**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2024 in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Councillor Ian Gardener;; C L Thatcher, Clerk to the Council and 9 members of the public. .

**119/24 APOLOGIES** were received from Councillor P Wilcock & District Councillor J Gray

Councillor Wallis in the Chair

**120/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None were made

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**121/24 PUBLIC FORUM**

The residents present expressed concerns over a variety of subjects, from a lack of consultation on the proposed precept; a failure to consult and a request that more detail on discussions at meetings should appear in the minutes. The discussion on these matters lasted for some time.

**122/24 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** Councillor Gray was unable to be present.

**123/24 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 19 November 2024 were read approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**124/24 MATTERS ARISING**

1. MVAS. No data due to fault awaiting repair
2. Kim Valley Way Councillor Gardener will keep pushing for this.
3. Subsidence Claim Conflicting advice has been received from insurers and it was agreed to see clarity on the way forward and, if necessary, to arrange a confidential meeting in which to make a decision.
4. Trees on The Green Councillor Martin Patterson said he had received permission from HDC and that nothing more will be needed for 2 years to complete. As a result he suggested delaying any action for the time being.
5. Recreation Ground Hedge. A quote in the sum of £580 to cut the hedge has been received. It was agreed to seek the assistance of volunteers to do this.. It was pointed out that the north side hedge was now 200 yards long and there is also the need to dispose of the arisings. It was proposed by Councillor M Patterson, seconded by Councillor Hunter and agreed to undertake the work if insufficient volunteers come forward in January.

**125/24 PLANNING MATTERS** No applications received

**126/24 AMENITIES COMMITTEE** no report.

**127/24 LOCAL HIGHWAY INITIATIVE** It was proposed by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Wallis that a further MVAS sign be sought for the corner by Sandy Lane> Councillor Gardener said that initially he would meet with the Highways Officer and see if a post could be erected for the MVAS in that position, otherwise it may be necessary to purchase it without reference to the LHI scheme.

**128/24 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

The mower has been serviced at a cost of £50 plus parts at £17 and a fuel contribution c£20.

A visit from the gully sucker for the blocked drains on the High St will be requested.

**129/24 CORRESPONDENCE**

 The Clerk said that it was recommended that councils used the .gov suffix for emails and websites for security. This was not a requirement, though could become so in future, but was certainly best practice. At present there is an offer from government of a contribution of £100 towards the costs, which are likely to be around £250, though demand is high and the offer may not last long.

It was proposed by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Wallis and agreed to change from .org to .gov.

**130/24 ACCOUNTS**

1. The following were approved for payment:

S F Birch Hedging plants 61.60

VisionICT Website hosting 150.00

1. Budget for 2025/2026.

The budget circulated and duly considered was agreed for adoption. This estimated a requirement for £11900 over the year.

1. Precept 2025-2026 It was proposed by Councillor M Patterson, seconded by Councillor Hunter and unanimously agreed to demand a precept of £11,000 for the coming year.

**131/24 COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Councillor Gardener reminded members that LHI bids had to be in by10 January and that non-complex bids were for bids up to £10000.

The Ting bus service has been discontinued in favour of the “Tiger” service. It is supposed to cover all of West Hunts but in fact does not include all areas – Covington, for instance.

It is not a door to door service. It goes to ‘virtual’ bus stops and it is suggested that their website is checked for these.You may only book by phone and up to 48 hours in advance. The service times are Monday toSaturday, 0630 to 2200 and the charge is £2 for adults.

The County Council’s precept will increase by 4.99% which equates to £80.82 over a year for a Band D property.

The Mayor’s precept is increasing to cover improvements to bus services.

A white paper has been issued by Government regarding the replacement of the County and District Council structures in many areas by Unitary authorities.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Gardener for all his assistance over the year.

**132/24 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Councillor Di Patterson requested leave for representing this council at the Amenities Committee for the next six months.

**133/24 NEXT MEETING**

It is proposed that the next normal meeting will be on **Tuesday 21 January 2025**.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2110 hours.