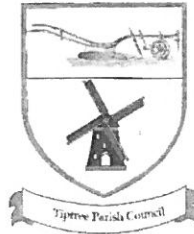


TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING of TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

The Monthly Meeting of Tiptree Parish Council took place in the Small Hall at the Community Centre, Caxton Close on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs

Jonathan Greenwood	
Sue Allen-Shepherd	Ed Birkin
Ashley Girling	Matthew Hatton
Christian Kitley	A (Tony) Peck
Sandra Redgewell	Diana Webb

Also present: One member of the Public, CCC Cllr R Manion and the Clerk to the Council.

- 041/23 **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from ECC Cllr J Jowers, CCC Councillor P Dundas and TPC Cllr S Gulleford, M Maund and B Wood.
- 042/23 **Declarations of Interest** – None.
- 043/23 **Chairman's Remarks:** None
- 044/23 **Questions and statements from the public:** None
- 045/23 **Minutes of the Full Council.** The minutes for 13 June 2023 were **APPROVED unanimously for signature** by the Chairman.
- 046/23 (a) **ECC Cllr Verbal Report:** Cllr Jowers was not in attendance
(b) **CCC Cllr verbal Report:** Cllr R Mannion talked about the Defibrillator installation on Factory Hill, as the locality money had already been passed to the Parish Accounts. Cllr Mannion also mentioned the contentious debate regarding the High Voltage pylon network still working through CCC cabinet for a response – No clear direction had yet been provided by CCC. Finally, Cllr Mannion reported on the hole in Holbrook Walk due to the missing bollard. ECC Highways had apparently provided a new bollard on 3rd July to cover the hole.
- 047/22 **Payment Lists: The payments for June 15th and July 1st were unanimously approved en-bloc (having been previously approved by email).**
- 048/22 **Co-Option:** a Co-Option application had been received. This was considered for the vacancy on the Tiptree HEATH Ward. After a brief discussion with the candidate, a vote was held and **V Murrell was Unanimously co-opted on the council. After signing her acceptance of office form, Cllr Murrell took a seat at the table.**
- 049/23 **Thyme Road Survey:** The Chairman of the Amenities Committee reported that the survey results had been compiled and reported to Amenities. The report explained that there was a 23% response from all nearby residences, and 68% of those responding providing a clear mandate to continue with the site as a young children's playground. The statistics were reported back to CCC, in order to aid in the deliberations on passing

the site over to TPC ownership. **The Report was unanimously RECEIVED and NOTED.**

050/23 **Defibrillators:** Council understood that the CCC Locality money for the defibrillator had already been paid into the Parish accounts. Formal approval was sought from Cllrs to order and take ownership of the new defibrillator, to be installed on the Wilkins Wall at Trewlands House. The vote was **unanimously in support of owning and maintaining the Defibrillator.**

051/23 **Boundary Review:** Council wished to review the options for the current internal ward boundaries within Tiptree. The item had been previously discussed, but a further three warded system in a "pie" configuration (as opposed to linear) had been requested as a model. After further discussion it was determined that the "pie" option provided a more effective and clear ward system for the Parish. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to Colchester City Council asking for the deliberations to be considered.**

052/23 **Grove Road Playing Field: Request for Use:** a request for use of the Playing Fields on Weds 30th August for a "totally free to attend" Family Fun Day was reviewed and **Councillors unanimously approved the use of the Field.**

053/23 **Neighbourhood Plan Reception:** The Chairman reported that a reception was being planned for all who had worked so hard on getting the Neighbourhood Plan across the line. Tiptree residents were invited, as were a select few Colchester staff who had assisted with the compiling of the plan. The Chairman asked permission of the Council to enable the hire of the Community Centre for the event without charge. This was **unanimously agreed.**

054/23 **Receipt of Minutes:** Council determined to receive the minutes "en-bloc", and **unanimously agreed to receive and note the minutes of:**

Amenities Committee	11 April 2023
Planning Committee	16 May & 13 June 2023
Policy & Finance Committee	23 May 2023

055/23 **Bank Reconciliations:** Cllr Wood was unable to attend this meeting, and Cllr Peck had yet to receive the Reconciliations for June.

056/23 **Financial Overview:** The spend to date Vs Budget numbers were presented to Council. **The previously reported concern of the clerk had moved on:** The Electricity at the Parish office had been run through a dual -meter (day rate and night rate) even though the meter has not been able to display the secondary supply, and the contract is for a single supply. This has been in operation since inception, building a large charge for night usage over two years, unbeknownst to ourselves. The fault has been found, charges applied, and the bank accepted a DD payment despite the DD having been cancelled by the clerk. A large overspend will now be recorded against the Parish Office electricity. **Council understood, and were content to receive and note the report.**

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 20:04 pm.

Signed..... *J. Greenwood* Date..... *1st August 2023*