**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 July 2017 in the Village Hall, Church Lane,Tilbrook, commencing at 2000 hours.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** C LThatcher, Clerk to the Council; County Councillor I Gardener; District Councillor J Gray and one member of the public.

**44/17 APOLOGIES** None received

**45/17 PUBLIC FORUM** was not used.

**46/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** None were made

**47/17 MINUTES** of the Council meeting

1. of 10 May 2017 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting, and
2. Of 7 June 2017 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**48/17 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Barclays Bank closure. The Clerk reported on progress to date. Lloyds Bank have shown some interest in community banking, but it is early days. There is a viewing day of the former bank premises towards the end of July.
2. Tree Strategy. Martin Patterson, who has kindly offered to act as Tree Warden, was in attendance and confirmed that the seminar for Tree Wardens has not yet taken place. He will report back in due course.

**49/17 PLANNING MATTERS**

No applications have been received.

**50/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter of thanks from MAGPAS for the donation was received.

**51/17 ACCOUNTS**

The following were approved for payment -

M Patterson Reimbursement of Tree Warden seminar fee £52.00 no VAT

CGM Ltd Grass cutting £564.00 inc “

K & M Lighting Streetlight maintenance £22.78 “ “

E-ON Streetlight energy £51.61 “ “

C L Thatcher Pay April, May & June £149.13 no “

HMRC PAYE £37.20 “ “

**52/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Gray said that the Strategic Housing Land Assessment is out for consultation again. Wyton has been removed from it due to the lack of a plan for the infrastructure.

*Councillor Gardener joined the meeting*

There was a discussion on housing needs.

Councillor Gray said that HDC had decided to close their cash office located at St Neots Town Council offices.

**53/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Councillor Gardener was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. Councillor Gardener said that he was pleased to have been invited to the meeting and would try to attend future meetings, but due to the sheer size of his ward this might not be possible. He said the composition of the County Council is now 36 Conservative; 15 Liberal; 7 Labour and 3 Independent, a total of 61 - a reduction from the previous 69.

**54/17 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Councillor Mrs Rowland said that the footpath between Station Rd and Church Lane was in poor condition and wheelchairs can no longer get through there, due to the roughness of the surface.

The Chairman commented that the County Council has not cut the grass there either this year.

Councillor Mrs Rowland also raised the question of providing a defibrillator for the village. Members thought it a good idea and the Chairman said that he would try to raise the money.

**55/17 NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 13 September 2017, commencing at 2000 hours in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2050 hours.