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From: Mr Andy Tennet, Clerk to Tiffield Parish Council to all Parish Councillors 16/11/2021:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TIFFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held in The School Hall on Mon 08/11/2021 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr J Beasley (Chairman of the Council). Cllr P Chaplin. Cllr L James. Cllr S Jowers. Cllr G Ferrie. Cllr R Powell. Cllr Pearson

Mr A Tennet (Clerk to the Council)

Cllr Louisa Fowler, Roger Issott (Eastcote), Julie Barrie (Caldecote), Simon Loake

	Standing Items	Action
2111.01	The Chair read out the Opening Statement - In accordance with the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, this meeting may be recorded, filmed, broadcast or otherwise transmitted by any member of the public or press who may be present, without prior reference to the Parish Council. The Chairman shall ensure that such action does not interfere with the conduct or business of the meeting.	
2111.02	Apologies for absence – Cllr Tyrell (holiday), Cllr Cook (not available)	
2111.03	Declarations of interest related to business on the agenda for this meeting – None made	
2111.04	To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11/10/2021. These were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr James and this was seconded by Cllr Jowers. There were no objections.	
2111.05	Matters arising from the previous minutes not included on the agenda for this meeting – it was confirmed that all actions from the previous meeting had been discharged.	

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2111.06	Public participation session – whilst members of the public were present, the matters they wished to discuss are already agenda items.	
2111.07	Finance report – Mr Tennet took the meeting through the Parish Council finances since the last meeting. The accounts were proposed as true and accurate by Cllr Chaplin and seconded by Cllr Powell. There were no objections.	
2111.08	Correspondence List – Mr Tennet took the meeting through the correspondence received since the last meeting.	Cllr Ferrie to respond to the consultation from the Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on behalf of the Parish Council.
2111.13	<p>Village Festival (this item was brought forward on the agenda). Mr Loake was invited to address the meeting by the Chair. Mr Loake gave a brief overview of the village festival since 2014 since when it has alternated annually with the village BBQ. Mr Loake proposed that a properly advertised festival be held on Claydon Field in July of 2022. It was suggested that a working group be formed to include Mr Loake, Cllr's Cook and James and the Clerk. This was proposed by Cllr Jowers and seconded by Cllr Pearson.</p> <p>Cllr Jowers raised the issue that Cllrs James and Cook were already looking at organising celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee over the Bank Holiday weekend commencing Thursday 2nd June.</p> <p>Mr Tennet also made reference to another resident who had suggested a smaller scale summer festival be held on the village green</p> <p>Cllr Beasley suggested that any festival might be reduced in size and combined with the Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>Mr Loake then left the meeting.</p>	Mr Tennet to add to the January agenda.
2111.09/10	Planning applications. IM Properties and DHL (these two items were combined) – Mr Tennet confirmed that IM Properties were unlikely to meet again with the Parish Council till the new year. National Highways had now approved the new roundabout at Hulcote so long as a number of conditions were met.	Cllr Beasley to formulate and submit a letter opposing the DHL Planning application

