

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 Meeting Room at the Community Centre, Caxton Close on Tuesday 10 August 2021 at 7.42pm.

Present: Cllrs

R Mannion (Chairman)	M Maund (Vice Chairman)
C Bigg	J Bunney
J Greenwood	S Gulleford
N Mattinson	A Peck
S Redgewell	D Webb
B Wood	M Woodcraft

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr J Jowers, the Clerk of the Council and the Deputy Clerk.

053/21 **Apologies for Absence:** – Apologies for absence were Received and Noted from Cllrs. S Allen-Shepherd & R Smithson.

054/21 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman reported that Cllr. N Anderson's resignation had been accepted, and that CBC were informed. Long term staff member J Bensusan has also resigned as Caretaker (eff 16 Aug), and the Council's best wishes were put forward to her.

055/21 **Questions and statements from the public** – None

056/21 **Minutes of the Full Council.** The minutes for 7 July 2021 were **unanimously approved for signature** by the Chairman.

057/21 **Receipt of Minutes from Committees:**
It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE and NOTE Minutes 01 to 16/21 of the Highways Committee meeting held 18 May 2021**
It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE and NOTE Minutes 01 to 14/21 of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held 8 June 2021**

058/21 (a) **ECC Cllr Report:** Cllr Jowers reported on changes within ECC Cabinet (and his own new roles), the upcoming NPPF legislation, and the upcoming Parliamentary Boundaries work. Cllr Jowers also briefly discussed the A12 widening (and impact on Tiptree), where he stated the advantages of widening the Appleford Bridge. On the issue of speeding, he stated that he has received numerous requests (from a single resident) for speed survey's on Station Road. He questioned whether council may be more interested in a Speed Indicator Device

(SID) with smiley face? This could possibly be obtained through the Locality budget. It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED to receive and note the Report**. Cllr Jowers then left the meeting.

(b) CBC Cllr Report: Cllr Wood reported on the recent CBC visit to Tiptree, where areas such as the area around Olley Walk were reviewed and discussed for better maintenance as was the pathway that runs behind Cedar Avenue. It was also reported that the CBC Cllr Surgeries would re-open at the Community Hall in October (subject to CBC confirming provision of public liability insurance). It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED to receive and note the Report**

059/21 **Speedwatch Group Update:** Cllr Smithson was unfortunately absent due to an A12 traffic issue, and the clerk therefore provided a brief update in his stead. Training is still awaiting dates from ECC, which will be affected by the serious backlog for Essex wide training of Speedwatch groups. It was also reported that Cllr Smithson would be visiting a nearby village to gain a better understanding of how they run their programmes. Council therefore unanimously **RESOLVED to receive and note the report**.

060/21 **Payment Lists:** The payment lists for July 2nd and July 18th (*previously approved by email*) were reviewed and it was **RESOLVED unanimously to approve the payments**.

061/21 **Co-Option Policy:** A DRAFT Co-Option policy was recommended to Council by the P&F Committee. After a brief discussion, it was **RESOLVED that the Policy be adopted by council**.

062/21 **A12 Widening Consultation:** Cllr Greenwood provided a detailed written response for the Parish Council to consider. The basic premise of reducing through traffic along Church Road remains the same, and in light of the recent meeting with Messing Parish Council, further concluded that the proposed siting of Jct. 24 at it's current position would aid these endeavours further. **Council Resolved unanimously that the report be received and noted**.

063/21 **CCTV:** The clerk reported that a meeting was held with Link CCTV that morning, and the agreed commencement of the work for phase 1 (Parish Office, Coffee Exchange, Grove Rd PF). Further capability for camera's at Grove Lake and the Memorial Ground would be brought to council once the report had been received. **It was RESOLVED unanimously that the report be received and noted**.

064//21 **Tractor Replacement:** Council heard the recommendation from the Amenities Committee that the existing 15 year old tractor be replaced. Amenities had reviewed the 3 quotes provided, and had stated a preference for the quote for a New Holland Tractor (providing best value). **Council resolved unanimously to accept the preferred quote and place the order for the New Holland tractor**.

065/21 **Electric Charging Point:** The clerk presented a brief report showing how the Parish Council could deliver two electric charging points for the Village, should council be so minded. After a great deal of discussion regarding the merits and need, it was **RESOLVED by a majority that the report be reviewed further at the next meeting, with greater clarity on all possible costs & grants**.

066/21 **Queen's Jubilee 2022:** Council had reviewed the report by Bruno Peeke on the "national celebration" via bonfire/beacon. After discussion, it was agreed that the beacon/bonfire route was not finding favour, and that an alternate method of

celebrating the Queen's Jubilee be sought. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the item be reviewed on the agenda of the next Council meeting.**

- 067/21 **Puppet Workshop:** Council were asked to consider the application for a Blue Plaque for the Puppet Workshop. Cllr Wood stated that she supported the move and would be able to pay for the charge via her locality budget. **Council RESOLVED unanimously that the application should be made, in order to determine if the site was suitable.**
- 068/21 **Bank Reconciliations:** Cllr. Wood provided a verbal report that the Bank Reconciliations were up-to-date and contained no issues. **The report was received and noted**
- 069/21 **Financial Overview:** The budget to-date was discussed, received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 20.55 pm.

Signed..........Date.....7th/21.....