

TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING of TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

The Full Council Meeting of the Tiptree Parish Council took place in the Small Hall at the Community Centre, Caxton Close on Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 7.33pm.

Present: Cllrs

M Maund (Chairman for the meeting)	S Allen-Shepherd
N Anderson	J Bunney
C Bigg	S Gulleford
J Greenwood	S Redgewell
D Webb	B Wood
M Woodcraft	

Also in attendance –a member of the public, the Clerk of the Council and the Deputy Clerk.

038/21 **Apologies for Absence:** – Apologies for absence were Received and Noted from Cllr Mannion, Mattinson and Smithson, and also from the ECC Cllr, Cllr J Jowers.

039/21 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

Chairman's Remarks: None

040/21 **Questions and statements from the public** – None

041/21 **Minutes of the Full Council.** The minutes for 15 June 2021 were **unanimously approved for signature** by the Chairman.

042/21 **Receipt of Minutes from Committees:**
It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** Minutes 001- 016/21 of the **Highways Committee**.
It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** Minutes 026-036/20 of the **Policy & Finance Committee**

043/21 **(a) ECC Cllr Report:** Cllr Jowers had provided his apologies

(b) CBC Cllr Report: Cllr Wood reported on an upcoming CBC visit to Tiptree to discuss areas of interest, and asked for thoughts on projects/areas that CBC need to apply themselves too. Council provided: The Cut, The Open Space area below Olley Walk, The CBC Playground on Chestnut Way, plus the pathway that runs behind Cedar Avenue. All sites are owned by CBC. It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to receive and note the Report

- 044/21 **Speedwatch Group Update:** Cllr Smithson was unfortunately absent on vacation, and the Clerk therefore provided a brief verbal update: It was reported that the Group had now been registered with Essex Fire Service (the governing body for Speedwatch groups). Training would shortly be promulgated, but there is a serious backlog for Essex wide training of Speedwatch groups. It was also reported that Cllr Smithson had been nominated as Co-Ordinator for the Group, and would be taking up offers of seeing how nearby villages run their programmes. Council therefore unanimously **RESOLVED to receive and note the report.**
- 045/21 **Payment Lists:**
 (a) The payment list for June 18th (*previously approved by email*) was reviewed and it was **RESOLVED unanimously to approve the payments.**
- (b) **Payment List dated July 2nd 2021.** Councillors wished to review the list via email, rather than in the rushed environment of the council meeting, **RESOLVING unanimously to defer approval until the email listing had been received.**
- 046/21 **Grove Lake:** Cllr Greenwood provided an expression of Interest in a multi-denominational church service at Grove Lake, now that the current COVID crisis appears to be winding down. Did council have a view to providing permissions for such a service? Questions to ensure that multi-faith and faiths of any type would be welcome to attend assured councillors, and it was **RESOLVED to inform the Churches, that the Expression of Interest did find favour, and that permission could be extended once dates are known.**
- 047/21 **Mayoral Regalia:** The Clerk provided some detail for an alternate chain of office for the Chairman. It was felt that the current chain of office is less impressive than council would like, but that the expense of a full Mayoral Chain of Office may be too much to bear in the current climate. After discussion, **Council Resolved by a majority to bring this up for further discussion during budget preparations for the 2022/23 period.**
- 048/21 **CCTV:** The clerk reported that the efforts to bring the old CCTV stand-alone system back on line with Hewes had failed: The DVR was unable to produce a picture as the antiquated Operating system had failed and could not be repaired. Likewise, the wires to the cameras need replacing, as did the majority of the outdoor cameras which had succumbed to the weather over time. P&F had already reviewed 3 CCTV upgrade quotes. Hewes's solution for a like-for-like replacement did not find favour, and neither did an alternative 3G solution that was too costly. A line of site-solution with centralised DVR from LINK CCTV was favoured, but the requirement to interact with CBC was also noted. **Council RESOLVED to cancel the current maintenance contract with HEWES for the existing CCTV infrastructure, and to engage LINK CCTV to begin a phased approach to replacement.**
- 049//21 **Investment Policy:** The clerk had provided a verbal report on investment opportunities for a portion of the money currently held in the 0% savings account with Unity. Two options were presented that provided the lowest risk with highest reward. Cllrs were asked to approve investment in each at the FSCS maximum of £85,000, and for Council to provide two signatories for both accounts. **The investments were unanimously APPROVED by council for investment, and two names were submitted as joint authoriser for the accounts (Cllr Greenwood and Wood).**

- 050/21 **Co-Option Candidate:** A candidate for co-option was presented to Council. After some questioning of the candidate regarding motives and availability, Council deliberated and then **RESOLVED unanimously to Co-Opt Councillor A Peck to the Council.** The Chairman welcomed him to the Council.
- 051/21 **Assignment of new members to Committee:** With a single vacancy on the Amenities Committee, Cllr Peck was asked if he wished to serve on that committee, to which he readily agreed. The **assignment was Approved by Council unanimously**
- 052/21 **Financial Overview:** The budget to-date was discussed, received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 20.30 pm.

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Date.....

10/08/2021