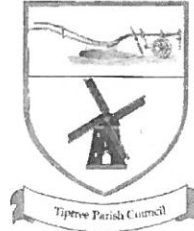


TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



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 5 July 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs

Jonathan Greenwood (Chairman)	Sue Allen-Shepherd
Colin Bigg	Ashley Girling
Stuart Gulleford	Christian Kitley
A (Tony) Peck	Simon Phillips
Sandra Redgewell	Diana Webb
Mark Woodcraft	Barbara Wood

Also in attendance: CBC Cllr R Mannion, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk of the Council.

041/22 **Apologies for Absence:** – Apologies for absence were Received and Noted from ECC Cllr J Jowers, Cllr Ed Birkin and Cllr Michael Maund.

042/22 **Declarations of Interest** – None

Chairman's Remarks: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the upcoming training provided by the Clerk on both July 19th and October 18th .

043/22 **Questions and statements from the public** – None

044/22 **Minutes of the Full Council.** The minutes for 7 June 2022 were **unanimously approved for signature** by the Chairman.

045/22 (a) **ECC Cllr Report:** Cllr Jowers was not present.

(b) CBC Cllr Report:

Cllr Mannion spoke on the recent passing of the Local Plan by Colchester Borough Council. The inclusion of the Middlewick Ranges within the Local Plan as a development site was a particularly difficult issue, but the Plan needed to be passed in order to enable a Local Plan, and some protection from speculative developers. Cllr Mannion also stated that he was proceeding with his plans for adding two additional de-fib units in the village, via a combined use of the Locality budget of all 3 of the village CBC councillors.

046/22 **Payment Lists:** The payment lists for June 4th and June 18th (*previously approved by email*) were reviewed and it was **RESOLVED unanimously to approve the payments.**

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- 047/22 **Neighbourhood Plan:** The chairman stated that he was relieved that the Local Plan had been passed at CBC, as the emerging Neighbourhood Plan would reside within the Local Plan. Without an updated, effective Local Plan, the Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan was of limited value. The Regulation 14 responses were currently being formulated, as were any modifications that were required for the current policies. It was hoped that submission to CBC for Regulation 16 consultation would be optimistically possible in August. **The report was received and Noted.**
- 048/22 **Grove Road Playing Field Toilet:** The clerk reported on a rough survey that was conducted via Social Media on the ongoing vandalism occurring to the toilet. It was appreciated that the survey was very rough, but the intent was to ensure that the populace was aware of the issue, and the ongoing costs. This was achieved, and as a guide, there were approximately the same number that wished to see the toilets closed, as those that wished to ensure the toilets remained open. Council debated the options for catching the perpetrators and for making the site less vulnerable. It was **unanimously RESOLVED that the Clerk would investigate costs for reducing the vulnerability**, and return to council with an update on the situation.
- 049/22 **Co-Option:** Regrettably, whilst there had been requests for application forms, none had been submitted to the council for the meeting.
- 050/22 **Assignment to Committees:** The Chairman had spoken with Cllr Birkin, in order to ensure his financial expertise was used most effectively. Cllr Birkin had agreed prior to the meeting to be shifted to the Policy and Finance Committee from Amenities. Cllr Girling was asked what his choice of committee would be, and he asked for the Highways Committee. **Council unanimously agreed to assign Cllr Birkin to both Policy & Finance from Amenities, and Cllr Girling to Highways.**
- 051/22 **Public Benches:** The Chairman was pleased to announce that the two new benches were now in situ, and the one at Tesco did appear to be receiving some good use. Councillors were a little concerned on the revised siting of the Tesco bench, which had been changed at the behest of Tesco (the Landowner). **unanimously agreed to receive and note the report.**
- 052/22 **Caretaker Staffing:** The Clerk reported that one candidate had emerged successful from the interview process for the new Caretaker, and was submitted to council for ratification. Council were keen to understand the candidates background, and were happy to unanimously **resolve that D. Philpott be employed as Caretaker with effective from 7 July 2022.**
- 053/22 **Receipt of Minutes:** Council determined to receive and note the minutes "en bloc", and **unanimously agreed to receive and note the minutes of:**
 Planning Committee 03 May 2022
 Amenities Committee 10 May 2022
 Highways Committee 17 May 2022
 Policy & Finance Committee 17 May 2022.
- 054/22 **Portable Speaker system:** The clerk reported on the issues encountered with the new PA system. Whilst the PA aspect is exceptionally good, the portability is unfortunately not ideal. The clerk wished to **purchase a "dolly" to ensure better portability, and this was unanimously agreed by council.**

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055/22 **Bank Reconciliations:** Cllr. Wood reported that she had completed the Bank reconciliations for June. **The report was received and noted.**

056/22 **Financial Overview:** **The spend against budget to-date was discussed, received and noted.**

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 20.18 pm.

Signed.....*J.M. Greenwood*..... Date *2/8/22*.....