then commented generally about Boomtown 2015. The presence of a north easterly wind during the event had led to noise complaints from across Winchester. In response to a comment about agricultural vehicles requiring access from the A31 she said that this issue was being looked at by Hampshire Highways. She concluded by saying that the recent decision to limit non-agricultural use of the estate to 28 days per year may impact on future events.

Cllr Huxstep spoke briefly about the Hampshire and Isle of Wight (HIOW) Partnership. This body consists of the fifteen district councils, the two National Park Authorities and the two Local Enterprise Partnerships in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and the unitary authorities of Portsmouth and Southampton.

It is planned that the HIOW Partnership will submit its devolution prospectus to the Government during September. The document will set out devolution proposals structured around the four topics of business and skills, housing delivery, infrastructure investment and public service transformation. The proposals are designed to deliver on the Government's productivity plan and rural productivity plan with more homes being built, a more efficient local planning system, the further expansion of broadband and improved mobile connectivity and improved transport connections. Cllr Huxstep said that the economy of this area was larger than that of Northern Ireland.

Cllr Huxstep concluded his report by saying that there would be a fresh initiative in the New Year to encourage children to walk to school safely.

16/35) Finance and Orders for Payment.

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

- V425 B.V.Gibbs Expenses April-August 2015 £55.99p
- V426 HMRC PAYE/NIC July-Aug 2015 £37.00p
- V427 Alresford Golf Club. Room hire £20.00p

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

16/36) The Parish Council received the following correspondence.

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published its final recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Winchester City Council.

The publication follows an eight-week public consultation on its draft proposals and draws new boundaries for each council ward across Winchester.

The Commission's final recommendations propose that Winchester should be represented by 45 city councillors in the future.

The recommendations also propose that those councillors should represent thirteen three-member wards and three two-member wards across the city.

Correspondence was received from Cheriton Parish Council regarding funding for their play equipment. The Clerk was asked to write back to them outlining the Parish Council's support for their initiative to raise funds for the eventual replacement of the equipment.

16/37) Planning & Licensing.

The three members of the public present at the meeting spoke about the proposal at Ladycroft Farm. All were broadly supportive but raised comments about access from the highway and the potential loss of trees on the site.

Following a brief discussion the Parish Council resolved to make the following comment on the application.

- a) 15/01739/FUL Ladycroft Farm, Ladycroft Alresford Hampshire SO24 0QP

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Renovation of existing cottage including demolition and rebuilding of rear extension

The Parish Council of Tichborne has NO OBJECTION to this application and wishes to support it.

The Parish Council of Tichborne would additionally like to comment that the new access on to Riverside Farm Lane should be given due consideration by the WCC highways team.

The Parish Council of Tichborne also has a general question about trees requiring protection regarding the proposal to remove some of the substantial trees to the rear of the property.

b) SDNP/15/03570/LDE

Certificate of Lawful Development for non-agricultural storage and distribution (B8) since October 2004
Vernal Farm Riverside Farm Lane Tichborne Hampshire SO24 0NA.

The Parish Council's comments are as follows.

The Parish Council of Tichborne has no evidence to challenge or dispute this application for a CLEUD.

It also has no evidence to support this application.

It is happy for the application to be determined by the Local Planning Authority's legal officers.

c) Representatives of the Tichborne Park Cricket Club had been expected to attend the meeting in order to provide an update to the Parish Council about the progress of their project to re-develop the Cricket Pavilion in the grounds of Tichborne Park. In the absence of representatives the Clerk was asked to contact the Club in order to request an update to be received at the next meeting of the Parish Council in November.

16/38) Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Mr Chris Booth, a resident of Ladycroft, asked if the Parish Council could discuss the issue of the traffic speed along Riverside Farm Lane at Ladycroft. He said that the current speed limit there is 40 miles per hour but this was often exceeded. Correspondence from another resident of Ladycroft had also been received that made the same points as Mr Booth and also expressed concerns about the effect of speeding when this occurred during the morning and evening "School Run"

Members spoke about the time when this issue had last been raised in 2009. At that time a survey had been done to assess speed and it was reported that there had been less than ten instances where vehicle speed had exceeded 40mph. It was also reported that the average speed identified at that time was at or around 30mph. Cllr Kilmister reported the speed warnings and other street furniture now in place were put there as part of Hampshire County Council's calming scheme in response to the survey's results.

In response to a request from Mr Booth, Cllr Huxstep stated that the installation of speed bumps in rural areas was not county highways policy. Cllr Huxstep went on to say that the Parish Council was able to request these none the less as well as making a request to reduce the speed limit at Ladycroft to 30mph.

Cllr Kilmister proposed and Cllr Kinder seconded the proposal that Hampshire highways be requested to consider reducing the speed limit at Ladycroft to 30mph. It was **resolved** that this request be made.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Cllr Huxstep between meetings to identify its options regarding this issue.

b) It was reported by Cllr Curtis that the Parish Lengthsman had recently visited the village and had completed all his allocated tasks. A consultation has been instigated by Hampshire County Council regarding future funding of the Lengthsman scheme. Members agreed that it is a highly valued scheme that plays a significant part in maintaining the condition of the roadsides and public access area locally and that the Parish Council would not support a reduction in funding.

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c) Mr Booth commented about the Ladycroft ford repairs and said that the money used to make improvements to the ford could have been better spent on another project. He said that the repairs were already showing the early signs of erosion.

Mr Booth also commented that he had noticed that a staddlestone barn had been removed from the curtilage of Vernal Farm and asked if the Parish Council was aware of this.

He concluded by asking the Parish Council to check if this area of Vernal Farm was within the Tichborne Conservation Area.

d) Boomtown 2015. Cllr Kilmister spoke about the need of the Parish Council to be kept informed of any initiatives by the organisers of Boomtown to apply for renewed planning permissions to vary the use of agricultural land at the Matterley Estate. The Clerk was asked to liaise with both Winchester City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority.

16/39) Community Safety.

There were no items to report.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.02pm

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

Brendan Gibbs
Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

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