

TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council
Held via Zoom, on Monday 6th September 2021 at 7:30pm

Councillors present: Cllr. A. Long (AL), Cllr. C. Unwin (CU), Cllr. A. Spence (AS), Cllr. M. Fitzjohn (MF), Cllr. L. Michie (LM) & Cllr. K. Soons (KS) (Arr. 7:38pm).

Present: Clerk – Vicky Bright. Rob Gray – Umbrella. Cllr. Brian Harvey - WSC

ITEM

Public Forum – LGA 1972, Section 100(1):

8 members of public were in attendance.

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Accepted Apologies for absence – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) and (2):

Cllr. Nicola Crockford.

Absent:

None.

21/09/2

Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:

Cllr. M. Fitzjohn declared an interest in Item 7(i).

21/09/3

Reports from Outside Bodies:

i)

SCC – County Councillor – Cllr. Colin Noble sent apologies.

ii)

WSC – District Councillor – Cllr. Brian Harvey gave a report; See **Appendix 1**

21/09/4

To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2021:

Resolved 21/09/4.01

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th July 2021 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman of the meeting (AL).

21/09/5

i)

Highways & Footpaths:

Update on SCC Highways Issues Reporting/Discuss new Highways Issues

Cllr. Spence advised the meeting that Paul Gibbs from Highways had assessed the issue as Red & Amber and all had now been logged. The White Lining on bends, junctions, SLOW signs were raised, these were not in the Capital Programs, but will be added to the budget for next April 2022, the junctions will be done in the next 14 weeks. Cllr. Unwin raised the lack of village sign and SLOW signs being a hazard with Cllr. Noble (SCC) and whether there was availability in his Locality Budget, Cllr. Noble is to look into what he has available.

Cllr. Soons reported a load of soil/concrete blocks on the RHS as you go out of the village. The Clerk is to report this online.

The 2 recent RTC's in the village were discussed, the Church have been given a Crime Reference Number by the Police. The issues with the road were discussed and highlighted as;

- Give Way Sign, should be a STOP sign
- Uneven surfacing and erosion

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- The corner is too tight a turn, causing vehicles to have to go into right lane to get around it, or up onto the footpath
- Surface water and flooding issues.

The Clerk is to write to Cllr. Noble, Ben Cook and Paul West and invite them to a site meeting to discuss new issues and works date for previous works assessed.

The Clerk was asked to report online the 'No Through Road' sign on Icklingham Road, which is obscured due to overgrown vegetation. It was discussed that traffic is still being diverted down Icklingham Road when there are road closures, it was discussed that a 'No Through Road' sign could be placed on the Village Green.

Cllr. Spence reported that she had received a brief response from ECDC regarding the weight restriction on the Kennett bridge; an intensive inspection & assessment was carried out and it was established that the bridge is only capable of 3 Tonnes only. Consultation began Mid-August; it has full Police support as well as Kennett PC support. The temporary weight restriction by Network Rail is in the process of consultation for a formal TRO (Traffic Regulation Order). There are no plans to strengthen the bridge. Any comments need to be submitted via the TRO consultation. It was agreed that Cllr. Spence would formally object to the TRO on behalf of the PC and also share with the villagers how to object via social media, as there would be strength in numbers.

ii)

Highway Gates Funding Update

Cllr. Unwin advised that Cllr. Noble advised that due to Health & Safety Installation Requirement changes, the quotes for the gates had been increased significantly, which meant he could now only fund one set of gates per annum, and that as Tuddenham had already received a grant for the set at Higham Road, then this year's allocation would have to go to another village. Cllr. Unwin is to ask for clarification on the new H&S requirements and the breakdown and costings of the quotes, and look at getting quotes for the PC to fund the gates at Tuddenham Mill.

iii)

VAS Data Report & New SID Volunteer & Update on Post re-location

It was suggested that the post could either be located adjacent to Gordon Browns land, this needs to be discussed with Gordon Brown. Alternatively, the post could be installed in the place of the existing static VAS unit, which is due to be removed as the repairs are not possible; the Clerk is to raise this suggested location with Speed & Safety Team (SCC).

