

TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Full Tiptree Parish Council took place via Video Conference on Monday 07 December 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present via Video Conference: Cllrs

R Mannion (Chairman)	M Maund (Vice Chairman)
S Allen-Shepherd	C Bigg
D Coe	J Bunney
J Greenwood	S Redgewell
R Smithson	D Webb
B Wood	

Also in attendance – 2 Members of the Public, County Cllr J Jowers, Borough Councillor J Elliott, the Clerk of the Council and the Deputy Clerk.

095/20 **Apologies for Absence:** – Apologies were received from Cllr: N Mattinson.

096/20 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

097/20 **Chairman's comments** – The chairman reported briefly on his health after undergoing an operation some 5 weeks previously, and the notification of the closure of the Parish Office between Christmas and the New Year.

098/20 **Questions and statements from the public** – There were no questions from the public attending the meeting.

099/20 **Minutes of the Full Council.** The minutes for 9th November 2020 were **unanimously approved for signature** by the Chairman.

100/20 Receipt of Minutes from Committees:

(a) It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE and NOTE minutes 001 to 012/20 of the Planning Committee.**

(b) It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE and NOTE minutes 001 to 015/20 of the Policy & Finance Committee.**

101/20 **County Councillors report:** Cllr Jowers reported on a number of local issues: (a) Namely (1) that the 40mph speed limit on Maldon Rd was proceeding (toward Braxted Road). (2) That Parish Council requests for additional safety in crossing Station Road near Cherry Chase intersection be reviewed, (3) That the speed limit on Church Road be reviewed with a potential for making the speed 20mph (there was less appetite for this at ECC based on experience elsewhere in the County) (4) That the placement of Bollards on the pavement near "Wongs" be investigated.

On a County wide basis, Cllr Jowers also reported on the Local Government Review – It appears that this may be overtaken by events (Brexit/Covid etc,

and will likely be pushed out to a much later date. He also reported that ECC is working hard to fulfil Food Bank Grant requests, and also support the school meals continuation through the holidays for school children.

The verbal report was received and noted by council.

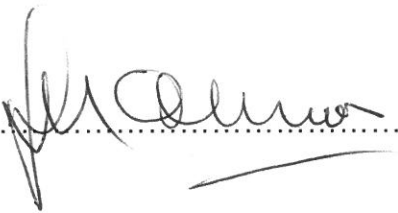
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(b) **Borough Councillors Report:** There was no report from the CBC councillors present.
- 102/20 **Amendment to Schedule of Meetings:** Council discussed the May 3rd planned meeting of Full Council and Planning Committee (a Bank Holiday). After discussion, it was **RESOLVED unanimously to shift the two meetings to Tuesday 4th May.**
- 103/20 **New Parish Offices- Verbal update by the clerk:** The clerk reported that ground had been broken by the builders, that Electricity had been connected to the site, and the water was in the final stages of connectivity. The current Parish offices had recently been appraised by a commercial real estate agent, and a valuation was expected soon. It was unanimously **RESOLVED to receive and note the report.**
- 104/20 **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Greenwood spoke on the Examiner's Report: The NHP Examiner's report had recommended that the Plan not be brought forward to referendum. The report will be voted on by CBC for acceptance on Dec 14th. Because of a number of inconsistencies within the report, the Neighbourhood Plan team and CBC have jointly issued a statement that provides some greater clarity on the report: Next steps – It is expected that the Steering Group will have to return to the stage of Regulation 14 (Local consultation) on our revised plan. The revised plan will have to remove a roadway that extends beyond the parish boundary. Housing numbers will be given the chance to be reassessed, based on the Barbrook Lane appeal being granted. This may require a review of the spatial strategy. There are a number of questions that the Steering Group have posed CBC regarding the way forward, and we are awaiting their response. It was clearly understood that the Parish Council would be consulted on the Steering Group's next steps, and approval provided by Full Council before embarking on a re-run of Regulation 14. **RESOLVED to receive and note the report.**
- 105/20 **Skate Park Closure:** The clerk reported that the Skate Park had been closed during the lock down, when it became apparent that Sport England had mandated the closure. A member of the public had vociferously opposed the closure and wanted to discuss the matter, hence the agenda item. Council thanked the clerk for placing the item on the agenda. It was **RESOLVED that the clerk's actions had been proper, and that that the matter needed no further discussion. It was noted that the complainant was not in attendance.**
- 106/20 **Councillor Surgeries:** Cllr Smithson requested discussion on the matter of Cllr surgeries due to the protracted and lengthy gap since they were last held due to Covid. The difficulty of scheduling ZOOM meetings for individual Cllrs was discussed (as face-to-face meetings are still not viable). It was **RESOLVED to allow the clerk to formulate a workable strategy and return the item to Council at the next meeting.**
Cllr Jowers then left the meeting.
- 107/20 **Support for the Puppet Workshop remembrance:** Cllr Wood reported on the work by a Member of the public in remembering Joy Laurey & the Puppet Workshop, previously located on Maldon Road Tiptree. Councillors were keen to support the memorialising of the inspiration behind the famous puppets from the

50's and 60's. It was **RESOLVED** to provide support to the member of Public in his endeavours at having the site recognised.

- 108/20 **Recommendation from Security Working Group:** The clerk reported that the CCTV contractor had produced a report viewed by the Security Working Group. The recommendation was for a replacement of our current cameras and a centralised DVR in the new Parish offices. The report highlighted some technical and land ownership issues which needed to be overcome in order to proceed, but would enable a significantly improved system that could be expanded and built out without re-investment in DVR capability. **The report was received and the clerk instructed to seek possible Grant support.**
- 109/20 **Recommendation from P&F Committee – Cessation of Wirehouse ES Contract:** The report provided by the clerk, along with the subsequent report provided by Cllr Smithson were discussed. Due to the complexity of the legal situation, it was **RESOLVED that Cllr Smithson approach Wirehouse ER on behalf of the council, and determine if an exit strategy could be initiated.**
- 110/20 **Community Hall Booking System:** The Council reviewed the options supplied by our current supplier Edge (and subsequent cost) against the more economical Hall Master system. The relative advantages vs Cost led council to unanimously **RESOLVE that the Hall Master system be purchased in the New Year, and that EDGE be terminated at the end of it's contracted term (31 March 2021).**
- 111/20 **Budget Vs Spend Report.** The clerk walked councillors through the report, highlighting areas for discussion. **The report was received and noted**

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 20.28 pm.

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