

## Tuddenham PC Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Public concerns:

Memorial bench to be placed on playing field, funded through the White Heart customers fundraising. Paul to work with playing field committee to finalise position of bench

Concerns raised by John Hellard over inequality of funding towards villages in West Suffolk in what was originally forest health, vs. Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket etc. Specific concern raised over Forest Health's solar array being merged into West Suffolk, but money being funnelled into projects that don't benefit forest health areas.

Council tax increase – 18% is a steep rise at a time of increased cost of living.

1. Apologies: Vicky, Karen, Mark, Nicola

2. Declaration of interest: None

3. Counsellor reports:

Brian Harvey: Confirmation of Highways meeting – this Thurs 10am at village hall.  
Public consultation on local plan expected April/May  
75 EV points coming to West Suffolk

4. Minutes approved

5. Highways and footpaths:

- i) Highway meeting at 10am
- ii) Gate funding to be discussed at highway meeting
- iii) Data circulated – highest speed 65mph. Speed watch group up and running.  
Thanks to Rob and Amanda
- iv) Static VAS unit – not in correct position but can we use it anyway, as deterrent as will still flash up at people and remind them?

6. Planning Matters

- i) Formal resolution of objection has been submitted
- ii) Formal resolution of objections submitted
- iii) Joe and Malcolm Keeble of 4 High Street brought information about this planning application (Tuddenham Mill expansion). They are neighbours and have several concerns, including lack of detail on plan regarding what functions will be held, what times it will be open etc. No mitigation for noise or smells, particularly as chimney

from kitchen is placed below bedroom window at no.4 High Street, and the fire pit area is directly next to boundary with 4 High Street.

PC has resolved to support these objections, and will submit their own, with request for further information. Submission will reference DM2, DM22 and DM24

- iv) BH to update when public consultation to local plan will begin
- v) No update
- vi) Village group – street lighting, sunnica, inequalities in funding, dog waste bin talked about-no action for Tuddenham to take, no next meeting date agreed yet.

#### 7. Parish Matters

- i) Go back to Cockerton Trust and ask if whole amount can be funded for children's play area. May be updates from Vicky re funding but unaware of any at present.
- ii) Tree Survey - £1088.75 quote approved. Tree boxes agreed, Andrew to find out what we need and get quote from Suffolk Wildlife Trust (estimated 10 boxes)  
Suggestion of local businesses sponsoring the boxes.  
Ditch – Jenny Cross from playing field committee has spoken to highways, who have accepted responsibility for the flood as it is due to the drain collapsing under the road.
- iii) Playing field committee – two trustees are resigning, committee to move from charity to incorporated. Separate meeting agreed to talk about finances going forward.
- iv) Mowing - delay first cut on the green until May agreed to benefit bees.
- v) No update
- vi) Resolved last meeting, Natural England installing dog bins at heath.
- vii) No new information
- viii) Jubilee – Afternoon tea on the playing field with children's activities Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.  
Photo exhibition of Tuddenham through the years to be installed at the Church over the weekend, and taken to the Jubilee coffee morning on the Tues. Esme, Claire and John Hellard to organise updated photographs of the village now
- ix) Village litter pick and spring clean this Saturday 2pm

8. Village Hall update – youth club and Saturday cafe grand opening is 19<sup>th</sup> March. Youth club will be used as a case study for SCC.

9. Correspondence: Suffolk Highways – streetlights need replacing with LED bulbs and annual maintenance needs to be carried out. Works approved by PC.

#### 10. Finance

- i) Bank balance approved
- ii) reconciliation approved
- iii) Cheques – Andrew to sign
- iv) Budget adopted and precept adopted – precept has gone up by 18% - equivalent of £1 per week. This is cover mounting costs the PC has been absorbing through reserves for the past 3 years.

- v) Street lighting quote accepted
- vi) Tree works agreed

11. Items for next meeting: Disposal of old speed gun (on assets register)

Actions:

- Amanda to attend highways meeting Thurs 10am and feed back
- Vicky – see if VAS unit can go up on post even though it's not in ideal position
- Andrew – lodge objection and request for more info for Tuddenham Mill planning application
- Andrew – contact Suffolk wildlife trust for quote for nest boxes
- Andrew – arrange meeting with playing field committee to look at finances moving forward
- Claire to organise with John Hellard and Esme to collect photographs and memories from current Tuddenham residents.
- Amanda and Claire to attend village litter pick and spring clean
- Vicky to action approved LED lightbulb replacement in streetlight that has non, plus maintenance of the streetlights as suggested by Suffolk highways.
- Vicky and Andrew – arrange to sign any cheques required

Signed: *A. Long*

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022