**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday 10 May 2017 in the Village Hall, Church Lane,Tilbrook, commencing at 2000 hours.

**PRESENT** Councillors C Paull (in the Chair);C Haynes; Mrs J Pilcher; K Gutteridge and Mrs C Rowland.

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

**26/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Rowland, seconded by Councillor Gutteridge and unanimously agreed that Charles Paull should remain as Chairman for the year.

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**27/17 APOLOGIES** None received

**28/17 PUBLIC FORUM** was not used.

**29/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** None were made

**30/17 MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on 22 March 2017 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**31/17 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Barclays Bank, Kimbolton, closure. The Clerk reported on the current situation and of the petition being raised to try to persuade Barclays to continue banking in Kimbolton.
2. Tree Strategy. The Clerk read the circular from Huntingdonshire District Council urging towns and parishes to appoint someone to act as Tree Warden. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Martin Patterson and ask him if he would be willing to undertake the work.
3. An e mail from the Police & Crime Commissioner was read giving advance warning of a Towns and Parishes conference he intended arranging for September.
4. A circular from East Anglian Air Ambulance asks for parishes to establish clothing banks for the benefit of the Air Ambulance. It was agreed to take no action due to not having a suitable site for the collecting point.
5. A request received from Magpas for donations. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Rowland, seconded by Councillor Mrs Pilcher and agreed to donate £250 to Magpas.

**32/17 PLANNING MATTERS**

No applications received..

**33/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A circular received from a TV company wishing to set up a ‘Village of the Year’ competition. This was noted.
2. Bedford Borough Local Plan was duly noted.

**34/17 ACCOUNTS**

a)The following were approved for payment -

K & M Lighting Services Streetlight maintenance £45.56 inc VAT

E-ON Streetlight energy 2 mths. £97.14 “ “

CGM Group Ltd Grass cutting £112.80 “ “

Magpas Donation £250.00 no “

b) The Clerk reported the completion of the Internal Audit of the 2016/2017 accounts.

c) The Annual Governance Statement was read by the Chairman, agreed and signed.

d) The Annual Return for 2016/2017 was completed and signed.

**35/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Gray said that he had made his report at the Annual Parish Meeting held just before this meeting.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Gray for all his work on behalf of the parish.

**36/17 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

None were raised.

**37/17 NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 6 July 2017, commencing at 2000 hours in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030 hours.