

## TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



### MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Full Tiptree Parish Council took place via Video Conference on Monday 12 April 2021 at 7.16pm.

Present via Video Conference: Cllrs

R Mannion (Chairman)	M Maund (Vice-Chairman)
S Allen-Shepherd	J Bunney ( <i>arrived at 19:49</i> )
C Bigg	D Coe
J Greenwood	N Mattinson
S Redgewell	R Smithson
B Wood	D Webb

Also in attendance –the Clerk of the Council and the Deputy Clerk.

- 167/20     **Apologies for Absence:** – Apologies for absence were Received and Noted from ECC Cllr J Jowers.
- 168/20     **Declarations of Interest** – None.
- 169/20     **Chairman's comments** – The chairman opening remarks were to ask for a 2-minute silence in honour of His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The Chairman then stated that there had been a request to plant a tree in his memory. As this request fell after the agenda was published, it was unable to be debated and therefore would be placed on the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting. Finally, the chairman spoke on the need to observe the period of mourning for the Duke of Edinburgh, which included "no new agenda to be issued until 18<sup>th</sup> April". As this affected the upcoming P&F meeting, which had minimal business, the Policy and Finance meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April would be cancelled.
- 170/20     **Questions and statements from the public** – There were no members of the public attending the meeting.
- 171/20     **Minutes of the Full Council.** The minutes for 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were **unanimously approved for signature** by the Chairman.
- 172/20     **Receipt of Minutes from Committees:**  
(a)     It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE Minutes 025- 035/20 of the Amenities Committee.**  
(b)     It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE Minutes 016-028/20 of the Highways Committee**
- 173/20     **County Councillors report:** Cllr Jowers had tendered his apologies as he  
(a)     was unable to join the meeting.

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(b) **Borough Councillors Report:** Cllr Wood reported on the upcoming resurfacing of Ransom Road. **The verbal report was received and noted by council.**
- 174/20 **Scout Hut Rebuild (S106 Project):** Councillors debated the project and after discussion, it was **RESOLVED that the Chairman and Chairman of the Amenities Committee meet with the Scouts to determine viability of the project.**
- 175/20 **Neighbourhood Plan update:** Cllr Greenwood reported that the Steering Group are still awaiting the traffic studies report. In the interim, the Group is working on  
(a) Existing Policies (and their justification) being re-worked in light of the Examiner's comments.  
(b) CBC have asked that an un-associated Consultant be used for the SEA in light of the Examiner's report, and the brief for this is being prepared.  
(c) The CCG are being contacted for updates in light of the length of time since their last contact.  
(d) A letter has been sent to developers for the Tower end site to ensure deliverability can be assured.  
It was also reported that NPIERS had responded to the TPC and CBC stated concern regarding the Examiner's helpfulness. The examiner is no longer part of the NPIERS Examiner team. **Council RESOLVED to receive and note the report.**
- Cllr Bunney joined the meeting*
- 176/20 **New Parish offices:** Cllr Bigg reported that the office was now in use and looked good, but two areas of concern were to be brought to the council's attention: (a) the area of land beside the office and before the church land was in need of some attention. The stumps needed to be removed and the land graded to make it look smart and present a better image. (b) Within the office, the old furniture is too big for the new smaller sized office and is causing some problems. **Council debated the merits of both, and RESOLVED to proceed to bids for both the furniture and the landscaping work.** Finally, Cllr Bigg introduced the Sale Pack for the old office to the Council, and asked that it be approved to enable the advertising of the sealed bid sale. **Council agreed unanimously for the sale to proceed by Sealed bid in accordance with the sale pack.**
- 177/20 **Land Transfers:** The clerk reported that the Coriander Road Land transfer had now been agreed, and that the Parish Council needed to sign the deed to that effect. **The report was received and noted, with Chairman and the Chairman of the Amenities Committee agreeing to act as signatories.**
- 178/20 **Policing.** The invitation by the police to consider paying for overtime patrols in the Tiptree area was discussed by Council. Concerns regarding double taxation and effectiveness were put forward. **Council debated, and RESOLVED by a majority to bring the item back to next month's meeting,** after the clerk had obtained further input from other Parishes that are making use of the scheme.
- 179/20 **Meetings Schedule:** The clerk reported on the upcoming demise of the 2020 Corona Virus act (which allows for remote meetings). The act cannot be extended, meaning no further Zoom meetings after May 6<sup>th</sup>. With Indoor meetings not planned to recommence until late June, there was a concern regarding forthcoming meetings after May 6<sup>th</sup> and before June 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Council RESOLVED to review the issue at the next Full Council Meeting,** after the High Court action had determined the status of remote meetings legality (due to be decided by late April.)

- 180/20      **CBC Waste Contract 2021/22.** The CBC contract for refuse collection from bins/workshop was presented to council (the item is a deed) and It was **unanimously RESOLVED to that the Chairman and Chairman of Amenities would sign the deed.**
- 181/20      **Hedge Work:** The quotes for hedge work at both Windmill Green and Grove Park Playing Field were submitted by the Amenities Committee for approval to proceed. It was **RESOLVED unanimously that both quotes be accepted.**
- 182/20      **RSN Village Services Group:** The proposal by RSN for Tiptree to join the Village Services Group was debated by Council. The attractive terms for an introductory membership were discussed, and proposed as acceptable. Unfortunately, the proposal did not find favour and was defeated by a majority decision.
- 183/20      **Speeding:** Cllr Smithson reported on a growing prevalence of speeding throughout the village, citing a near miss on West End Road. Council then debated the merits of re-starting the Speedwatch Group (previously disbanded some years ago). Councillors had questions on access to equipment, training and leadership. The Clerk was therefore tasked with obtaining some further knowledge on these matters, and **Council RESOLVED to review the issue at the next Full Council Meeting.**
- 184/20      **Bank Reconciliations:** Cllr Wood reported that bank reconciliations up to and including the end of March 2021 have been correctly carried out. **This report was received and noted.**
- 185/20      **Budget Vs Spend Report.**    **The report was received and noted**

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 20.41 pm.

Signed..........Date..........