

TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council
Held via Zoom, on Monday 7th September 2020 at 7:30pm

Councillors present: Cllr. A. Long (AL), Cllr. M. Fitzjohn (MF), Cllr. N. Crockford (NC) & Cllr. K. Soons (KS) (arr.7:36pm).

Present: Clerk – Vicky Bright. Cllr. Brian Harvey – West Suffolk Council. Mr Owen Wilson, Lord Manor Tuddenham.

ITEM	<u>Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):</u> No members of public were in attendance.
20/09/1	<u>Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):</u>
i)	Cllr. John Kendall & Cllr. Claire Unwin. <u>Absent:</u>
ii)	To consider agreeing to grant a dispensation for non-attendance at meetings for Councillor John Kendall. <hr/> <p>RECOMMENDATION: That for the purpose of Section 85 (i) of the Local Government Act 1972, for the reason that Cllr. Kendall is unable to attend remote meetings, as a result of Covid-19 and The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, Councillor Kendall's absence from meetings be approved;</p> <hr/> <p><u>Resolved 20/09/1.01</u> It was agreed to grant a dispensation of S.85 LGA 1972 for Cllr. John Kendall's absence at meetings, whilst meetings are being held remotely due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to continue as a Councillor until the 7th March 2021. After this period his position can be reassessed.</p>
20/09/2	<u>Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:</u> None.
20/09/3	<u>To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2020</u> <u>Resolved 20/09/3.01</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 6 th July 2020 were adopted as true statements and signed by the Chairman of the meeting (AL).
20/09/4	<u>Reports from Outside Bodies:</u>
i)	SCC – County Councillor – Cllr. Colin Noble sent his apologies.
ii)	WSC – District Councillor – Cllr. Brian Harvey gave the following report; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covid-19 – Protocols for potential local area lockdowns are being drafted and discussed.• County Lines – There are 14 live within Suffolk.• Sunnica Energy Farms (Worlington, Chippenham) public consultation starts 22nd September 2020 to 2nd December 2020.• Parking Enforcement is now being carried out by WSC.

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iii)	Police Report
20/09/5 i)	Highways Matters: Update on Outstanding Highways Issues SCC; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temple Bridge – No update.• Higham Road Issues – A site visit is planned with Highways in the village on Friday 11th September 2020 at 9:30am.• Highways gates – Cllr. Noble has now authorised the funding and works will take 14 weeks.
ii)	Highways England Update (A14 Jnc 40 slip road) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ‘No U-Turn’ signage Barton Mills (A11 Fiveways) – No update.• A14 Slip Road Jnc. 40 A14 Signage & Safety Study Update – HE have confirmed that it will not be taken to Safety Study this financial year, the explanation given was that <i>‘safety engineers reviewed the site and information. They then decide which action to take, and a major part of their decision is based on the previous collision history at a location or junction. The reason for this is to ensure funds available are allocated where they will have the most impact on safety. As we have said previously there is not a record of serious incidents at the junction and this is why it has not been taken forward for a full safety study. This does not mean it will not be looked at or that we are not taking your concerns seriously and we have asked our safety team to continue to monitor the junction’.</i>
iii)	VAS Data & Update on New Posts Installation <p>The VAS failed to record data at the Higham Road end again, the VAS will be set up again there next week and will be monitored, if this happens again, we will enquire with Swarco to get the VAS calibrated etc. There is still no update on the extra VAS Posts, with the engineer who carried out the site assessment now moved on from the department, the Clerk is to forward the correspondence to Cllr. Soons, who will raise it with Mark Stevens.</p> <p>Speed watch – Defer.</p>
20/09/6 i)	Planning Matters: DC/20/1265/HH & DC/20/1265/LB – Single storey rear extension LOCATION: 20 High Street, Tuddenham <u>Resolved 20/09/6.01</u> No objections to applications DC/20/1265/HH & DC/20/1265/LB.
ii)	MHCLG – Planning Policies Consultations (NALC)

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Last week the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government issued three consultations on reform of the planning system:

Changes to the current planning system (NALC deadline for responses 17 September)

Planning for the future - the planning white paper (NALC deadline for responses 15 October)

Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control (NALC deadline for responses 16 October)

20/09/7

i)

Councillor & Community Reports:

Village Hall Committee Report

None and no update.

ii)

Tuddenham Playing Field Committee Report

Their AGM is to be held on 16th September 2020 at 7pm, in the Pavilion.

