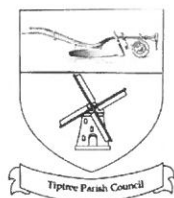


## TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



### MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Full Council took place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.29pm in The Meeting Room, Community Centre, Caxton Close

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

Also in attendance –Six members of the public, Colchester Borough Councillor J Elliott, and the Clerk of the Council.

- 357/19 Apologies for Absence  
There were apologies for absence from Cllrs N Anderson, A Lawrence, R Smithson and B Wood.
- 358/19 Chairman's Announcements
- The Chairman welcomed the new Clerk
  - Thanked the organisers for delivering an exceptional Christmas Fayre
  - The Chairman reported on a recent meeting with the Chairmen of both Wivenhoe and West Mersea. The intent was to discuss common problems and approaches to resolving issues, and allowing a stronger voice to be heard within Colchester Borough Council.
  - Assured councillors that recent Neighbourhood Watch emails regarding Anti-social behaviour/policing would be on the next agenda.
- 359/19 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interests
- 360/19 Public Questions  
A member of the public spoke in favour of the bollards to be raised at agenda item 334/19.
- 361/19 Clerks Report  
There were no items to report.
- 362/19 General Power of Competence- Councillors were informed that the Parish Council qualifies to adopt the General Power of Competence which lifts statutory restrictions in its spending. The Council can use this power during the term of the administration but will need annually to agree its use. Unanimously, the Council **RESOLVED that Tiptree Parish Council affirmed eligibility criteria and agreed to use the General Power of Competence for the remainder of the administrative term.**

- 363/19 Website – Councillors were reminded of the imminent demise of the current web hosting provider for the Parish Council website, and alternative providers were discussed. It was unanimously **RESOLVED that the Parish Council purchase the “platinum” package from FreeThought. The clerk was further tasked with determining if the biennial fee domain registration fee would be “lost” by moving to FreeThought.**
- 364/19 Co-Option – Councillors were provided with the application forms submitted by both candidates for Co-Option. The one candidate who was present at the meeting was asked to provide a brief verbal update on why they wanted to become a Parish councillor. The item was then adjourned to the end of the meeting, allowing Councillors to discuss the application under the exclusion of press and public.
- 365/19 Village Caretaker: The Council discussed the role of Village Caretaker, which had been recommended by the Amenities Committee. As the role included additional tasks such as Toilet Cleanliness at the Grove Park new building, a revised Job Specification would be required. **It was however RESOLVED that Village Caretaker role be ratified.**
- 366/19 “Tommy” figure: The chairman stated that there were various and random dates that have been chosen for the start and stop dates of the display of the “Tommy” at the Community Centre. In order to gain some conformity of dates, Councillors discussed the most appropriate dates for future display periods of the Tommy. It was unanimously **RESOLVED that the “Tommy would be placed on display at the “start date” supplied by the Royal British legion. The “Tommy” would then removed from display at Advent.**
- 367/19 Pit Lane Bollard Request: **Cllr J Bunney declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, as the applicants were known to her.** Councillors determined that there were no other residents impacted by the request. They therefore **RESOLVED to approve the request for the applicants to place a drop-down bollard on the Parish Council owned section of the road adjacent to their property (No 6 Pit Lane).**
- 368/19 Warriors Rest: - A brief verbal update was provided by the Clerk. The issue of access to the site remains firmly in CBC hands, and no progress has been made by them. The Chairman asked CBC Cllr J Elliott if he would be able to ask CBC to help move this item forward. **Council RESOLVED to receive and note the report.**
- 369/19 Colchester Rd Football Ground: The Clerk reported that Holmes & Hill had assigned a lawyer to finalise the Lease. The new lawyer had some pertinent questions for the Lessee, regarding Football Association requirements, and these were being put to the Lessee prior to finalising the document. **Council RESOLVED to receive and note the report.**
- 370/19 VE Day Celebration: Cllr Bigg reported on the upcoming meeting of the working group: Cllrs Allen-Shepherd, Bigg, Mattinson and Smithson would shortly be holding a meeting to determine their plans for the event, which would also encompass a celebration for VJ Day at the same time. Further information would be forthcoming, following the meeting. **Council RESOLVED to receive and note the report.**

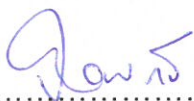
371/19     **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

372/19     Co-Option: Councillors debated the applications submitted by both candidates for the two roles advertised. Each candidate was separately reviewed, and it was **RESOLVED that both candidates were unanimously selected for Co-Option.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.21pm

Signed.....



Date.....

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