

TICHBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Tichborne Annual Parish Assembly.
Wednesday 25th April 2017 at Alresford Golf Club at 6.30pm

Present. Mr R Raimes Chairman
 Mr J Curtis Councillor
 Mrs G Hugh Councillor
 Mr N Kinder Councillor

 Mr L Ruffell District Councillor
 Mrs A Thacker District Councillor

 Mr B Gibbs Clerk

Five members of the general public.

1) Apologies were received from the following parishioners and visitors.

Lady Elizabeth Craig-Cooper, Mrs Rosemary Foot, Mr Robert Foot, Mr Andrew Joyce, Mr Anthony McWhirter, Mr Patrick Roper, Mr Andrew Stewart & Cllr Roger Huxstep.

2) To approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Assembly held on the 27th April 2016.

Mr John Curtis proposed and Mr Robert Raimes seconded that the minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Assembly held on the 27th April 2016 be approved.

A vote was taken and those who voted did so to **approve** the minutes.

3) Tichborne Parish Council Chairman's Report.

The Parish Council year started on the 24th May with the AGM.

Peter Kilmister was elected chairman and Robert Raimes was elected vice chairman. Anthony McWhirter received the Chairman's award for all his hard work on the Matterley planning application and Boomtown licensing applications.

There have been a number of planning applications throughout the year. Several for removal, thinning and reduction of trees within the parish as well as application for Goose cottage, Alma cottage, Donkey Field, the Old Rectory, Tichborne House and Tichborne lake, all of which have been approved .

Existing planning applications for Boomtown and SD events were approved in the summer as well as their operating license. An application for Glamping in Hassocks wood was withdrawn.

Within the village, there was the annual village litter pick, however this year it was also for the Queens 90th.

In May, ATP descended on us to start undergrounding all of the village's high voltage over ground cables. This has been a scheme pushed forward by Tichborne Estate, Natural England and SSE. There was inevitably some disruption to Telecom and water services as their location maps proved very inaccurate but services were all restored within 24hrs.

It wasn't until February that the cabling was all joined up, made live and the poles removed. In all, over fifty poles were removed and this has improved the views across many of our fields.

The Ladycroft notice board was given a new lease of life and a new position as alteration to the driveway meant that it needed to be moved. The notice board opposite the Tichborne Arms was replaced with a new one made locally. After a consultation with the residents of the area it was decided not to put a notice board up at Bakeland Gardens.

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East of the village, we have seen four new passing places created. In the water meadow behind the new passing places, work on Tichborne Lake continues. Again a scheme pushed forward by Tichborne Estate and Natural England, it aims to reroute the river back to its former position. This will reduce the water flowing into the lake and silting up which has been causing problems for generations.

In the park, the Alresford show had another good year, although numbers were slightly down on 2015. The Tichborne Park Cricket Club is making progress with fundraising and its development of its new pavilion although is unlikely to start work until autumn 2018 and hopefully completed for the 2019 season

The Lengthsman scheme continued keeping the village green tidy, the footpaths clear and the signs clean. The village was blessed by a very long dry summer as well as a dry winter. Spring however came in wet and appeared to be later than normal but plants and crops burst into life ahead of time

On the financial side, grants were made to St Andrew's Church, Tichborne Park Cricket Club, Winchester Citizens Advice and the Alresford & District Agricultural Show. The Parish Council was also offered £2000 as a community grant by the Boomtown Fair Company.

It will be discussed amongst the community what it is spent on. More importantly the precept was not increased at the spring budget meeting for the seventh year in a row!

4) Report from County Councillor Roger Huxstep.

Cllr Huxstep had previously sent his apologies to the meeting and said that one of the main reasons for not attending was that he would not be seeking re-election as the County Councillor for this area.

Mr Raimes acting as the Chair of the Meeting proposed a vote of thanks in appreciation of Cllr Huxstep's efforts on behalf of the parish.

This was **approved**.

5) Report from District Councillor Amber Thacker.

Winchester City Council report 2016-17

The municipal year 2016/2017 has been an exciting one at Winchester City Council, with a lot going on and various changes and projects. This report will take you through some of the highlights this year, most notably we have fresh and positive changes to the leadership at WCC with Laura Taylor taking over from Simon Eden as Chief Executive, and Cllr Caroline Horrill taking up the mantle of Leader following on from Cllr Stephen Godfrey:-

Winchester bus station

In April 2017 WCC agreed to buy the freehold of the bus station site in central Winchester from bus operator Stagecoach and the purchase was agreed at special meetings of Winchester City Council's Cabinet and Council (5 April) and was supported by members unanimously. This is a hugely positive step and the investment ensures both the future of bus operations in the city centre and will generate income through agreements with bus companies for continued use of the station. The acquisition exemplifies the City Council's new entrepreneurial approach to the delivery of public services. The Council is taking an active role in securing strategically important property and creating an opportunity for future income generation.