The Clerk is to raise the issue of the rubbish and debris which has once again accumulated at the rear and side of the Pavilion.

iii)

The Green – Community Fibre Partnership Update & Mobile Phone Signal in the Village

The site visit to establish what needs to be done regarding installation has been carried out. The CIC has now been done.

Cllr. Crockford and the Clerk are going to approach the PCC regarding a phone mast on the church roof to improve mobile phone signal in the village. This could offer financial benefit to the Church.

20/09/8

i)

Parish Matters:

New Play Area Project

The Clerk confirmed that Playquip have agreed to hold the quote at a 5% increase. The Clerk is to advise Playquip to proceed with the equipment order with the manufacturers. The Clerk is currently putting together and submitting various Grant and fund applications. The project has received a £500 grant from the Manorial Fund, and thanks are given to Owen Wilson.

ii)

Summer Village Fete

No update.

iii)

Trees on The Green & Play Area / Discuss Wildflower planting in the village

The Clerk advised that Tilbrooks are carrying out a full tree survey of all the trees on The Green. The suggestion is to carry out the works over 2 years, pollarding and crown

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lifting every other tree along the green to allow more light to get to houses and the grass. Trees not pollarded in year 1 will have overhanging branches tidied as an interim measure. It is hoped to receive the report and quotation next week from Tilbrooks.

There is a dead tree behind the play area and a mess of branches and brambles. The Clerk has received a quote from Tilbrooks for this work, and will now secure two comparison quotes for the next meeting.

Wildflower planting is to be deferred.

iv) Phone Box Library – The Green

It was agreed to hold a public consultation on this in the next edition of the Umbrella. Deferred.

v)

Discuss the Issue of Low-Flying Planes over the Village

It was discussed about an increase of low-flying planes from the bases doing circuits over the village, and this has been discussed by residents on Nextdoor! It was suggested the Clerk write to the Base Commander at RAF Mildenhall to see if anything can be done to reduce the episodes or move the flight path north or south of the village.

vi)

Tuddenham Mill Licensing Update

The Mill License application for 24hr day/ 7days a week, with 3 day weddings of up to 1,000 people, as an infinitum license was amended to an application for 1 extra hour on the current times, which equates to Thurs/Fri/Sat 11pm to 1am.

20/09/9

Correspondence:

Cllr. Karen Soons advised that she had received correspondence to say a resident is kindly cutting both sides of the road verges, from outside the Tuddenham St Mary entrance signs to the beginning Rectory Cottage Drive and Abbey Cottage, you may have noticed this part of the village looking tidier in recent months. Unfortunately, the owners of Abbey Cottage have asked him to stop and told him he likes it unkempt. The Abbey Cottage owner has been told that the land is county land. Please could the parish council write to the owner of Abbey Cottage and explain that the County Council Highways Department is encouraging community self-help, and if he would like the verge left uncut he must apply to have it designated as a road side nature reserve. The Clerk is to Draft a letter.

20/09/10

i)

Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts

The Payments and receipts were scrutinised and approved. The Lloyds account balance was confirmed as £29,094.69 as of 21st August 2020.

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That the Bank balances and reconciliation of payments & receipts be received and adopted and initialled as such by the Chairman of the meeting (AL).

ii)

Parish Council Account Cheques for signing and approval

Resolved 20/09/10.02

It was agreed to approve the payments of the following outstanding invoices and the cheques were approved and signed by Cllr. A. Long & Cllr. M. Fitzjohn.

Mrs V Bright	Mileage & postage	001043	£6.70	
Mijan Ltd	Audit 2019-20	001044	£70.00	
Came & Co.	Insurance 2020-21	001045	£412.93	

Approval of cheques signed between meetings

Resolved 20/09/10.03

Approved cheque payments since the last meeting. Signed by Cllr. A. Long and Cllr. M. Fitzjohn.

ImpressExpress	Covid Play area signage	001041	£15.00	
Mrs V Bright	Office Allowance 20/21	001042	£208.00	

iii)

Renewal & Adoption of the Annual Insurance Schedule & Policy 2020/21

Resolved 20/09/10.04

It was agreed to adopt and approve the Insurance renewal schedule and premium through Came & Company, via Pen Underwriting via Axa, for £412.93.

20/09/11

Items for next Meeting to be held on Monday 5th October 2020 at 7:30pm, venue to be confirmed.

- Phone Box – Library
- Wildflower planting
- Summer Village Fete update
- Low Flying Planes – Base Commander Correspondence
- Trees on The Green & play Area
- Highways Updates

Meeting closed at 8:26pm

Signed: *Andrew Long*
Chair, TSMPC

Date: 2nd November 2020

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