**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Thursday 13 March 2025 at the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook, commencing at 7.30p.m.

**PRESENT** Councillors P Wilcock (in the Chair); L Hunter; M Wallis; M Patterson and Mrs D Patterson.

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

**017/25 APOLOGIES** were received from County Councillor I Gardener and District Councillor J Gray.

**018/25 PUBLIC FORUM** was not used

**019/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

**020/25 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present, but had provided some notes, which the Clerk read.

He offered his apologies, being overseas on business and reported that the collection of food waste will become mandatory for all Councils from April 2025. It must be able to be collected separately from all other waste streams. The proposal being looked at by Huntingdonshire District Council’s Cabinet is for a ‘food caddy’. This will mean an additional collection, more freighters and of course around 60,000 food caddys! This is all currently being foundered by central government (in both capital and revenue terms)

Green bin collection tax continues to make a surplus.

Work relating to the Loca Plan continues and Huntingdonshire is required to maintain a 5 year housing supply target in order to deliver on our growth. Providing we do this, our Local Plan would continue to inform where development should happen. Unfortunately, the increased target means that we have dropped below the target and this has tipped us into a status called ‘tilted balance’. This, essentially, means that it is easier for developments NOT CURRENTLY IN THE LOCAL PLAN to be approved, providing they comply with national policies. We therefore expect a material number of applications, large and small. Clearly, as these are approved, they improve our 5 year housing supply. We anticipate we will be in ‘tilted balance’ for at least 18 months.

Local Government reorganisation looms and all first and second tier local authorities that are not Unitaries have been “invited” to propose new arrangements to move to Unitary status. HDC’s days are therefore numbered.

Local elections for Cambridgeshire County Council will take place this year, but it is likely that HDC elections, due next year, will be delayed for at least a year.

The Chairman asked that our thanks be conveyed to Councillor Gray.

**021/25 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 21 January 2025 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**022/25 MATTERS ARISING**

a)MVAS SIGNS. Councillor Wilcock displayed his summary of traffic speeds and volumes for January and February. The average speed was 29 mph and the maximum 72mph. 85% of vehicles were travelling at 34 mph or less, whilst 11.9% were at 35 mph and above.

The monthly totals of vehicles passing were 26,000 and 23,000, giving an average of 840 per day.

Given the results of the vehicle speeds, the view of police would be that we do not have a speeding problem.

b)KYM VALLEY WAY We await the decision of the County Council.

c) RECREATION GROUND TREES. The decision having been made to comply with the recommendation of our insurer regarding the complain of subsidence having been caused by the trees, a contractor has been appointed and will undertake the work to fell and reduce the crown of the trees next week.

**023/25 PLANNING**

No applications received.

**024/25 AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

No-one was able to attend the last meeting and, despite requests, minutes have not been received. No reply has been received regarding the signage and it was agreed to spend a maximum of £200 in total for both signs.

**025/25 20mph FUNDING SCHEME.**

Opinions on the desirability of a 20mph limit and the areas to be covered, were varied. It was nevertheless agreed that lowering the speed through the village was desirable and an application will be put in for blanket coverage of the village and extending the 20mph limit in Station Rd from its present limit to Hall Lane. This was proposed by Councillor Wilcock, seconded by Councillor M Patterson and unanimously agreed.

**026/25 CHAIRMAN’S VISIT TO PARLIAMENT**

The ‘Active Travel’ concept will be under discussion and it was intended that a joint meeting with Kimbolton and Stonely PC will be held.

**027/25 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

Councillor M Patterson referred to the locations of the oak planters and suggested the junction of High St and Station Rd together with the green by the village sign.

Councillors Wilcock and Wallis have met with the flood team and it is hoped that necessary work will be undertaken in the next financial year.

**028/25 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A request by the Amenities Committee for the use of the recreation ground for the Spring Fayre was granted.
2. A request for a soakaway at the Village Hall was also granted, subject to approval by Huntingdonshire DC.
3. It was agreed to renew membership of CAPALC
4. It was noted that a Community Policing Meeting takes place on 17 March.
5. It was agreed to engage RoSPA to inspect the safety of the childrens play equipment and the general recreation ground itself.

**029/25 ACCOUNTS**

No scheduled payments at this time.

**030/25 COUNTY COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present.

**031/25 MEMBERS POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Councillor Di Patterson said she thought it was time to hold another village litter-pick and she will arrange that for a date in April or May.

Councillor M Patterson gave his apologies for the meeting proposed for 21 May.

**032/25 NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the annual council meeting will be held on 21 May 2025 and this will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, which will commence at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2100 hours.