**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2018 in the Village Hall, Church Lane,Tilbrook, commencing at 2000 hours.

**PRESENT** Councillors C Paull (in the Chair);C Haynes; Mrs C Rowland & J Pilcher

**IN ATTENDANCE** District Councillor Jonathan Gray; Martin Patterson, Tree Warden; C L Thatcher, Clerk to the Council and 1 member of the public.

**19/18 APOLOGIES** were received from Councillor K Gutteridge & County Councillor I Gardener.

**20/18 PUBLIC FORUM** It was reported that a resident had complained of not being informed about these Council meetings. The Chairman said that the agendas are published on 3 notice-boards in the village and on the Council website and the minutes are published on the website.

Councillor Mrs Pilcher thought that wider circulation was necessary.

**21/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** Councillor Mrs Pilcher declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application re Tilford.

**22/18 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of

1. 17 January 2018, and
2. 7 February 2018

were read, approved and signed as true records of those meetings.

**23/18 MATTERS ARISING**

1. White Horse Public House. No information on a start date for work has been received.
2. Aspen Tree. Councillor Haynes said that he had not been able to dig the trench yet due to the weather. Martin Patterson said that he was happy with the work done.
3. Elections. The Clerk distributed nomination forms for the May elections. Councillor Mrs Rowland said that she was working in the Polling Station so could not also seek election, but she would accept co-option later if there is a vacancy.
4. Vehicle Activated Sign. Councillor Haynes said that he has the sign, plus brackets and batteries.
5. LHI result. The Clerk reported that we had been successful in our bid for funding towards a 20mph limit in Station Road, though of course this Council will have to contribute £1000.
6. GDPR The Clerk referred to the documents provided at the last meeting and said that there was still discussion as to how the regulations would affect Parish Councils. He said all problems would be resolved by the next meeting, which is shortly before GDPR comes into effect.

**24/18 PLANNING MATTERS**

The following application was considered -

18/00331 Tilford, Station Rd, Tilbrook - loft conversion with external dormers; erect detached garage, carport and external home office building.

Two letters of objection were read.

There was considerable discussion, centred mainly around the effect of the proposed dormers on the street scene and on other properties. It was proposed by Councillor Rowland and seconded by Councillor Haynes that this be recommended for refusal because of the loss of privacy and amenity; overlooking and the effect on the heritage. It was further pointed out that the Heritage Statement provided is factually incorrect, as it says that the dormers could not be seen from Station Rd.

**25/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter from HDC offering advice on the application of income received from the Community Infrastructure Levy.
2. The Keep Britain Tidy organisation was proposing a clean-up day. It was noted that Stephen Birch will be organising such an event for Tilbrook.
3. It was reported that the streetlight by the playing field was once again out.

**26/18 ACCOUNTS**

The following were approved for payment

Keyston Tree Services Cut down Aspen tree £300.00 no VAT

K & M Lighting Feb Maintenance £22.78 inc VAT

1. ON Feb and March energy £98.22 “ “

Martin Prendered & Co Survey £240.00 “ “

K & M Lighting March maintenance £22.78 “ “

C L Thatcher Pay Jan - Mar 149.13

 Hi vis jackets 17.45 £166.58 “ “

HMRC PAYE £37.20 no “

Business Services at CAS Addit. Insurance premium £30.46 “ “

**27/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Gray said that the Local Plan to 2036 had been completed and sent off last Monday. There are no changes and nothing to affect Tilbrook, though some development is proposed in Kimbolton. Overall, the District may have to take another 5000 homes over the 21000 already allotted.

Luminus and HDC are developing shared ownership homes in Gt Staughton. It will be a CLT Rural Exception Site and will be exempt from the right to buy. There will possibly be 20 homes.

**28/18 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

There appeared to be an increasing dog problem in the village.

**29/18 IT WAS RESOLVED** to exclude the Press and public from the next item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

Clerk’s salary

**30/18 NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 9 May 2018, commencing immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting, which starts at 8pm, in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook.