

## **TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

A meeting of the Full Council took place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.17pm in The Meeting Room, Community Centre, Caxton Close

Present Cllrs:	R Mannion (Vice Chairman)	S Bays
	C Bigg	Mrs J Bunney
	J Greenwood	N Mattinson
	D Evans	Mrs B Wood
	M Maund	Mrs D Webb
	Mrs D Coe	Mrs S Allen-Shepherd
	R Smithson	

Also in attendance – Cllr J Elliott (Colchester Borough Council), 27 members of the public and the Clerk of the Council

The Vice Chairman Cllr R Mannion chaired the meeting.

Before the meeting opened, Cllr Mannion explained to the members of the public present about the In Committee items and Cllr S Bays confirmed that his item should be In Committee.

556/18      Apologies for Absence  
There were apologies for absence from Cllr D Harrington and Cllr Mrs J Jones.

557/18      Chairman's Announcement

- Cllr R Mannion welcomed Mrs S Allen-Shepherd and R Smithson as co-opted members of the Parish Council.
- Cllr R Mannion told the meeting that the item on the agenda relating to the Neighbourhood Plan has changed. The Council is not being asked to consider the whole plan but only matters relating to Florence Park. There will now be an additional meeting of the Council on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to agree the draft plan for consultation.

7.20pm - Cllr D Evans entered the meeting

558/18      Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interests

559/18      Public Questions

Several members of the public had attended to speak to the Parish Council about the recent anti-social behaviour in the village. The Clerk told the meeting that she had sent information about two incidents, including CCTV stills, to the Police, at their request. A member of the public raised a matter from July 2018, when Priti Patel MP had written to the Parish Council about organising a meeting with Essex Police. The Clerk said that nothing further had been heard after the initial enquiry and no meeting had taken place. An update on security and the Special Constable scheme will be given at item 566/18.

Another member of the public raised the issue of access through Bedford Close. It was confirmed that the residents have keys for the gate and so it was suggested that they could lock it and use this as a preventative measure. The security company can also be asked keep a watch on the area.

Members of the public raised the matter of street lights that are out, particularly in Station Road, Church Road and Maldon Road. Cllr R Mannion reported that the lights

out in Maldon Road are due to a cabling fault and these have been reported. Residents should contact the ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley about this. The lights out in Church Road have also been reported and the lights in Station Road will be checked and reported if necessary.

A large amount of correspondence requesting a second road route was presented to the Council. It was noted by a member of the public that it was a shame that this item was to be discussed In Committee.

- 560/18 Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Minutes were approved for adoption. Proposed by Cllr S Bays and seconded by Cllr M Maund
- 561/18 Minutes of Council Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Minutes were approved as a correct record. They were signed by Cllr S Bays.  
Proposed by Cllr S Bays and seconded by Cllr C Bigg
- 562/18 Minutes of In Committee Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Minutes were approved as a correct record. They were by Cllr S Bays. Proposed by Cllr M Maund and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Coe
- 563/18 Minutes of Amenities Committee Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Minutes were approved for adoption. Proposed by Cllr Mrs D Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Wood
- 564/18 Minutes of Highways Committee Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Minutes were approved for adoption. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bunney and seconded by Cllr S Bays
- 565/18 Minutes of Policy and Finance Committee Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Minutes were approved for adoption. Proposed by Cllr S Bays and seconded by Cllr M Maund

It was proposed by Cllr R Mannion, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bunney and agreed unanimously that agenda item 16 should be moved and dealt with next.

- 566/18 Security and Policing  
Cllr R Mannion told the meeting that the new security company has been patrolling Parish Council property since July 2018. They have encountered incidents during that time and have been working with the police as well. The security company is not there to take the place of the police and only patrols Council property. The times and dates of these patrol are moved frequently.

Tiptree Parish Council joined the Community Specials Scheme and has requested up to four constables. This process can take between 18-24 months before the first ones will be available. There are currently two people going through the system at the moment and it is hoped that they will start patrols in mid to late 2019.

Cllr R Mannion reported that he had recently attended a meeting with Inspector Shaun Kane, who believes in policemen on the street and pro-active policing. He is trying to establish Street Weeks, where specific areas are blitzed. Colchester Borough Council will be match funding part of the scheme. Cllr M Maund said that the paid security patrols can only do so much and suggested that people might like to volunteer to be trained as Special Constables, so that they would be properly empowered. Cllr S Bays said that the Security Working Group has been working on the matter for

at least four years and hold regular meetings with the security company.

567/18 Borough/County Councillor Report  
Cllr Mrs B Wood told the meeting about grants that are available from the Essex Community Foundation and it was agreed to advertise this.

568/18 Clerks Report  
There were no matters to raise under this item.

569/18 Accounts for Payment – January 2019  
The Accounts for Payment as circulated were proposed for acceptance by Cllr S Bays and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bunney and were agreed unanimously.  
The following payments in excess of £250 were made;

Payment to	Amount
A&J Lighting – Street Light Repairs	£370.20
KJR Contracts Ltd – Flail Cut at Park Lane Nature Reserve	£480.00
Oakpark Security Systems Ltd – Security Patrols December 2018	£1969.44

570/18 Bank Reconciliations – October, November and December 2018  
Cllr D Evans reported that the reconciliations for October and November 2018 had been successfully completed and that only December 2018 was outstanding.

571/18 Budget and Precept 2019/2020  
It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bunney and seconded by Cllr S Bays that the recommendation from the Policy & Finance Committee to confirm the Precept for the Council for the 2019/2020 financial year at £367,433.00 should be accepted. This was agreed unanimously. This represents an increase of 0.09% per household.

572/18 Essex County Council Libraries  
The Clerk confirmed that she had requested information about the library in Tiptree from both Cllr J Jowers and Cllr S Barker but was still awaiting a reply. Cllr D Evans told the meeting that officers from Essex County Council will be available at the library in Tiptree during the week of 28<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 to answer questions etc. about the consultation. It was agreed to defer the matter to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and that Cllr D Evans will help the Clerk with the information, once received.

573/18 Committees  
It was proposed by Cllr R Mannion and seconded by Cllr N Mattinson that Cllr Mrs S Allen-Shepherd should be appointed to the Highways Committee and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and that Cllr R Smithson should be appointed to the Highways Committee. This was agreed unanimously.

574/18 Scout Hut  
After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr R Mannion and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bunney that the recommendation from the Amenities Committee should be accepted and a rebuilding feasibility study should be undertaken. This was agreed unanimously.

There being no other business the meeting closed and continued In Committee at 8.22pm

Signed.....



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