**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 27 November 2019 in the Village Hall, Church Lane,Tilbrook, commencing at 2100 hours.

**PRESENT** Councillors C Paull (in the Chair); C Haynes; M Patterson; Mrs J Pilcher and K Gutteridge

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Councillor Ian Gardener, C L Thatcher, Clerk to the Council and 15 members of the public.

**78/19 APOLOGIES**  District Councillor Jonathan Gray.

**79/19 PUBLIC FORUM** No Matters were raised.

**80/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  Councillor Haynes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item below

**81/19 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 16 October 2019 were read approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**82/19 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Housing Needs Survey. The Chairman said that a full discussion had taken place on this and it was his view that this Council should support the proposal for a Survey. He pointed out that even if we did not support it, it would most likely still go ahead and the only difference would be that we would not be informed of the outcome. He acknowledged concerns that the result could be ‘interfered with’ and suggested that the facility to respond online be removed.

Councillor Mrs Pilcher said that we should follow District Councillor Gray’s advice and support the Survey, but she thought that a question about work location should be included.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Pilcher, seconded by Councillor Patterson and unanimously agreed to support the Survey.

1. Summerfield Farm. It was reported that the retrospective planning application to regularise the position regarding pitches, change of use and siting of containers had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Upon being asked, Councillor Haynes said that there had been restructuring and he had been unable to meet with the Planners. He pointed out that it was the Planners who had declined the meeting.

A member of the public said that he was very unhappy with the situation and he wanted to know what the Parish Council intended doing about it. The Chairman said that there was very little the Parish Council could do, as the matter of enforcement is entirely within the hands of the District Council.

It was, however, agreed to write to the Enforcement Officer and ask what action is intended.

**83/19 PLANNING**

1. The following application was considered.

BT consultation on proposal to remove ‘phone box from High St/Church Lane junction.

It was agreed to raise no objection.

1. Local Plan meeting. The Chairman referred to the meeting held earlier today where Planning Officers explained the impact of the agreed Local Plan.

The Plan included reference to Rural Exception Sites and the Chairman said that he had noted that the 60%/40% split in market/affordable or social housing refers to the net site area.

**84/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Notification of Christmas waste collection days has been circulated.
2. A cycling Tour of Cambridgeshire takes place on 7 June 2020 and will pass along the B660.
3. Request for funding from CAB was noted.

**85/19 ACCOUNTS**

The following were approved for payment.

K & M Lighting Streetlight maintenance 25.13

1. ON Energy 72.42

CGM Group Ltd Grass cutting 67.20

**86/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present.

**87/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Councillor Gardener reported that the A14 will open on 9 December from Ellington to Cambridge Services at Swavesey. Shortly after this, a start will be made on removal of the bridge at Huntingdon, though this is likely to take two years.

He confirmed that Joseph Hudson, the Highways Maintenance Engineer will attend our December

meeting.

**88/19 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION.**

Councillor Patterson said that he will be starting his tree survey ready for winter works and he has a student volunteer working with him.

He mentioned cracks in the road at the bridge and the usual flooding problems.

**89/19 NEXT MEETING**

The next normal meeting of Council will be held on 18 December 2019, commencing at 2000 hours in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2150 hours.