**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022 in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook, commencing at 8pm.

**PRESENT** Councillors C Paull (in the Chair); C Haynes; K Gutteridge; M Patterson & T Rees.

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Councillor I Gardener, C L Thatcher, Clerk to the Council and 2 members of the public.

**15/22 APOLOGIES**  were received from District Councillor Jonathan Gray

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**16/22 PUBLIC FORUM** was not held

**17/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None were made

**18/22 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present

**19/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Councillor Gardener said that the County’s precept will increase by 1.99% plus 3% for Adult Social Care, thus making the County’s charge for a Band D property £1469.61 p.a.

*Councillors Haynes and Gutteridge joined the meeting.*

Of the additional £11M to £12M being raised, about £7M will be placed into reserves.

The Ting bus service is going well and the trial period is being extended. The charge for Under 19’s is being reduced to £1.

The County’s new Chief Executive, Stephen Moir, commenced work on 21 February.

LHI bid meetings took place over 2 days and decisions are awaited.

The County Council is trying to help with the integration of Ukrainian refugees.

Little Lane drainage scheme is progressing and he was pleased that a funding scheme through the County Council was being implemented.

*Councillor Gardener left the meeting.*

**20/22 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 25 January 2022 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting subject to amending item 7/22 second paragraph to read ‘ He said there were 5 people from Tilbrook there, including the applicant…..’

**21/22 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Flood Forum Nothing to report regarding the local situation.
2. Traffic Speeds. Councillor Patterson said that the data shows an avrage of 21% exceeding 35 mph.
3. Little Lane drainage. The Chairman said that the draft agreement had been circulated and he asked whether members were content to sign the agreement if free of encumbrances. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Haynes and unanimously agreed to go ahead if the solicitor finds no problems and the Chairman suggested that perhaps an additional meeting could be called to sign the document. The amount of the grant would be £7000, with the offer of further funding from the Amenities Committee up to £3000.
4. LHI bids. Councillor Patterson said that he had attended the meeting via Zoom together with Paul Wilcock and he thought it had gone well. The Chairman and Councillor Gutteridge thanked them for their efforts.

**22/22 PLANNING**

The following application was considered -

22/00380/TREE 25 Station Rd., Tilbrook - fell oak tree.

The applicant was present and with the Chairman’s permission, explained the situation. Apparently a neighbour’s garage was suffering subsidence and their insurers had determined that the problem lay with the oak tree. It was proposed by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Haynes and unanimously agreed to approve the application whilst suggesting a phased reduction to the tree and an adjustment to the TPO relating to the property.

**23/22 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Clerk explained that Huntingdonshire DC intended to adopt the Code of Conduct produced by the Local Government Association and were asking all towns and parishes in the district whether they will follow suit. He said that it makes sense that we do, as if there is ever any need to refer a matter under the Code of Conduct it would go to the Monitoring Officer at the District Council, so it is sensible that our Code is aligned with theirs.

It was proposed by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Rees and agreed to adopt the LGA Code.

**24/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Clerk reported receipt of the national pay award for staffs of local councils, effective from 1 April 2021. The annual cost is £36.56.
2. Nomination papers have been received for the elections and circulated. The Clerk offered to deliver completed forms to Huntingdonshire DC’s offices providing he received them prior to 28 March 2022.
3. CAPALC invitation to join was noted.

**25/22 ACCOUNTS**

1. The following were approved for payment -

K & M Lighting streetlight maintenance 61.10

CL Thatcher Arrears of pay 1 April 2021 to date 29.16

HMRC PAYE 7.40

**26/22 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Councillor Patterson said that he had been pruning by the green by the bridge and had burnt brushwood at the playing field.

The Clerk referred to the sale by auction of a piece of land on the B645 to the west of the village.The implication was that planning approval might be forthcoming, but this seems highly unlikely.

**27/22 NEXT MEETING**

It is proposed that the next meeting be held on **Wednesday 11 May 2022** and that this will commence immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting **which will start at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2100 hours.