

TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Full Council took place on Monday 24th June 2019 at 7.25pm in The Meeting Room, Community Centre, Caxton Close

Present Cllrs: R Mannion (Chairman) C Bigg
 Mrs J Bunney Mrs D Coe
 Mrs D Webb Mrs B Wood

Also in attendance – One member of the public, Colchester Borough Councillor D Loveland, the Clerk of the Council and Deputy Clerk of the Council.

088/19 Apologies for absence – There were apologies from Cllrs M Maund, Mrs S Allen-Shepherd, J Greenwood, N Mattinson, and R Smithson

Cllr Mrs B Wood said that Essex County Councillor John Jowers had also given his apologies.

089/19 Chairman's Announcements
Cllr R Mannion told the meeting that he is the Council's representative on the Colchester Association of Local Councils (CALC) and that he has recently been appointed as the CALC member of the Governance Board. Also, that next year, it is likely that he will also be representative on the Local Highways Panel.

090/19 Declarations of interest – there were no declarations of interest.

091/19 Public Questions
A member of the public asked when the Memorial Garden will be opened. Cllr Mrs D Webb said that it is hoped that the opening will be in the late summer/early autumn.

092/19 Income and Expenditure
Accounts for Payment - To authorise and make additional payments for June 2019. The Accounts for Payment at expenditure of £1117.99 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr C Bigg and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Webb and were agreed unanimously.

The following payment in excess of £250 was made:

Payment to	Amount
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd – repairs to the lighting at the skatepark	£668.63

Cllr Mrs B Wood asked when the bank reconciliations would be completed. The Clerk said that due to being asked to prioritise the Neighbourhood Plan, the installation and populating of the new accounting software had been delayed. As soon as this is done, the Council will be informed.

093/19 Library
It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bunney and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Coe that the following statement should be issued on the website and the Facebook page.

"Tiptree Parish Council confirms that it supports the need to keep the library open for the village and believes that it is an important asset for the village. However, because of due process, the Council is unable to take further action until the consultation period is complete."
This was agreed unanimously.

094/19

Tiptree Christmas Fayre

Following a presentation to the Council meeting on 10th June 2019, the Council considered awarding a grant to the Tiptree Christmas Fayre. A proposal of £500 did not find a seconder. It was proposed by Cllr C Bigg and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Webb that a grant of £1000.00 towards the overheads of the event should be made. The vote was 4 for and 2 abstentions. The proposal was carried.

It was also agreed that consideration should be given in the budget for 2020/2021 to a grant for that year.

095/19

Tiptree Medical Centre

Cllr R Mannion told the meeting that he had been able to contact the medical centre. They have outlined a plan for Portacabins in the car park, which would be made into consulting rooms etc.. Cllr R Mannion read out a letter of support that had been sent to the medical centre today. A site in Factory Hill has been offered for a medical centre but currently, it is not on a bus route. It is possible that negotiations could be opened with the bus companies about re-routing buses. The NE Essex Clinical Commissioning Group has suggested a meeting and it has been agreed that Cllrs R Mannion and M Maund will attend with the Clerk.

096/19

Grove Lake

Cllr R Mannion told the meeting that there had recently been an incursion onto the land at Grove Lake. It had been suggested that wooden bollards should be installed along the boundary with Church Road. Cllr Mrs B Wood asked if the bollards needed to be all the way round the land and Cllr Mannion confirmed that this was not the case. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs D Webb and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Wood that a quote should be obtained.

097/19

Tiptree Parish Council Projects

Grove Road Workshop – The Clerk told the meeting that the start date is now likely to be in September 2019.

Security – Cllr M Maund will arrange a meeting with the security company and the Special Constables officer.

Former Public Toilets, Church Road – Cllr C Bigg will arrange a meeting with Colchester Borough Council planning department.

Warriors Rest – Cllr R Mannion has e.mailed Robbie Cowling and will speak to Jobserve as well. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged to discuss the access from Maypole Road. Cllr R Mannion has also spoken to the Borough Council about the access from Barbrook Lane.

Memorial Garden – Cllr Mrs D Webb reported that a planting scheme has been agreed. Topsoil and chippings will be delivered this week. Thanks are given to Perrywoods and Cllr Mrs D Coe for help in choosing the selection of plants. The Working Group will have a site meeting and there is various

administrative work that needs to be done. A notice board needs to be installed and an opening date agreed.

Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs D Webb reported that 255 people had attended the exhibition on 8th June 2019 and 85 people on 12th June 2019. Priti Patel MP attended the launch exhibition and had given a very supportive write-up in the newspaper. The link to the website is being published and paper responses are being collected. Further adverts will be placed in the newspapers to remind people about the exhibition on 10th July 2019.

A banner has been removed from St Luke's church fence and has been put on the fencing at Grove Lake. A task list has been created. Councillors are invited to attend the next exhibition. A draft Data Processing Policy will be put before the Council on 8th July 2019. There have been some concerns about the website access.

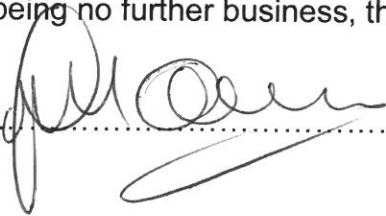
Church Road/Chapel Road/Station Road/Factory Hill Junction – This will be discussed at the next Highways etc. committee meeting.

Allotments – The Clerk has been speaking to Crest Nicholson and has been told that it is likely that the allotments will come on line in 2020/2021.

CCTV – The clerk will speak to the company recommended by Oakpark Security.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

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08/07/2019