TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council,
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st January 2014

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

In Attendance: Mrs L Francis, Parish Clerk, Vicky Bright, prospective new Parish Clerk

1.Public Forum
There were no members of the public present at the meeting on this occasion.

2. Apologies for Absence
All members of the Parish Council were present.

3. Declarations of Interest
None declared.

4. Reports from outside bodies
i. Mildenhall SNT: No reports had been received this month.
The Clerk was asked to write to Inspector Rose at Mildenhall to convey the Parish Council's regret that PCSO Tristan Askew is not attending meetings of the Parish Council or sending monthly reports for information.
ii. **Suffolk County Council** – There had been no response from Cllr Noble
iii. **Forest Heath District Council -** Cllr Rona Burt gave her monthly report.
All the new structures are in place. The changes have resulted in some redundancies.
Planning – the Bury Road, Kentford, application was withdrawn. The remaining two applications have been deferred until the February meeting because the council was threatened with a Judicial Review which could prove to be very expensive. The officers will now have time to bring robust reports to the committee.
Another 27 applications are in the pipeline including one for 750 houses in Lakenheath.
The new Head of Planning is Steve Woods who joins the council on 5th February.
The Clerk asked if it would be possible for parish clerks to have a list of the new contacts at both councils as it was becoming very difficult to speak to the right person with so many changes having taken place.
Noting that the Clerk had tendered her resignation, Rona thanked Lynne for her service to the Parish Council and wished her well for the future.

5. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 19th November and 9th December 2013
The minutes of the meetings were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerk's report and Matters Arising from the minutes
The Clerk had given her notice to the Parish Council and explained that pressure of work had led to her decision to leave.
Since the last meeting she had contacted Guy Smith with respect to the three accidents that had occurred in the village since Christmas. She had asked Highways to look at the strength of the bridge near Tuddenham Mill and had also asked for an estimate of the cost of installing buffer zones at each end of the village.

7. Highway Matters
There was nothing further to report other than matters that had already been discussed.

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8. Finance

i. The Parish Council authorised the payment of outstanding invoices.

ii. It was confirmed that the Parish Council did not intend to raise the precept for the next financial year. The precept form was signed by the Chairman.

10. Correspondence

There were no further items requiring the attention of the Parish Council.

11. Councillors' Reports

Speedwatch – Cllr Tilbrook reported that he had collected all the necessary forms and will be delivering them to the police station in the morning. A training session for the volunteers will be arranged which is free of charge.

Village Hall Committee update - The Chairman confirmed that several meetings had been held between the CockertonTrust representative and the County Council with the result that both parties had agreed to let the planning application and sale of the site proceed and they would negotiate the division of assets at a later date. Talks will also be held with the Charity Commission regarding the sale of the land.

Parking on the Green – The Chairman reported that vehicles are again parking on the grass that had only recently been re-seeded. The Clerk will write to the residents concerned.

Dog Mess – It was noted that there was a great deal of dog mess deposited on the grass at the entrance to the Playing Field.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 18th February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

After the meeting had been closed, the Chairman introduced Vicky Bright, who had shown interest in the vacancy for Parish Clerk.

A copy of her CV had been distributed to the members of the Parish Council and as she was happy to accept the position she was duly appointed and will take up her post with effect from the next meeting.

Signed_____ Date _____

Chairman, Roger Lawson

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