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<p>The DHL planning application was discussed. It is a very blank canvas with little detail. Major concerns are the size of the warehouses and the impact on traffic. Cllr Jowers reported that at the exhibition he attended, DHL were stating that the development would only be moving goods from lorry to lorry.</p> <p>Julie Barrie (Caldecote) reported that a recent meeting held at Greens Norton with a public relations company had led to proposals to set up a website, linked to all the surrounding villages to oppose the development and to the idea of crowd funding to raise fund to move against the plans. Ms Barry further reported that she had met with Andrea Leadsom MP, who was very supportive of the campaign having already met with council officials from WNC and representatives from DHL.</p> <p>At this point Cllr Fowler joined the meeting.</p> <p>Roger Issott (Eastcote) then addressed the meeting regarding his concerns on the traffic on the A5. He reported little consultation from the developers and a low awareness of the Local Plan and DHL. For the past month or so he has been working to raise awareness and further mention was made of the meeting at Greens Norton. An exercise in handing out leaflets in Towcester town centre showed that around 75% of people had no idea of the development plans.</p> <p>Cllr Beasley thanked our visitors for their information.</p> <p>Cllr Fowler reported that the development plans are not supported by West Northamptonshire Council but are in the Local Plan. If they are turned down by the Strategic Planning Committee, DHL will appeal.</p> <p>Following further discussion, Cllr Beasley asked the Council if they wished to be part of the opposition campaign. This was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Cllr Beasley proposed that a response be formulated to respond to the DHL application along similar lines to the one submitted for the IM Properties development and should include the concerns expressed in respect of the size, impact on flooding on the area, that it won't generate the employment forecast, the impact on traffic and sustainability.</p> <p>Cllr Fowler suggested that all Councillors write to all the members of the Planning Committee to express their concerns.</p>	<p>on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>All Councillors to consider writing to all members of the Planning Committee expressing their concerns.</p> <p>Article to be included in the next Thunderbolt.</p>
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	Business items	Action
2111.12	<p>Stop the Arc Campaign and WNC Strategic Plan – parish council response – Cllrs Ferrie & Beasley (this item was brought forward as it linked to the previous item). Cllr Beasley commented that the Oxfordshire/Cambridge Arc would see the building of the equivalent of 50 to 60 new towns and that it was difficult to see the need.</p> <p>Cllr Ferrie placed a map of the area on the wall and took the meeting through his research and findings in respect of the Strategic Plan on the local area, which goes through to 2050. It was his finding that that the data in the Strategic Plan is in disconnect to all the evidence but that disconnect was caused by having to adhere to a prescribed procedure.</p> <p>Cllr Beasley proposed that Cllr Ferrie responds to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Jowers. There were no objections. Cllr Beasley thanked Cllr Ferrie for all of his work in preparing the data and the response.</p>	<p>Cllr Ferrie to respond to the WNC Strategic Plan consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>
2111.11	<p>Cllr Louisa Fowler – Flooding issues update – Cllr Fowler confirmed that she had again met with Stuart Mann of Kier and it was confirmed that since then, the gutters/roads had been swept twice and that a new swale had been put in at the bottom of High Street North.</p> <p>Mr Tennet reported that he was still waiting for the letter to be sent to landowners regarding responsibilities for the clearing of roadside ditches and swales. Cllr Fowler agreed to chase this up.</p> <p>Cllr Fowler confirmed that she had received the report from the Clerk regarding the flooding issues in the village since 2013 and requested that the parish council keeps chasing WNC regarding street sweeping, especially after leaf fall.</p> <p>Cllr Beasley thanked Cllr Fowler for her support.</p> <p>Julie Barrie and Roger Issott then left the meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Fowler to chase up the letter to landowners.</p>
2111.14	<p>Community Funding Grant update (till March 2023) – The Clerk informed the meeting that a recent email from WNC had set out their terms for the issuing of grants through to March 2023 and that only voluntary and charitable groups could apply. No applications from Parish Councils would be accepted.</p>	

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2111.15	<p>Village awards 2022 – Cllr Pearson reported that she and Cllr Cook had attended a meeting/presentation hosted by ACRE. Villages that enter are awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold award. A submission is made on behalf of the village, after which a representative will come to the village to see what we do.</p> <p>It was proposed that we proceed with this and that a delegation be formed next year to meet with the representative. There is an entry fee of around £30.00.</p> <p>Cllr Jowers proposed that the council proceed with this which was seconded by Cllr Powell. There were no objections.</p>	Cllrs Pearson & Cook to proceed with this process.
2111.16	<p>Tiffield Poor account update – Cllr Beasley informed the meeting that as there had been no response from Lloyds, the next option was to open a new account with Unity Trust. Once done, he would be able to request that any new payments from the Church, Charities and Local Authorities Investment Management Ltd be paid into the new account. The two known signatories for the Lloyds account had agreed to close the old account and transfer the funds to the new one.</p> <p>The suggested action was proposed by Cllr Jowers and seconded by Cllr Powell.</p>	Mr Tennet to open a new account with the Unity Trust Bank.
2111.17	<p>Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire – Cllr Beasley had previously circulated his proposed questionnaire and there was some discussion as to how best to circulate it and to analyse the returned forms. At the conclusion of the discussion, Cllr Chaplin proposed that the questionnaire be printed by an outside company and this was seconded by Cllr Jowers. There were no objections.</p>	Cllr Beasley and Mr Tennet to ascertain costs of printing the questionnaire.
2111.18	<p>Urgent Matters (for report only)</p> <p>Cllr Jowers raised the issue of the village minibus and the recent White Paper which encouraged the use of buses. It may be that WNC are considering the purchase of ‘Dial Up’ buses. Rae Spencer has responded to the consultation but has asked if the Parish Council would also write in support of the minibus in its current form and its wider use in other areas.</p> <p>Cllr Chaplin proposed that this would be done, and this was seconded by Cllr James. There were no objections.</p>	Cllr Beasley to write in support of the minibus in its current form

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	<p>CLlr Beasley reported that in response to a letter to WNC about the failure of due process regarding the recent planning applications, a parish resident had asked if an on-line petition could be set up. This suggestion was noted.</p> <p>CLlr Chaplin asked if the lottery licence for the 100 club had come through yet. The Clerk confirmed that despite the cheque being cashed some weeks ago, nothing had been received. CLlr Chaplin also informed the meeting that the new sign for the Pocket Park was now on order.</p>	
	<p>With no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm</p>	

I certify that this is a true and accurate record of the transactions of Tiffield Parish Council in the above meeting:

Signed: _____ Date: _____