**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Annual Council meeting held on Friday 13 May 2022 in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook, commencing at 8.05p.m.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the newly elected councillors completed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms, which were countersigned by the Clerk.

**PRESENT** Retiring Councillor C Paull (in the Chair); Councillors M Patterson; L Hunter; M Wallis; Mrs S Wilcock and P Wilcock..

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Councillor I Gardener, C L Thatcher, Clerk to the Council and 8 members of the public.

**28/22 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.** Charles Paull invited members to choose a Chairman, but no nominations were forthcoming. It was ultimately agreed that Councillor Patterson would be Chairman for this meeting.

*Councillor Patterson in the Chair. Former Chairman Charles Paull was thanked for his service and left the meeting.*

**29/22 APOLOGIES**  were received from District Councillor Jonathan Gray

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**30/22 PUBLIC FORUM**  A resident drew attention to the increasing problem of dog fouling and urged that people report sight of anyone not clearing up after their dog, sothat action can be taken. Photographs of offenders are very helpful.

**31/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None were made

**32/22 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present

**33/22 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 16 March 2022 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**34/22 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Flood Forum Nothing to report regarding the local situation. Councillor Hunter was elected as this Council’s representative to the Forum.
2. Traffic Speeds. Councillors P Wilcock and Patterson explained the workings of the MVAS signs and the information which could be extracted from them. The Chairman thanked Paul Wilcock for all his hard work prior to being elected tothis council.
3. Little Lane drainage. Adam Tuke was invited to speak regarding the tenders. Adam explained that, although he is confident that the plans which he has drawn up and the scheme which has been devised are suitable, he is acting as a private individual and council must satisfy itself as to the suitability of what he has suggested. He is not insured and can accept no liability.

This was acknowledged. Adam said that he had invited 7 companies to bid, two of which had made no bid and one declined. Of the remaining four, the bid of Acorn Transport was the successful one, being the cheapest and he had then questioned them on their work practices and suitability.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Wallis and unanimously agreed that, once the grant funding is received, Acorn Transport be advised that they are the successful tenderer.

1. LHI bids. Councillor Patterson explained the process and why he thought this council had been successful.

**35/22 PLANNING**

No applications have been received.

**36/22 AMENITIES COMMITTEE** This Council is the Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall charity and the Amenities Committee is the Managing Trustee. Accordingly, this council may send a representative to the Amenities Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor P Wilcock and unanimously agreed that Councillor Sue Wilcock be this council’s representative.

**37/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

None other than that previously circulated.

**38/22 ACCOUNTS**

1. The following were approved for payment -

K & M Lighting streetlight maintenance 61.10

CL Thatcher Pay April to June 424.88

HMRC PAYE 106.20

1. The accounts for 2021/22 were presented to members.
2. The Annual Governance Statement was read and answered by members and the form signed.
3. The Annual Accounting Statement was read and signed.
4. It was agreed to submit the Certificate of Exemption and this was duly signed.

**39/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Gardener said that Councillors Ferguson and Kindersley had been re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Council, respectively and that the council was under Lib Dem control.

Solar panels are to be installed on the roof of the Shire Hall, making it virtually self-sufficient.

The Combined Authority has returned £22M to government as not having been spent upon their solar project.

A Transport Strategy Survey has been circulated and members are urged to respond

There will be night-time closures of the A1 between Brampton and Wyboston commencing mid June until early July..

**40/22 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

No points were raised

**41/22 NEXT MEETING**

It is proposed that the next meeting be held on **Wednesday 29 June 2022** and that this will commence at 8pm in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2115 hours.