

# Tiffield Parish Council

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From: Mr Andy Tennet, Clerk to Tiffield Parish Council to all Parish Councillors 10/04/2019:

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TIFFIELD PARISH MEETING

held in The School Hall on Mon 08/04/2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr J Beasley (Chairman of the Council). Cllr P Chaplin. Cllr M Godwin. Cllr S Pady. Cllr P Power Cllr J Tyrell. Cllr E Welch. Mr A Tennet (Clerk to the Council). SNC Cllr R Clark. PCSO Firth. Philp Titheridge. Helen Welch. Sue Thomas. Peter Thomas.

19.01	Apologies for absence (Cllr Jowers) and welcome. - The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and to the school hall. He reminded the meeting that the Head is keen for the school hall to be used and if anyone wishes to do so they should contact the school.
19.02	To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 – minutes approved and signed by the Chair.
19.03	Parish Council Report – Cllr Beasley read his annual report to the meeting, a copy of which is available on the village Facebook page and Website.
19.04	Finance Report – Mr Tennet (Clerk), took the meeting through his finance report for the year to the 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019. It is likely that we will spend less in the coming year due to the purchase of the street lights last year. All figures discussed are to be subject to both internal and external audit. A copy of the financial report is available.
19.05	Report from Northamptonshire Police – PCSO Firth presented a comprehensive report in respect of police activity, crime and other related matters for the parish. There has been an increase in the area in respect of Theft from Motor Vehicles but at present this hasn't impacted Tiffield as badly as other areas. PCSO Firth reported that many of the vehicles targeted were left unlocked and/or had items of value on clear display.

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	<p>In addition, PCSO Firth asked that any crime is reported to the police and not just mentioned on social media. This ensures that the police will have a full picture of what is happening.</p> <p>Sue Thomas asked if we could have our own PCSO. The Clerk explained that the cost is in excess of £37,000 per annum and as such, even in partnership with other parishes it was too expensive. A copy of the papers PCSO Firth presented are available on the village FaceBook page or village website</p>
19.06	<p>Report from South Northamptonshire Council – Cllr Roger Clarke presented the highlights from his very comprehensive report in respect of South Northamptonshire Council over the last year and took a number of questions from the meeting. Much of the discussion related to the ongoing introduction of Unitary Councils for the County and the ongoing development of the Towcester relief road.</p> <p>The Chair asked Cllr Clarke if the campaign (to which the Parish Council had added its signatures), for three unitary councils, offering a better service to rural communities had any impact. Cllr Clarke responded that due to the Government requirements it was unlikely.</p> <p>Cllr Power asked why had charges been introduced at the recycling depots as this was increasing the instances of fly tipping, which in turn incurred a cost to the council to be cleared. Cllr Clarke stated that there had been a number of objections from within the Council but these had fallen on deaf ears.</p> <p>Cllr Beasley asked what was to happen to the Council buildings once the Unitary Council was introduced? Cllr Clarke replied that attempts would be made to utilise all the buildings but at present that hadn't been decided.</p>
19.07	<p>Report from Northamptonshire County Council – Cllr Sadygov was not present but his report was read out by Cllr Beasley. Again, much of the content related to the difficulties the County Council had faced in the past year and the introduction of the Unitary Councils.</p> <p>Cllr Pady commented that the County Council still seem to be overspending. Cllr Clarke explained that they had long term ineffective contracts and that no-one had been questioning the spending or applying any scrutiny.</p>
19.08	<p>Report from Church Wardens – Philp Titheridge addressed the meeting with a report regarding the use of the church in the village and the need for significant spending to be made on essential repairs to the structure of the building.</p>
19.09	<p>Reports from village organisations – Reports were received from the History of Tiffield Society, the village Womens Institute, The Pocket Park, Flood Action and Resilience, The Gardening Club, The Evergreens and Simon Loake regarding the Defibrillator.</p>

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	<p>All the reports were positive in content and the Chair thanked all those who had submitted and/or presented reports and commented how fortunate we are to have so many active groups in the village.</p>
19.10	<p>Open Forum – Mr Titheridge asked about the recent closures of the vehicle crossings on the A43. Comments had been posted on FaceBook regarding changes to the ways in and out of the village. He asked if there was any news.</p> <p>Cllr Beasley replied that there is a proposal for a new road to be put in a new road from Varihome to the Hulcote Road crossing where a new roundabout would be put in and that would then be our route to Towcester. However, that was all dependent on the planning applications for the surrounding land to proceed.</p> <p>Sue Thomas mentioned discussions in previous years about speed calming for the junctions on the A43. Cllr Beasley reported that as Highways view the A43 as a major trunk road, such measure wouldn't be supported.</p> <p>Cllr Power mentioned that despite putting an appeal on FaceBook for volunteers at the Festival, she had only had three responses. Sue Thomas suggested that it might be good to explain what jobs needed to be done.</p> <p>Cllr Beasley suggested that we could leaflet the village as not everyone is on FaceBook.</p>
	<p>With no other business the meeting closed at 20.42pm</p>

I certify that this is a true and accurate record of the transactions of Annual Tiffield Parish Meeting:

Signed: Cllr John Beasley Date: 21/05/19