**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 22 March 2017 in the Village Hall, Church Lane,Tilbrook, commencing at 2000 hours.

**PRESENT** Councillors C Paul (in the Chair); K Gutteridge and Mrs C Rowland.

**IN ATTENDANCE** District Councillor J Gray;County Councillor P Downes and C L Thatcher, Clerk to the Council

**13/17 APOLOGIES** were received from Councillors C Haynes and Mrs J Pilcher.

**14/17 PUBLIC FORUM** was not used.

**15/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** None were made

**16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Peter Downes had previously circulated his report, upon which he elaborated. He also talked of the problems affecting County Council future funding and invited questions. He explained that this is his last Tilbrook meeting as he is not seeking re-election to this ward - the boundaries having been changed - in the May elections.

The Chairman thanked Peter for his service to the community and for all his help and guidance over the years and wished him well for the future.

*Councillor Downes left the meeting.*

**17/17 MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on 18 January 2017 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**18/17 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Rook Barn. The Clerk reported that the Tree Preservation Order was now in place.
2. Local Highway Initiative bid. The results of the bids had now been published and members were pleased to note that Tilbrook had been successful in its bid for reactive signs in the High St. The County Council were pushing for mobile signs to be used but the bid result appears to imply that we have been successful in obtaining fixed signs. We must now await more information from the County Council.
3. Hunts DC Parishes Meeting . This is to take place at St Ives on 30 March and attendance by councillors is invited. Unfortunately, no-one was available to attend.

**19/17 PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications.

17/00319 Tilford, Station Rd, Tilbrook - proposed garage and carport and s73 amendment to conditions of previous approval.

This was discussed at length and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Rowland, seconded by Councillor Gutteridge and agreed to recommend that the importance of the previously agreed conditions be reinforced, particularly conditions 12,14 and 15.

**20/17 BARCLAYS BANK KIMBOLTON.**

The Clerk informed members that Barclays did not intend re-opening their Kimbolton branch. It was agreed to support efforts to persuade the bank to keep the Kimbolton branch and the Chairman will write to the bank’s Community General Manager, Terry Staff, expressing our views.

**21/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

a) A letter from EACH requesting a donation was noted.

b) Huntingdonshire DC Tree Strategy was read, regarding Tree Wardens and the importance of maintaining trees in a safe condition.

**22/17 ACCOUNTS**

The following were approved for payment -

K & M Lighting Services Streetlight maintenance £45.56 inc VAT

E-ON Streetlight energy 2 mths. £89.81 “ “

C L Thatcher 3 months pay £155.15 no “

HMRC PAYE £38.80 “ “

**23/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Gray said that house building was progressing quickly, but there is still a shortage of suitable land and consideration was being given to asking Key Service Centres to accept some house building.

Regarding wind power, now that the subsidies have been removed, the pressure for new turbines has gone away. Some people argue for a complete ban but he would prefer to see a local referendum to gauge local support. He is looking at the Gypsy and Traveller Policy and trying to have regard to primary school numbers.

**24/17 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Councillor Mrs Rowland wondered whether the idea of a cycle way to |Kimbolton could be revived.

**25/17 NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be the annual meeting together with the Annual Parish Meeting and will take place on Wednesday 10 May 2017, commencing at 1930 hours in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2110 hours.