**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2018 in the Village Hall, Church Lane,Tilbrook, commencing at 2000 hours.

**PRESENT** Councillors C Paull (in the Chair);C Haynes; Mrs C Rowland & K Gutteridge

**IN ATTENDANCE** Martin Patterson, Tree Warden and C L Thatcher, Clerk to the Council.

**13/18 APOLOGIES** were received from Councillor Mrs J Pilcher

**14/18 PUBLIC FORUM** was not used.

**15/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** None were made

**16/18 ASPEN TREE IN RECREATION GROUND**

The Chairman had circulated the report supplied by the Surveyor, which recommended that the tree be removed in two stages, to try to avoid movement in the ground. The report was accepted.

The Chairman said that there was no evidence of any immediate problem being caused by the tree to the house and suggested copying the report to the owner of the house.

He further suggested that a trench be dug to check upon the extent of the roots in the direction of the house. Councillor Haynes said that he has access to a digger and could arrange this . The likely cost of £50 was agreed.

It was also agreed to invite the owner of the house to look at the trench and see the extent of the roots before the tree is removed.

The Chairman said that he had been told that the Tree Surgeon could remove the crown of the tree (about 40% of the tree) on 24 February, so the trench will need to be dug before that date.

It was agreed to engage the Tree Surgeon at a cost of £350, being £300 following the work to be done on 24 February and the remaining £50 when the trunk of the tree is finally felled.

It was further agreed to pay the Surveyor’s account amounting to £200 plus VAT.

**17/18 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

None raised

**18/18 NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 21 March 2018, commencing at 2000 hours in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook.