TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Full Council took place on Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.31pm in The Meeting Room, Community Centre, Caxton Close

M Maund (Vice Chairman)

Present- Cllrs:

410/19

S Allen-Shepherd

J Bunney C Bigg J Greenwood D Coe R Smithson M Pennick B Wood D Webb Also in attendance -2 members of the public, Essex County Councillor J Jowers and the Clerk of the Council. Apologies for Absence: There were apologies for absence from Cllrs: N 401/19 Anderson, A Lawrence, R Mannion, N Mattinson and S Redgewell. Chairman's Announcements - None 402/19 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interests 403/19 Public Questions - None 404/19 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 11 November 2019. It was unanimously 405/19 **RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held 11** November be approved. Minutes of the Amenities Committee held 18 November. It was unanimously 406/19 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Amenities Committee held 18 November be approved. Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 25 November 2019. It was unanimously 407/19 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee held 25 November be approved. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 25 November 2019. It was 408/19 unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Parish Council held 25 November be approved and were signed by the Chairman. Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee held 2 Dec 2019 . It was 409/19 unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Policy and Finance

Committee held 02 December 2019 be approved.

December be approved.

Minutes of the Highways Committee held 2 Dec 2019. It was unanimously

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Highways Committee held 2

- 411/19 Clerks Report: The clerk reported that
 - (1) The Parish Office will now be open to the public while manned, as opposed to being open for a short period of hours each day.
 - (2) The Parish office would be closed from Christmas Eve until New Year's Eve.
 - (3) The new Tiptree Parish Council website is live, and allowing for DNS propagation, should be operational for all by 12:00 (midday) on 10 December.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to note and receive the Clerks report

412/19 Church Road Covenants

A great deal of work was expended by Cllr Smithson in trying to determine the validity of an alleged covenant blocking the sale of alcohol on Church Street. After expending his resources with the Society of Friends with no sign of a covenant, Cllr Smithson reported to council that any further investigation requires greater resource. Council debated the value in delving deeper, as the onus for approvals etc lie outside of the Parish Council remit. After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** to note the report provided by Cllr Smithson, to thank him for his efforts, but to take no further action at this stage.

413/19 Co-Opted Councillor Appointments

Councillors Pennick and Redgewell filled the two remaining vacant councillor roles, and it was unanimously RESOLVED that they both be appointed to the Planning Committee and both be appointed to the Highways Committee.

414/19 Village Caretaker:

Councillors reviewed the Job Description for the Village Caretaker, and accepted it without amendment. It was RESOLVED unanimously to advertise the Village Caretaker role with the Job Description provided.

415/19 Standing Orders

The recommendation from Policy and Finance to accept the revised Model Standing Orders was unanimously accepted and so RESOLVED

- 416/19 Financial Regulations: The recommendation from Policy and Finance to accept the revised Model Financial Regulations with minor amendments to correct typographic errors and insert a section on Payment in Lieu of Notice was unanimously Resolved
- County Councillor Report: Cllr Jowers provided a verbal report on a recent LHP meeting. He reported that the Church Rd/Station Rd/Factory Hill interchange had been moved from LHP issue to Capital Projects (due to the cost of the required work), and that the Ship Inn Pavement project had been given a "Green Light" for approvals It was also reported that all the sodium Vapour bulbs for ECC highways had now been completely expended, and going forward, any repair would require an LED fit-out.

 It was unanimously RESOLVED to receive and note the Report
- 418/19 Borough Councillor Report: Cllr Wood reported that she had nothing further to add to the report of Cllr Jowers.
- 419/19 **Policing**:

Council unanimously RESOLVED to receive and note the letter sent to the District Chief Inspector regarding visible policing in Tiptree

Accounts for Payments: 420/19

The schedule of payments was provided to councillors prior to the meeting. It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the schedule of Payments. Note the following payments in excess of £250 were approved:

Payment to -	Amount
BKL - Workshop Rebuilding Electrical Work	814.00
Tiptree Computers – Deputy's device	420.00
Colchester Borough Council – Food waste recycling bags	568.81
BT – Land lines and broadband	510.84
Cooks Engineering – Servicing o/side eqpt	612.50
Navigus Planning – Neighbourhood Plan	672.00
Oakpark Security Systems Ltd – Security Patrols November 2019	2086.56

421/19 Income

The Income Statement for November was not available on the night – this item was deferred until the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.51pm