**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the annual Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 May 2024 in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook, commencing at 8.15 p.m.

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

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

**44/24 APOLOGIES** were received from County Councillor Ian Gardener and District Councillor J Gray

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**45/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** Councillor Patterson indicated his intention not to seek re-election

and he proposed Councillor Wilcock as Chairman. This was seconded by Councillor Hunter. Councillor Wilcock was reluctant, due to his recent move out of the village, but agreed to act as Chairman for this meeting and give consideration to continuing for the year. He was duly elected as Chairman for this meeting.

Councillor Paul Wilcock in the Chair.

**46/24 PUBLIC FORUM** was not used.

**47/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None were made.

**48/24 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present.

**49/24 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 24 April 2024 were read approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**50/24 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Traffic Speeds
2. MVAS results Councillor Wilcock reported that average speed from the west was 29mph with a maximum for one vehicle of 75mph. 32% of traffic were travelling at over 30mph and 13% over 35mph.
3. Kym Valley Way. No report
4. Story Boards There had been progress in obtaining prospective sponsors and an application for a Community Trust grant of £500 had been made today.
5. Trees on Recreation Ground Nothing further received from our insurers.
6. Station Rd bridge. It was reported that engineers have inspected and measured the gap in the wall and the Clerk said that he had spoken with Anglian Water and requested that heavy vehicles visiting their treatment works did so from the northern (Bustard Hill) end.

**51/24 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Wallis was proposed by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patterson and unanimously elected as Vice Chairman

**52/24 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs Di Patterson was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Hunter and unanimously elected.

**53/24 PLANNING MATTERS** No applications received.

**54/24 AMENITIES COMMITTEE/PARISH COUNCIL JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE**

It was agreed to accept the offer whereby the Parish Council take over responsibility for the recreation ground and the play equipment, but from 1 April 2025 since it has not been budgeted for this year.

**55/24 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance of the Jubilee Way ditch was raised and it was agreed that a cost for doing so by cutting back the vegetation would be sought from Huntingdonshire District Council.

**56/24 CORRESPONDENCE**  The Clerk reported receipt of an email from the engineer who designed the Jubilee Way drainage scheme of the need to maintain the ditch. This has been addressed by the above item.

**57/24 ACCOUNTS**

1. The following were approved for payment:

K & M Lighting Streetlight maintenance 61.10

Nurture Landscapes Grass cutting 342.00

CL Thatcher Pay April – June 317.57

HMRC PAYE/NIC 317.57

1. To receive and approve the accounts for 2023/2024
2. The Annual Governance statement was read, agreed and signed.
3. The Annual Accounting Statement was read and signed
4. The report of the Internal Auditor was noted
5. The Certificate of Exemption was read and it was agreed to sign and seek exemption.

**58/24 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present

**59/24 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Councillor Hunter offered a secondhand ride-on lawnmower for sale. He was thanked, but it was agreed that it would be too big for our needs.

**60/24 NEXT MEETING**

It is proposed that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday 25 June 2024**.

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