

**MINUTES OF TILBURY JUXTA CLARE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE ON TUES, 17TH APRIL 2024 AT 7.P.M**

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry

Present: Mrs. S. Harris and Mr. A. Osmond-Evans  
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)

**1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs. C. Gray and Mr. P. Schwier

**2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were read by the Clerk, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**4) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

A written report from Mrs. I. Parker was circulated and a copy accompanies these minutes as appendix one.

**5) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

A written report from Mr. P. Schwier was circulated and a copy accompanies these minutes as appendix two.

**6) HIGHWAYS MEETING AND HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Mrs. S. Harris gave a report of a Zoom Meeting with Mr. P. Schwier and other Parish Councillors held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 specifically for highway issues. The following highway issues concerned Tilbury Juxta Clare:

- a. Proposed weight, width and speed restriction limits will be validated by Mr. Schwier upon Mr. D. Patient completing application to Braintree LHP. In connection with proposed limits and the Solar Farm planning application, Mr. Schwier had recommended that the PC obtains an independent traffic survey for £325, which will be considered at the next PC meeting.
- b. Vegetation, hedges and trees from Spencer's estate overhanging the highway had already been reported to ECC Highways online. This will be the subject of a request from ECC to the landowners to maintain their trees and hedges to keep the highway clear. In default ECC has power to take enforcement action, clear the overhanging trees and hedges and charge the landowners. It was noted that the vegetation was also affecting the electricity and telephone cables.

With regard to the overhanging vegetation, Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported that he had visited the owner of Spencers and asked him to cut back the trees and hedges overhanging the road.

7) **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

Mrs S. Harris gave the annual Parish Council report as follows:

- a. The Amenity Vehicle with driver was appreciated by residents last year and will continue this year.
- b. A circular will be delivered to TJC residents regarding the Amenity Vehicle and the opportunity will be taken to remind residents to cut back any trees, hedges and vegetation overhanging highways and footpaths.
- c. The result of the dog bin review by BDC was still awaited, but dog signs had been erected and appeared to be working.

8) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Pathway at Tilbury Hill

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported upon a request he had received from Mrs. S. Tyrell asking for the pathway outside Wisemans Cottages at Tilbury Hill to be reinstated and made good. The poor condition of this pathway will be reported to ECC Highways using its online reporting tool.

- b. Venue for future Tilbury Juxta Clare Annual Parish Meetings

The venue for future Tilbury Juxta Clare Annual Parish Meetings was reviewed and following careful consideration it was agreed to continue holding the annual meetings in Tilbury Juxta Clare Church.

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm

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(Chairman)