

# TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council, held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013

### **Present:**

Cllr R Lawson,  
Cllr M Dunnett  
Cllr A Tilbrook  
Cllr P Hope  
Mrs K Soons

**In Attendance:** Mrs L Francis, Parish Clerk, PCSO Dawn Rowan, four members of the public.

### **1. Public Forum**

The manager of a local stud expressed his concerns at the speed of traffic entering the village from the Barton Mills direction. He said that he estimated that some vehicles were travelling at well over 60 mph when they drove past the stud. The Parish Council assured him that traffic issues were uppermost in their minds at the moment and that a new Speedwatch group has been set up and the Highways Manager is currently monitoring traffic travelling through the village. It is hoped that he will soon be able to report his findings to the Parish Council.

Mr Kendall asked whether there had been any progress on getting Tuddenham signposted at the exit of the A14 at Higham. The Clerk has already requested that Tuddenham be added to the signs at the top of the slip-road..

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Lawson and Cllr Andrew Long.

The Parish Council agreed to accept their apologies.

Cllr R Lawson informed the other councillors that Matthew is finding it very difficult to attend Parish Council meetings as regularly as he would wish, and as often as is required of a parish councillor.

He is considering whether he ought to offer his resignation. The Clerk confirmed that a councillor is automatically disqualified from holding office if he misses six consecutive meetings, which he hasn't yet done, so it was his decision. If he did decide to resign the vacancy would be advertised in the normal way.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

None declared

### **4. Reports from outside bodies**

i. **Mildenhall SNT:** PCSO Dawn Rowan reported that there had been 4 speed tests carried out on Higham Road. Ten vehicles were exceeding the speed limit, the highest speed recorded as 62 mph. Some of the offenders lived in the village and letters would be sent to them. The paperwork for the Speedwatch scheme is progressing through the necessary channels. Dawn informed the Parish Council that she will be leaving the area on 7<sup>th</sup> October to take up a position in Bury St Edmunds. The chairman and council thanked Dawn for all her help over the years and wished her well in her new job.

ii. **Suffolk County Council** – Cllr Colin Noble had sent his apologies.

iii. **Forest Heath District Council** - There had been no report from the District Council this month.

### **5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

The minutes of the meeting were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **6. Clerk's report and Matters Arising from the minutes**

The Clerk had contacted Anglian Water with regard to the odours coming from the pumping station. They had been unaware of any problems at the site but encouraged residents to contact them immediately if it should happen in the future.

The Clerk had also contacted Cavenham Quarry with regard to lorries travelling through the village and they had replied to the effect that all traffic from the site must travel either through Tuddenham or Cavenham.

## **7. Highway Matters**

High volumes of HGV's travelling through the village continue to be of great concern, as does the speed of the traffic. Motorists are now parking on the pavement to avoid the lorries and that is causing a further problem. The Clerk had contacted the Highways Manager to ask that he attend the next meeting to give a report on his findings but he said that he did not have the necessary information yet and would prefer to attend in October. Concern was expressed that the SDR radar classifiers were sited too close to the 30mph signs when traffic was beginning to slow down anyway. It was suggested that they should be placed further away so that the speed of traffic as it approaches the village can be better monitored.

The Clerk had been notified of a scheme whereby householders put stickers on their wheelie bins urging traffic to slow down when travelling through the village. This has been found to be very effective on the days when all the bins are left out for emptying and has led to a general slow-down on the other days of the week.

Cllr Tilbrook agreed to contact Cllr Noble on behalf of the Speedwatch group to see if funds could be made available to finance the purchase of stickers for every household.

## **8. Planning Matters**

### **F/2013/0421/CR3 – Temple Bridge**

The Clerk had forwarded the response of the Parish Council to the proposal that the temporary bridge now be made permanent in the new position. The Planning Officer had confirmed that whilst it would be desirable to re-build the bridge in the original position, the necessary funds could not be found at present.

## **9. Community Speedwatch Update**

**As previously reported by Dawn Rowan**, the necessary paperwork had not yet been completed but funds had been received from the District and County Councils for the purchase of the necessary equipment.

## **10. Village Hall Committee Update**

Cllr Lawson reported that the Constitution of the committee had not yet been finally approved. The committee had agreed to fund the purchase of extra timber supports. Building Control has agreed that the provision of postal services can be resumed in the hall. When a date is agreed, the Clerk will advertise the fact on the notice-board and on the website. There is one vacancy on the committee.

The Cockerton Trust is going through the process of becoming a registered charity at the moment.

The Clerk was asked to invite Mrs Kathryn Parker to the next meeting to give an update of the situation regarding the school site.

## **11. Finance**

The council confirmed and authorised payments for the current month as detailed on the list which is attached to the minutes.

## **12. Correspondence**

There was no additional correspondence to bring to the notice of the Parish Council this month.

## **13. Councillors' Reports**

There were no reports from the councillors this month.

## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.