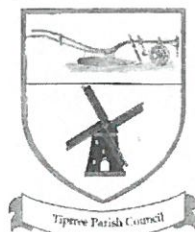


## TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



### 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 14 December 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs

R Mannion (Chairman)	S Allen-Shepherd
C Bigg	J Greenwood
S Gulleford	C Kitley
S Redgewell	R Smithson
M Woodcraft	

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

123/21 **Apologies for Absence:** – Apologies for absence were Received and Noted from Cllrs. J Bunney, A Peck, M Maund, D Webb, B Wood and N Mattinson.

124/21 **Declarations of Interest** – None, although Cllr Greenwood did subsequently declare an interest in item 132/21 (non-pecuniary)

**Chairman's Remarks:**

The Chairman provided thanks to Cllr Greenwood and the office staff for the work in delivering the Windmill Green Christmas Tree and the well-attended Carol Service that followed. The Chairman then reported that Cllr Smithson had tendered his resignation as Cllr with effect from the end of December. He was thanked for his input and efforts on the Parish council. Finally, the chairman warned that the worrying increase in restrictions through COVID concerns may be a problem for the Council's next meeting (January 11<sup>th</sup>). It was noted that the council must meet in order to set the Precept, and if necessary, a brief outdoors meeting would be held to cover this item.

126/21 **Questions and statements from the public** – None

127/21 **Minutes of the Full Council.** The minutes for 09 November were **unanimously approved for signature** by the Chairman.

128/21 **Receipt of Minutes from Committees:**

It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** Minutes 024/21 to 044/21 of the Policy & Finance Committee Mtg. of September and October 2021  
It was unanimously agreed to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** Minutes 045/21 to 074/21 of the Highways Committee Mtg. of September and October 2021

129/21 (a) **ECC Cllr Report:** Cllr Jowers provided a report on a number of Highways Issues, following the recent LHP meeting. Specifically, (1)

the cost to provide a Zebra crossing near Asda was considered, but costs were of great concern, (2) The Footpath requirement beside the Ship Inn was again reviewed and determined to be needed, but costs way beyond budget capability. (3) The "dead" Street light On Maldon Rd near the Ship was also being pursued by ECC for repair. (4) A TRO to introduce a 40mph limit after exiting the village toward Layer Marney on Newbridge Road was being pursued (5) Speed management for Hall Road is being examined (6) The Station Road Church Rd Intersection is still being discussed at LHP, but costs are considerable in making this intersection safer.

**(b) CBC Cllr Report:** Cllr Mannion reported he too was in attendance at the LHP meeting, that the Tiptree Heath School pedestrian barriers have moved forward, and the design is now awaiting the school's agreement. Finally, he reported that our MP had been invited to the Tree Lighting/Carol Service, but had been unable to attend due to a previous engagement.

### **RESOLVED to receive and note the Reports**

- 130/21 **Payment Lists:** The payment lists for November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup> (previously approved by email) were reviewed and it was **RESOLVED unanimously to approve the payments.**
- 131/21 **Environmental Policy:** The Policy and Finance Committee recommended adoption of the newly created Draft Environmental Policy. This was considered by Council, and it was **unanimously RESOLVED that it be adopted.**
- 132/21 **Amendments to the Grant Awarding Policy:** Council reviewed the requested, changes, understanding the need to support local ventures. After discussion regarding annualised requests, it was agreed to accept the revised policy, with the omission of a paragraph disallowing repeat requests, adding to the previous paragraph the words "Each application to be decided on it's own merits". **Resolved that the revised policy be adopted with immediate effect.**
- 133/21 **Neighbourhood Plan update:** Cllr Greenwood provided a report on the work provided by the Steering Committee to date. After a number of delays in waiting for reports to become available, the Group are now able to finally move forward, and hope to have (optimistically) a Regulation 14 plan in place by the end of February. Council unanimously **RESOLVED to receive and note the report.**
- 134/21 **Highways Devolution Scheme:** Council received recommendation from the Highways Committee that revised Devolution scheme should now be joined. The matter was debated for some time. Advantages were perceived in helping keeping the village tidy, but concerns were raised about the level of commitment that ECC would then provide to the village moving forward. A motion to approve the scheme and apply for trial membership for a 12-month period was properly proposed and seconded. The motion passed by a majority decision, and it was therefore **RESOLVED that the council apply to join the scheme as a trial.**
- 135/21 **Speedwatch Group Update:** Cllr Smithson reported that the majority of the existing volunteer base have now been trained and the group will be ready to start operations from the 16 December. The Group is furnished with all equipment including a loaned camera to perform their work, although after establishing an effective group, a new camera will need to be purchased in order to send the loan



camera back. Council were unanimous in their **RESOLUTION** to (a) commence patrols from 16 December 2021. (b) To purchase an SL700 camera once the volunteer base has bedded in (after January 2022) and (c) for Cllr Smithson to remain as coordinator of the group until April 2022, when a replacement can be sought.

- 136/21 **Jubilee Events Group:** Council were informed that the previous group had been disbanded due to a series of unfortunate events. Cllr Woodcraft and Kitley agreed to pick up the event, and would report back to Council in January with some ideas for the event. **Council RESOLVED to receive and note the report, thank Cllr Woodcraft and Kitley for their efforts.**
- 137/21 **A12 Consultation:** Council reviewed the discussion and decision made by email, for the Consultation response to be additionally highlighted to the MP, our ECC Cllr, and the ECC portfolio Holder for Highways. **Council RESOLVED unanimously to confirm the decision made by email.**
- 138/21 **Bank Reconciliations:** Cllr. Wood was unavailable, and the clerk therefore reported that Cllr Wood had completed the Bank Reconciliations through to the end of November. **The report was received and noted.**
- 139/21 **Financial Overview:** The spend against budget to-date was discussed, received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 20.43 pm.

Signed..........Date.....11/01/2022.....