

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Tibshelf Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7pm in Tibshelf Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr J Gilbody (Chair), Cllr A Beckett, Cllr M Watkinson, Cllr H Varney, Cllr B Jones, Cllr S Wood and Cllr R Vaughan.

Absent: Cllr G Foley, Cllr L Kingscott and Cllr D Rutland.

In attendance: R Tattershaw (Parish Clerk), Cllr D Watson (District Councillor).

Members of the public: 22.

0326/3892 To receive apologies for absence.

None received.

0326/3893 To consider reasons for absence provided by Councillors who cannot attend and resolve the Council's acceptance.

None received.

0326/3894 Variations of order of business

It was moved by Cllr Beckett, seconded by Cllr Vaughan and **RESOLVED** unanimously that Standing Orders be moved for item 10 - To consider a response to the Stage 2 Consultation for the Chesterfield to Willington National Grid project to enable the public to participate in the discussion.

0326/3895 Declaration of Members' Interests

None.

0326/3896 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

0326/3897 Public Open Forum

A concern was raised that parents of the secondary school continue to park in the parish cemetery car park between 2pm and 4pm each school day.

Cllr Watson, District Councillor, updated stated that a new sculpture has been installed at the top of Doe Hill Lane which has been purchased with section 106 funds. The Green Bunch have said they will plant around it at the appropriate time.

0326/3898 Confidential items

It was agreed the following item was confidential and would be considered in closed session:

12. To approve appointment of the Parish Clerk and RFO, including employment contract, salary, and if appropriate, interim cover requirement.

0326/3899 Chair's Announcements

The Chair reminded the meeting to raise their hands to speak during item 10 to ensure everybody had the opportunity to be heard.

0326/3900 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Full Council meeting held 17th March 2026.

It was moved by Cllr Beckett, seconded by Cllr Wood, and **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the minutes as an accurate record.

0326/3901 To consider a response to the Stage 2 Consultation for the Chesterfield to Willington National Grid project.

A discussion was held, and the following points raised:

1. It was confirmed that Tibshelf Parish Council and Bolsover District Council did not comment on the Stage 1 consultation in 2024 as the proposed route did not affect Tibshelf.
2. Dst Cllr Watson confirmed that the BDC Planning Committee will be meeting on the 15th of April, 10am at The Arc, Clowne. Anybody wishing to attend the meeting needs to contact BDC to inform them. Residents can also write to the BDC Planning Team with their views.
3. The proposed route is contrary to Policy ENV2 'Protection of Important Views' of the Tibshelf Neighbourhood Plan affecting the following listed views:
V1 High Street
V2 Biggin Lane
V5 Alfreton Road
V6 Doe Hill Lane
4. The 8-week Stage 2 consultation period is too short, especially compared to the 18-week consultation period for Stage 1.
5. The electro magnetic field measurement for the pylon closest to the school was taken from the school building, not the outdoor sports courts.
6. The option of underground cables has been raised by people attending the public consultation sessions, and the costs and feasibility for this option seemed unclear from information received from National Grid.
7. Other areas in the country that required similar projects have had sections of underground cabling.
8. The effects on house valuations and no mention of compensation for homeowners affected.
9. Concerns raised that the areas they are proposing within Tibshelf for pylons was mined and there is a risk of sink holes.
10. The height of each pylon has not yet been confirmed.
11. The proposed route intersects the five pits trail.
12. To keep the open green spaces within Tibshelf.
13. The damaging effects on the local environment and wildlife.
14. The Tibshelf route has been chosen as it's the cheapest of the 4 options available.
15. To ensure MP Natalie Fleet is kept informed of the Tibshelf consultation response.
16. Residents need to be encouraged to complete the consultation forms as comments made at the public consultation sessions are not recorded.

It was moved by Cllr Beckett, seconded by Cllr Gilbody, and **RESOLVED** unanimously to form a Working Party to develop a consultation response with the following membership:
Councillors: B.Jones, A.Beckett, M.Watkinson, J.Gilbody, S.Wood and V.Varney.
Community representatives: M Allen, S Walters-Smith, M Coupe, W Radford, and D Shaw.

It was agreed the first Working Party Meeting would be held on Tuesday 31st March at 7pm in The Village Hall.

It was agreed the Clerk would contact other local Parish's that have been involved in the National Grid consultation and request a further delivery of paper consultation forms.

ACTION: CLERK

It was agreed Cllr Beckett would contact the National Trust.

ACTION: CLLR BECKETT

It was agreed Cllr Gilbody would contact DCC Highways, Cllr Charlotte Hill, and County Cllr David Harvey.

ACTION: CLLR GILBODY

It was moved by Cllr Varney, seconded by Cllr Wood, and **RESOLVED** unanimously that an extension would be requested to National Grid Stage 2 consultation period on the following grounds:

1. The Stage 1 consultation ran for 18 weeks, whereas the Stage 2 consultation is open for just 8 weeks.
2. Tibshelf village was not identified as a possible route in the Stage 1, which is a significant change of route affecting the proposal.
3. There has been no formal public consultation within the village.
4. More time is needed to review the consultation materials thoroughly and seek professional advice.
5. A Working Party has been scheduled to meet on the 31 March 2026 to consider the proposals and they will need more time to seek advice.
6. The proposed route crosses protected views identified in our Neighbourhood Plan, and we may need to seek legal advice to assess the planning and policy implications.
7. Consultation leaflets were not delivered to some residents until 17 March 2026.

ACTION: CLERK

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8.40pm.
The meeting recommenced at 8.45pm.

0326/3902 Confidential items

It was moved by Cllr Watkinson, seconded by Cllr Beckett, and **RESOLVED** unanimously that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 12 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely information relating to an individual (Schedule 12A, Paragraph 1 of the Local Government Act 1972).

0326/3903 To approve appointment of the Parish Clerk and RFO, including employment contract, salary, and if appropriate, interim cover requirements.

It was moved by Cllr Watkinson, seconded by Cllr Wood, and **RESOLVED** unanimously to formally offer the Clerk and RFO position to the successful candidate from the interviews held 23/03/2026.

It was moved by Cllr Watkinson, seconded by Cllr Jones, and **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the draft employment contract and to include a one increment salary scale point rise for the successful candidate holding the CiLCA qualification.

It was moved by Cllr Watkinson, seconded by Cllr Wood, and **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the Clerk seeking interim cover if required.

0326/3904 To confirm date and time of the next meeting.

Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm.