**Councillors present**: Cllr C. Unwin (CU) Cllr A. Spence- Vice Chair (AS) Cllr A. Long (AL) Cllr C. Bignell (CB) Cllr K. Burt (KB)

**Present:**  Kerry Maidwell – Clerk (KM), Rob Gray – Umbrella (RG)

A note to the councillors and members of public in attendance read out by (CU):

**A Note on Public Participation at Meetings**

1) Participation in the public forum A council meeting is not a public meeting, it is a meeting conducted in public. There is no requirement in law to provide a public forum. As the council meets and makes its decisions in public and is committed to community engagement, we warmly invite members of the public, the press, the police and district, borough or county councillors to attend our meetings and contribute during the public forum. Please respect that this is a meeting to conduct council business. Interjections are not permitted and if you disrupt business in any way you may be asked to leave. If you feel that you do not wish to take part in the public forum or if your problem is complex, you might wish to provide information to the council prior to the meeting (at least seven days if possible) using the contact details below. Following amendments made to the law in 2014, any person attending a council (or committee) meeting can report on the proceedings of the meeting. ‘Reporting’ is defined as filming, photographing, audio recording, written reporting (e.g. blogging) or oral commentary (not during the meeting). The following rules will apply to the public forum:- • The agenda will indicate when the forum will take place, which will generally be early on the agenda so that councillors can take account of any views expressed. The public participation session will normally be for a maximum period of 15 minutes. • Questions and comments should relate to business on the agenda and only one question on a topic will generally be received from each person and supplementary questions will be at the Chairman’s discretion. No question shall be repeated within a six-month period. The Chairman may direct that a written or oral response be given. • A person shall raise their hand when requesting to speak. Questions must be addressed to the Chairman and a member of the public must not speak for more than three minutes. 2) Reports in the public forum The Council provides an opportunity for the police and district, borough or county councillors to present reports. An opportunity will be given to ask questions, at the council’s discretion, subject to the relevant conditions above and within an overall time limit of 15 minutes.

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| **ITEM**    **09/01/1**  **i)**  **ii)** | |  | | --- | | **Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):**  6 members of public (MOP) were in attendance.  MOP 1 -Thanks and well done to the gardening club for the planting of spring bulbs around the village to make the village more attractive, the highway gates coming from Higham road need to be cleaned. Can we address?  MOP 2 – RAF Memorial – MOPs Father was on the council that elected to have it erected, MOP cleans and maintains the memorial to the best of her abilities but feels it needs safety checking and would like the maintenance of it to be addressed and ongoing be taken on by the Parish Council, the lettering also needs re-defining in the near future. (CU) – We can definitely look into that and thank you for maintaining the ground on which it stands.  MOP 3 – Update on the “abandoned Van”. (CU) Public forum is closed. | | **Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):**  Cllr. K Soons  Cllr L. Michie  Cllr B. Harvey  Cllr C. Nobel  **Absent:**  None. |   **Introductions and Recognitions**  None. |  |
| **09/01/2**  **09/01/3**  **i)**  **ii)**  **09/01/4**  **09/01/5**  **i)**  **ii)**  **iii)**  **iv)**  **v)**  **vi)**  **09/01/6**  **i)**  **ii)**  **iii)**  **iv)**  **09/01/7**  **i)**  **ii)**  **09/01/8**  **i)**  **ii)**  **iii)**  **iv)**  **v)**  **09/01/9**  **i)**  **09/01/10** | **Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:**  None.  **Reports from Outside Bodies:**  **SCC – County Councillor –** None  **WSC- District Councillor –** Cllr. Brian Harvey– Read by (CU) Locality funding is still available if anymore is needed – can we go to Cllr Harvey and Cllr Nobel about the memorial maintenance costs and upkeep? (AL) – Yes, good idea. (CU) Parish and town elections are coming up clerks will be given information closer to the time from the county council, the main change to point out is that all people wanting to vote will now need ID to prove they are eligible to vote. (CU) We will put this information on all social media platforms we have access to as well as in the Umbrella Parish Magazine. There has been a recent concern raised over the provision of financial assistance for streetlighting due to the recent rise in costs, (AS) – KM has kindly printed out the report that was attached to this meeting notice for anyone that would like a copy, this answers a lot of questions the public may have about this. (AS) Hands them out to MOPs. (CU) There is a note about funding for warm spaces. County lines drug issues are still being pursued by The Police. No update on Sunnica. Any planning issue need to go to Cllr Harvey.  **Village Consultation and Surgery Report –** (AS) Can we set a date for March 23 for the next consultation? We will put it on the Agenda for the next meeting to set a date.  **To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th December 2022:**  **Resolved 09/01/2023**  The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th December 2022 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman at the meeting CU.  **Highways & Footpaths:**  **Update on Outstanding Highways Issues in Village (AS)**  (AS) Cllr Nobel was made aware at the last meeting that there is what is considered by some residence, excessive noise from the transition area of the road from old to new tarmac, this has now been reported on the Suffolk Reporting tool as requested at the meeting.  **Highway Gates Funding**  AS has contacted 2 companies for the aluminium grade signs like on Cavenham Road and has asked KM to obtain a third, KM has requested one and is still awaiting the reply from the supplier, there is a lag due to the festive period.  **Update on Temple Bridge / Ford Ref Motorcycles and horse signage.**  (AS) Were you going to send the information you had to CN? (KM) I was however, I have received quite an extensive email from Suffolk County Council saying that Tuddenham Parish Council had been presented with “options” for Temple Bridge, I replied explaining that that is incorrect and that despite numerous emails all that we have ever received is an email from Public Rights Of Way in June 22 saying that they were looking into signs used by Forestry England and they would get back to us when they had been given feedback from Forestry England. The only other correspondence we have had is via telephone from myself asking about an update and that resulted in me being told they had absolutely no record at all of an issue ever being raised. Claire from customer service replied via email saying that she had found some information saying that we were due to have 2 signs put in prohibiting horses and motorbikes from accessing the area and that they had been installed already. (AL) (AS) I don’t know. (CU) We need a photo of signs that may or may not be there and we have had this on the agenda for quite some time and had extensive conversations about this issue. (AS) Someone has put a gap in the hedge which appears to stop the horses going through the river. (AL) This is not in our Parish. (CU) Can you walk by there and tell us if there is any signage there? (AS) I will do this Wednesday.  **Update on Ditch/Flooding at Playing Field Entrance(Ref:368233)**  (AS) – I have reported the other end of the ditch on the Suffolk reporting tool. I met with Neil from Suffolk Highways and he has said he will meet with me and Paul Gibbs at some point when there is a heavy rainfall if he can match his schedule up with the weather and myself and Neil.  **Speedwatch / SID Data Report / Update on new post & Static VAS Unit removal High St**  (AS) SID is still corrupt so we will need to get quotes for a new SID to put into next years budget. KM can you have one go at extracting data, if it fails we will need to go ahead with plans to budget for a new replacement. I have obtained 3 speedwatch signs to input at the entry to the village.  No speedwatch this month due to cold weather and sickness.  (KM) I contacted Newmarket Town Council for an informal comparative of quotations and was told the company they use and like for like quotation was similar to ours of around £3000 per unit.  **A11 Central Reservation Plans And Consultation**  (CU) No update. Shall we take this off of the Agenda until we are sent any updates as we will be sent them as they happen. (AL) Agreed.  **Planning Matters:**  **Update on Applications DC/22/0205/FUL & DC/22/0206/LB - a. conversion of existing dwelling to form hotel guest rooms with ancillary function space b. rear and side extension forming restaurant pavilion (demolition of existing extension and outbuildings) c. alterations to existing vehicle access and associated external works. Location: The Old Mill Farmhouse, High Street, Tuddenham**  (CU) We have submitted an objection. (AS) We have outside of the meeting due to the deadline of submission, all councilors were in agreement over the objections and a vote was held via email where all councilors voted unanimously to object to the planning permission due to various issues raised all of which are published under comments on the West Suffolk Planning portal under the comments section in relation to the above applications. Receipts have been received  **Tuddenham Mill Environmental Noise Issue**  (AS) No change other than the above. Maybe we could take the Tuddenham Mill Environmental Noise Issueoff of the agenda as it ties in with the planning applications? (CU) Agreed.  **Village Hall Development**  (AG) Was told before Christmas that there was a verbal agreement made concerning the Stone Curlew issue. Am now waiting for written confirmation of this. (CU) Have you contacted Cllr Harvey about this? (CU) Can you outline what has been said verbally and KM can then chase this with Cllr Harvey.  **Sunnica Solar Farm Consultation Update**  (CU) No update, can we take this off of the agenda? (AL) It’s a place holder. (CU) Can we just keep saying there is no update until there is one? (All agreed) (AS) Before we move on can we just point out there was another planning application we voted on outside of the meeting due to the planning deadline and Christmas, concerning Nethergate Croft Planning Consultation - DC/22/2054/FUL, There were no objections registered by unanimous vote by councilliors.  **Community Reports**  **Village Hall Committee Report –** (CB) No update.  **Playing Field Committee Report -** (AG) Football club have been busy, quotations being seeked for fence around the bowls club.  **Parish Matters:**  **Play Equipment Update on Funding / Update on Outdoor Multi-Gym Installation & Well-being Area**  *Grants/Funding applied for;*  *Cockerton Trust Grant secured = £30,000 (awaiting payment)*  *Big Lottery Awards for All Grant Applied for £10,000 (Granted and paid)*  *Suffolk Community Foundation Giving Fund Applied for £2,000*  *Breedon’s, & Allen Newport- awaiting response.*  (AS) Awaiting quotations from new supplier for the equipment and fencing for the play area.  **Phone Mast Request Update**  (CU) Has sent extensive explanation to Matt Hancock and received response from his office to say they would foreward it onto the secretary for communications and media, I also sent a separate correspondence to the secretary for communication and media myself and received a reply stating that they have received the email and they will back to me. I will chase this requesting a conversation with them.  **Trees**  (AS) - We are in the process of obtaining quotations from Tree Surveyors to build into the budget the cost of a 5 year survey of works required in that time. (KM) I have requested 3 quotations and received 1 quotation and am awaiting a reply from 1 in Ely and 1 in Cambridge.    **Flag and Flag Pole**  (CU) I Have requested in the new budget that an amount be allocated for a new bracket for a village flag area to display various flags for various occasions.  **Warm Spaces**  (AS) Informally it is not being used, after publication on social media we are still unsure if there is a need, it is shut 1 day a week on a Tuesday bu ton that day the village hall is open for the coffee morning so I am unsure as to the level of need if any in the village?  **Correspondence:**  (AS) 2 MOP have contacted myself and KM about an abandoned van outside the vicarage, KM has reported this to West Suffolk Abandoned Vehicles service and I have spoken to the local Community Engagement Officer Richard Smith who has tried to contact the owner with little success, the insured party has been made aware and is looking to collect later this week. West Abandoned Vehicles Service have notified us that they have to put a notice on the vehicle giving a time period to collect the vehicle before they actually do so. We are hopeful that one way or another the vehicle will be gone by the end of the week. (CU) Did Richard Smith have an opinion on the manner in which the van was parked? (AS) He did not mention it. (CU) Did he seem interested in poor parking? (AS) I think we should photograph examples of poor parking and ask him if it is something he can help with? (AS) I think if it is he will help. |  |
| **i)**  **ii)**  **iii)**  **09/01/11** | **Finance & Policies:**  **Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts**  To be circulated via email as there was no printing facilities available and will be brought to February meeting for sign off by 2 councillors.  **Precept Form Authorisation 2023/2024**  It was agreed that the council would request the same amount as last year in an effort to keep costs down for parishioners.  Signed off by CU (chairman) and KM (Clerk and RFO)  **Budget**  Budget print out was too small for the councillors to read so it has been distributed via email for examination and will be approved at the next meeting.  **Councillor Reports & Items for the next Parish Council Meeting**  (CU) I feel the village sign on the green needs replacing and would like it to be put on the agenda for the next meeting under village matters. (AS) Can we put : set a date for the Village Spring Clean including the road signs on the agenda under Parish Matters too please and then send it to The Umbrella to publish in their next addition. (CU) to (KM) Can you look into contacting someone to look at the memorial and quote for some maintenance work and upkeep? (KM) I will contact Newmarket Town Council as they have several memorials made from stone and I will ask them who maintains them? (AS) Were the history group going to add some names from the 1st World War? (MOP) I am unsure about that. (KB) I have looked into fuel payments for people who don’t have gas in the village which is everyone, I have found out that your electricity supplier should be adding a £150 credit to your account in place of the help people who do have gas are getting. Please do contact them if you haven’t seen it or if you top up via pre-pay meter as you need to request it if you use a pre-pay meter it will not be automatic. |  |
|  | **The Next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6th February 2023, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.**  Meeting closed at 20:04 pm  **Signed: *Claire Unwin* Date: 06/02/2023**  **Chair, TSMPC** |  |
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