

TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Highways, Street Lighting and Footpaths Committee took place on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.42pm in the Meeting Room, Community Centre, Caxton Close

Present Cllrs: R Mannion (Chairman) Mrs S Allen-Shepherd
 C Bigg D Evans
 R Smithson Mrs B Wood

Also in attendance – One member of the public and the Clerk of the Council

619/18 Apologies for Absence – Cllr N Mattinson

620/18 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

621/18 Chairman's Announcements
There were no items for announcement under this item.

622/18 Public questions – There were no questions from those present.

623/18 Minutes of Meeting – 17th December 2018
It was agreed that the minutes having previously been approved, were unavailable for signature but would be signed outside the meeting by Cllr R Mannion.

624/18 Transport Representative Report
The Clerk apologised to the committee for the absence of Mr Whybrow. This was because she had forgotten to send a copy of the agenda to him last week.

625/18 Footpath Representative
The Clerk apologised once again that she had not been able to contact the person who was interested in being the Footpath Representative but would do so before the next meeting.

626/18 Streetlights
Cllr R Mannion updated the committee about streetlight outages and repairs.

The lights in Maldon Road were still not working due to a cable fault and ECC Highways is aware of the problem.

The lights in Station Road have been checked by the Clerk and several councillors but no parish light outages have been found. The only light out is at the junction of Station Road and Anchor Road. This belongs to ECC Highways and has been reported. Cllr R Mannion has spoken to A&J Lighting before about the LED lamp colour in Station Road and it was generally agreed that blue/white lamps are favoured.

It was reported by Cllr R Smithson that he has been approached by a member of the public, who has concerns about the streetlights. Cllr Mrs S Allen-Shepherd said that the ECC Highways fault reporting system should be able to register the frustrations of the residents when reports are not actioned.

The Clerk was asked to e.mail Cllr Kevin Bentley and Cllr John Jowers about the street lights that have not been repaired. Cllr Mrs B Wood said that she would follow up Cllr Jowers and Cllr R Mannion said that he would speak to Cllr Bentley.

- 627/18 Highways Issues in Barbrook Lane
Cllr R Mannion told the meeting that a copy of a letter from Essex County Council had been circulated, which gave the Highway Authority's reasons for its reply to Colchester Borough Council about the planning application in Barbrook Lane.
Several comments were made but it was agreed that at this point in time, the letter would be noted and no further action taken.
- 628/19 Highways Devolution Pilot
Cllr R Mannion reported that he and the Clerk had attended a briefing at the EALC in Great Dunmow, where ECC Highways officers had explained some of the Health & Safety issues related to being part of the Pilot Scheme. Cllr Mannion told the committee about the list of tasks which it had been agreed that Parish Councils could carry out. He also told the meeting that 15 pieces of legislation had been mentioned at the briefing that the Parish Council would have to comply with. Discussion followed and it was proposed by Cllr C Bigg and seconded by Cllr D Evans that the committee should recommend to full Council that Tiptree Parish Council should withdraw from the devolution scheme. This was agreed unanimously. The Clerk was asked to put the matter on the agenda for 11th February 2019.
- 629/18 Highways Issues
1. Village Speeding Issues – There have still been no enquiries about joining a Speedwatch Group and the advertising will be continued. Cllr C Bigg said that he might know someone who is interested and he will ask the person to get in touch with the office.
 2. Trucam Enforcement - The Clerk reported that she had not been able to contact the police and would do this as soon as possible.
 3. Station Road and Church Road Lights – This had been dealt with under item 626/18.
 4. Parking on Junction of Station Road and Maldon Road, Peakes Close and along Station Road – The Clerk reported that a number of resident's complaints had been received about the parking in the area around the Tiptree Heath School. It was agreed that this should be reported to the North Essex Parking Partnership and Essex County Council Highways. The Clerk was also asked to contact Tiptree Heath School and suggest some arrangement with the New Times PH for parking.
- 630/18 A12VTAG and A120 Update
Cllr D Evans reported that there had been a meeting in January 2019 but that there was nothing to update.
- 631/18 Local Highways Panel
1. It was noted that a meeting of the Panel will be held on 12th March 2019. It was noted that members of the public can now attend these meeting, if they give notice.
 2. Update on previously submitted schemes – the Clerk had not been able to update the report on schemes but said that from looking at the list of schemes online, there were no movements on any of the schemes. It was agreed that Cllr John Jowers should be contacted about the Station Road/Church Road/Factory Hill/Chapel Road junction.
- 632/18 Financial Comparison
The financial comparison was circulated and noted.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.39pm

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