**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2024 in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook, commencing at 8 p.m.

**PRESENT**  Councillors M Patterson; P Wilcock; L Hunter, M Wallis and Mrs D Patterson

**IN ATTENDANCE** C L Thatcher, Clerk to the Council and two members of the public .

**1/24 APOLOGIES** were received from County Councillor I Gardener and District Councillor Jonathan Gray

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**2/24 PUBLIC FORUM** was not used

**3/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None were made.

**4/24 COUNTY COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present

**5/24 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 12 December 2023 were read approved and signed as a true record of those meetings.

**6/24 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Traffic Speeds
2. MVAS results

Councillor Wilcock reported that 43% of vehicles travelled at over 30mph and 25% at over 35mph at the start of 2022, whereas now, with the buffer zones, the figures at the end of 2023 were 30% and 12% respectively.

1. Purchase of solar array

It was proposed by Councillor Wilcock, seconded by Councillor Wallis and agreed to purchase a solar panel at a cost of c£400 for one of the signs to see if that would ease the burden of changing batteries. The alternative would be to purchase another battery since one now does not charge.

1. Kym Valley Way. No report
2. Story Boards
3. An application has been made for £900 of CIL funding.
4. The boards were awaiting permissions for the proposed siting and it was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Wilcock and agreed to make an interim payment of £500 plus VAT
5. Trees on Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that we still await instruction from our Insurers.

1. High St drains.

Councillor Wilcock has been pushing the County Council to look at the drain problem and has sent photos and videos. County Council engineers arrived yesterday with CCTV equipment to check the drains and he received an email today telling him the there will be further investigations and they will return next week.

1. 20mph Funding.

It was agreed to circulate residents an obtain their opinions on whether or not to seek 20mph limits and, if so, for what area.

**7/24 PLANNING MATTERS**

No applications have been received.

**8/24 AMENITIES COMMITTEE/PARISH COUNCIL JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE**

The Hall lettings have not been very good this year and resulted in an excess of expenditure over income of £438 at the year end. Improvements to the lighting have been made and a hearing loop proposed, but it was thought more improvements were necessary to make the hall more attractive to hirers. A big problem is the shortage of parking space.

**9/24 INFORMAL MEETING WITH STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL**

This was confirmed as being on 6 February, commencing at 7.30pm.

**10/24 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

The Clerk provided the contact details for the contractor who works with Kimbolton Parish Council and the Chairman will contact him to see if he could work with this council.

**11/24 CORRESPONDENCE** None other than already circulated.

**12/24 ACCOUNTS a)**The following were approved for payment -

K & M Lighting streetlight maintenance 30.55

CGM Group Grass cutting (August) 114.00

C L Thatcher Pay Jan – March 317.57

HMRC PAYE/NIC 317.57

Anthony Geaves Story board 600.00

**13/24 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present

**14/24 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Councillor Wallis thought that a request for bollards near the river at Station Road should be made, to protect the grass.

**15/24 NEXT MEETING**

It is proposed that the next normal meeting will be on **Tuesday 12 March 2024**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2120 hours.