

TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Full Council took place on Monday 23rd September 2019 at 7.19pm in The Meeting Room, Community Centre, Caxton Close

Present Cllrs:	R Mannion (Chairman)	M Maund (Vice Chairman)
	C Bigg	Mrs J Bunney
	Mrs D Coe	J Greenwood
	N Mattinson	R Smithson
	Mrs B Wood	

Also in attendance – Four members of the public, the Clerk of the Council and Deputy Clerk of the Council.

249/19 Apologies for Absence – There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mrs S Allen Shepherd and Cllr Mrs D Webb.

250/19 Chairman's Announcements - There were no announcements to make.

251/19 Declarations of interest – there were no declarations of interest.

252/19 Public Questions
Hanne Henriksen asked the meeting about the further information from Essex County Council and whether the Parish Council was now willing to withdraw its expression of interest. There have been four expressions of interest submitted from Tiptree. She also asked whether the Parish Council would hold a public consultation or a public meeting.
Two other members of the public spoke to the meeting about the current cost of running the library (£25,000 per year) and expressed concerns that libraries need professionals to run them, possibly with the help of volunteers. They also asked the Parish Council to withdraw the expression of interest and quoted several other groups who have already done this, including Stanway and Prettygate. Concerns were also expressed that swipe card access is not available to under 18s. Another demonstration by SOLE is taking place on 28th September 2019.
The Vice Chairman confirmed that the expression of interest has not committed the Parish Council to any particular course of action.

253/19 Income and Expenditure
Accounts for Payment - To authorise and make additional payments for September 2019. The Accounts for Payment at expenditure of £2521.80 (£2333.17 Net) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr M Maund and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bunney and were agreed unanimously.

The following payments in excess of £250 were made:

Payment to	Amount
Ernest Doe & Sons – Protective clothing, replacement glass window for tractor and memorial garden supplies	£386.96
Morley Skips Ltd – Skip hire for workshop rebuilding	£258.00
Tiptree Christmas Fayre – S137 Grant	£1000.00

Total Cleaning Supplies – Community Centre cleaning supplies	£290.15
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254/19 Library

The Clerk told the meeting that she had been telephoned by Essex County Council and had been told that further, detailed information was to be sent out in October about volunteer libraries. The Clerk also confirmed that nothing had been received from SOLE since April 2019.

The other parties who have expressed an interest are not known because due to Data Protection rules, that information cannot be given out. Cllrs M Maund and C Bigg said that they were unhappy about the setting up of a network but the Clerk explained that this would only happen if the Council goes forward with the project of running a volunteer library.

The Council noted the requests for a consultation/public meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr C Bigg and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bunney that the further information from Essex County Council should be awaited and the matter will be discussed at that time. This was agreed unanimously.

255/19 Requests for Publicity Banners at Grove Lake

Requests had been received from the Essex Police Band and Choir for an event on 19th October 2019 and from the Tiptree Christmas Fayre for an event on 21st November 2019.

It was proposed by Cllr N Mattinson and seconded by Cllr R Smithson that both the requests should be granted. This was agreed unanimously.

Cllr R Smithson said that there seems to be a lot of general advertising in Tiptree at the moment and that this is a matter that will be discussed at the Highways Committee meeting on 7th October 2019.

256/19 Tiptree Christmas Fayre

The Clerk told the meeting that the application for the premises licence in Church road is being progressed.

257/19 Private and Confidential

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bunney and seconded by Cllr R Smithson that the meeting be closed to the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. This was agreed unanimously.

258/19 Planning Application Appeals

Cllr J Greenwood introduced the matter of requesting the Secretary of State to recover the recent appeal on the planning application at Barbrook Lane. This would be on the ground that emerging Neighbourhood Plans should be given more weight in cases such as the planning appeal. Paperwork had been circulated to the Council, which included the proposed draft letters.

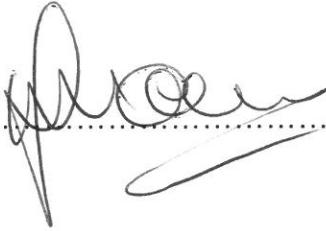
A question was asked about the potential cost and Cllr J Greenwood replied that there should be no costs. There was discussion about whether the request should be legally drafted but it was agreed that this would not be necessary and that it may carry more weight if the community speaks rather than legal people.

It was proposed by Cllr C Bigg and seconded by Cllr R Smithson that a letter will be sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government requesting that the Appeal is Recovered and that this will be copied to the Planning Inspectorate. The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP will also be contacted and asked to give her support to the request. This was agreed unanimously.

Cllr J Greenwood said that he has sent the draft letters to the Clerk and it was agreed that these would be put on headed notepaper and sent in the morning.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Greenwood', written over a dotted line.

Dated.....

14/10/19