New Leisure Centre

River Park Leisure Centre is now more than 40 years old and its ability to meet the needs of a growing population in Winchester is limited. The City Council has looked at various options for replacing or refurbishing it and has commissioned work from external consultants to test the various options. The Council agreed in November 2016 to purchase the Garrison Ground at Bar End. This will secure the future of the Garrison Ground for community sports and leisure use and means that part of the site can be evaluated as an option for the location of the city's new sports and leisure centre. The current estimates from consultants indicate that a new sports and leisure centre at Bar End would cost in the region of £30 - £35 million. It would take approximately three years to design and

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build. In March 2016 verification plans for the proposed sports and leisure centre were released to show the possible lay out.

Adoption of Local Plan Part 2

WCC formally adopted its Local Plan Part 2 at its Council meeting on Wednesday 5 April. Part 2 follows several years of extensive work with parishes, local communities and stakeholders and independent examination last year. It focuses on the district's towns and villages and includes a range of detailed policies. The Winchester Local Plan now provides strong positive planning policy for the district, setting out areas for growth and those to be protected.

Winchester business rates

Winchester City Council has welcomed the Chancellor's announcement at the Spring Budget to set aside over £900,000 in the next four years for businesses across the Winchester district that face a significant rise in their business rates bill. This funding is 'front-loaded', with over £500,000 available for the coming financial year.

Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpersons Local Plan

The City Council has launched a survey to seek views on matters to be considered as part of its Traveller Local Plan and options for the identification of sites. This follows on from the Inspector finding Local Plan Part 2 sound, which establishes a requirement for 15 gypsy and traveller pitches and 24 travelling showpersons plots in the District between 2016 and 2031.

The short questionnaire can be accessed at the consultation hub on the Council's website and closes at midday on 8 May 2017.

Fly-tipping crack-down

WCC has been cracking down hard on fly-tipping and there have been a number of successful prosecutions for this offence this year. For fly-tips discovered at Forest Lane in Wickham, Pigeon House Lane in Southwick, Dean Lane in Bishop's Waltham and Chidden Lane in Hambledon between April and June 2016, the perpetrator appeared before Portsmouth Crown Court on 1 February 2017 and was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment. He was also made the subject of a Criminal Behaviour Order for a period of five years. The Criminal Behaviour Order prohibits him from engaging in the kind of behaviour which led to these prosecutions and covers the whole of Hampshire. Breach of the order is a criminal offence and can lead to a fine or imprisonment or both.

Fly-tipping rates between October to December 2015 and 2016 have decreased by 33.74. This is a steady decline in reported incidents from information from the Districts.

Council scoops Gold Standard award for local homelessness services

Winchester City Council has become the first council in Hampshire and only the fifth in England to receive the Government's prestigious 'Gold standard' award in recognition of its work in preventing and tackling all forms of homelessness. The Government's Gold Standard programme for housing options services is based on a national assessment framework that includes a 'peer review' of the authority's front-line service and applications for each of the 10 local challenges. The programme is aimed at promoting good practice and ensuring services are fit for purpose.

Buy your own home - help from the City Council

Cabinet has proposed setting up an 'Open-Market Shared Ownership' scheme. This would support local residents by providing equity to buy a property in the district for those who do not have the substantial deposit required for a house. Through charging a rent on the deposit element the Council will ensure a good financial return for the local taxpayer whilst ensuring that the Council's investment activity is targeted in the local area. Local residents will need to meet criteria to access the scheme, with higher scores for those who have lived in the district for over ten years, work in the district and are first-time buyers. The household will normally own 70% of the property -

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with a deposit of at least 5% of this value depending on circumstances - with the Council owning a 30% share. In the future, the household can buy the Council out of its share.

Mr Robert Raimes thanked Cllr Thacker for her report.

6) Open Forum.

Before the open forum began refreshments from the bar were provided to all those attending.

During the open forum members of the public discussed ways in which the contribution from the Boomtown Fair could be spent.

There follows a summary of the points made during the discussion.

- Adopting and refurbishing the grade two listed phone box at the Old Post Office.
- Acquiring the freehold of the parcel of land known as “the Village Green” from the Tichborne Estate.
- Providing a community defibrillator.
- Replacing some of the community benches situated in the village.
- Refurbishment of the Sevington notice board.
- The provision of signage on parish footpaths (to include information and advice for dog walkers on clearing up after their dogs).
- The provision of dog bins on well-used footpaths.

A brief discussion also took place about the provision of the passing places to the south of the village and comments about the perception of excessive road noise on the A31 and the nearby A32.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Assembly closed at 8.27pm.

Mr Robert Raimes thanked everyone for attending and for all the contributions made during the evening.

Brendan Gibbs
Clerk to the Parish Council of Tichborne.

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