**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 24 January 2023 in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook, commencing at 8.00p.m.

**PRESENT**  Councillors M Patterson; P Wilcock; Mrs S Wilcock; L Hunter and M. Wallis.

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

**1/23 APOLOGIES** were received from County Councillor I Gardener.

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**2/23 PUBLIC FORUM**  was not used.

**3/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None were made

**4/23 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** Jonathan Gray said Huntingdonshire District Council’s Cabinet were discussing a new Local Plan and this is likely to be introduced soon with the commencement of consultations.

The operator of the Ting bus service has changed and complaints are being received from members of the public, which indicates it is not working very well now.

HDC will make a decision on their budget at their February meeting following which their precept will be announced.

*Councillor Gray left the meeting.*

**5/23 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 13 December 2022 were read, approved and signed as true record of that meeting.

**6/23 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Flood Forum. No report
2. Traffic Speeds. Nothing to report
3. Cycleway to Kimbolton. It was reported that Councillor Gardener has passed the drawings of the scheme to the Highways officers for their comments. If nothing further heard within a fortnight it was agreed to chase a reply.

**7/23 PLANNING MATTERS** No applications received.

**8/23 AMENITIES COMMITTEE** A replacement representative following Councillor Mrs Wilcock’s resignation was sought, but no-one was able to commit to regular attendance. It was therefore agreed that a representative be chosen when the dates of each meeting are known, subject to the Amenities Committee being happy with this arrangement. That said,Councillor Patterson said that he would be available for their next meeting on 7 March and will attend.

The matters of roles and responsibilities as well as VAT were discussed and it was agreed that a joint meeting might be beneficial, providing the Committee’s views were communicated to this Council in advance, to enable preparation. With that in mind it was agreed to suggest Tuesday 21 February as a suitable date, between 7pm and 8.30pm, providing the Committee supplied the legal advice which they had received no later than 3 February.

The Clerk was asked to write and confirm these arrangements.

**9/23 INCREASE IN ANNUAL CHARGE FOR PLAYING FIELD LEASE**

The Clerk said that HDC had requested an increase in the annual fee from £100 to £175, It was agreed that the Clerk should negotiate with HDC in an attempt to secure a lower amount and that this Council will accept whatever lower figure can be negotiated.

**10/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The draft bus strategy consultation information was circulated.
2. HDC’s Chief Executive is holding a Parish/Town Councils’ meeting remoely tomorrow, commencing at 3pm. The Chairman said that he would take part.
3. A resident had complained about the intensity of new street lights in Church Lane. The Clerk has spoken with our contractor who says that one of the lamps had been bent and has been adjusted now. He also said that the LED lights used are only 10w so should not be too bright.

It was mentioned that the lamp at the Church Lane junction with the B645 was out, as was one on High St. The Clerk will tell the contractor and get him to repair them or advise if they are County Council lights.

**11/23 ACCOUNTS**

a)The following were approved for payment -

K & M Lighting. Streetlight maintenance 30.55

NPower Streetlight energy 85.19

CL Thatcher Pay 3 months Jan-March 466.51

HMRC PAYE 116.60

**12/23 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Gardener was unable to be present.

**13/23 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Councillor Wallis said that he had reported various road surface faults to Highways.

Councillor Hunter said that there had been more flytipping by the sewage works.

**14/23 NEXT MEETING**

It is proposed that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday 14 March 2023** and that this will commence at 8pm in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook..

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2105 hours.