Cllr. Spence advised that ne new volunteer for the SID had been found and a handover was being arranged with them; Matt Rowe. The PC gave their thanks to Matt for volunteering.

iv)

Discuss Speed Watch Equipment

Bradfield St George PC have declared an interest in borrowing the Speed Watch equipment, through Cllr. Soons. The equipment needs calibration, so it was suggested that Cllr. Soons advise them that if they are prepared to split the cost of calibration and perhaps do a monthly session in Tuddenham with one of our volunteers, then we would be happy for them to borrow it.

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- v) **Quiet Lanes Scheme Update – Icklingham Road, The Green (Rob Gray)**
The scheme is now completed at no cost to the PC. Thanks were extended to Rob Gray.
- vi) **Update on Parking Enforcement for High Street / Lorry Watch Update**
Cllr. Brian Harvey (WSC) is to report the issue of dustcarts using the village as a cut through to the A14. Cllr. Spence is to look into the Lorry Watch deadline and the Lorry Routes review, it was agreed that this issue should be raised with Cllr. Noble and Paul West at the site meeting TBA. It was suggested that the PC write to local HGV companies, such as the Quarry, Hiams etc.
- It was agreed that Cllr. Spence would put a notice in the Umbrella regarding parking enforcement for the High Street (1.2m), it was suggested that Cllr. Unwin paint temporary marking s on the footpath to show parking enforcement.
- vii) **Public Footpath Icknield Way – vegetation clearance update**
This is to be chased up with PROW; Claire Dickson & James Pickering. Cllr. Spence said she would trim the area in the meantime.
- 21/09/6
i) **Planning Matters:**
DC/21/1561/HH - single storey rear extension (following demolition of rear extensions)
Location: 70 High Street, Tuddenham IP28 6SA
Resolved 21/09/6.01
It was agreed No Objections to application DC/21/1561/HH>
- ii) **Planning Enforcement Update Ref: - DC/21/0481/VAR**
Cllr. Harvey confirmed that there was nothing preventing, in the approval conditions, regarding takeaways and discounted alcohol.
- It was agreed that a formal complaint should be sent to Rachel Almond from Planning (cc. Brian Harvey), for the LPA and Planning Officer not following their procedures.
- 21/09/7
i) **Councillor & Community Reports:**
Village Hall Committee Report +/- consider a donation for a new Fridge Freezer
See report form the Village Hall Committee **Appendix 2.**
- Resolved 21/09/7.01**
It was agreed to give a donation of £344 plus £20 for delivery for the new fridge freezer.
- ii) **Tuddenham Playing Field Committee Report**
None.
- 21/09/8
i) **Parish Matters:**
Play Area Project Funding Update / Discuss Wellness Area & Outdoor Gym Equipment
The Clerk gave no update on funding.
- It was suggested that a meeting be arranged between the Pc & TPFMC to discuss and agree detailed plans for the Wellness Area, TBA.

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- ii) **Playing Field – Tree Survey & Ditch Update**
No update. Ditch needs urgent attention before this Autumn/Winter.
- iii) **Village Sign Plinth Repair/ Bench Maintenance /Bus Shelter Roof Update**
The Clerk confirmed that she had been given a works start date for next week.
- iv) **Update on Playing Field/New Village Hall Car Park/Access Road Meeting**
The meeting resulted in a consensus to leave the car parks separate (bigger spaces), and leave the hedge in situ.
- v) **Mobile Phone Signal Concerns / PCC Phone Mast Update**
It was agreed to write to the Digital Secretary for his opinion. Cllr. Spence confirmed that the PCC have been on the list of possible sites for a mast since 2019.

21/09/9 **Correspondence:**
The Clerk presented correspondence regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022 and the Festival of Suffolk (HM Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk. Cllr. Unwin confirmed that the Village Summer Festival is set to go ahead on 2nd-5th June 2022, and will be tied in with the Queens Jubilee and Festival of Suffolk.

21/09/10
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 £29,863.95, as of 23rd August 2021.

Resolved 21/09/10.01

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 21/09/10.02

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

Tuddenham Village Hall	Hall hire	£108.00	001069
Mrs V Bright	Mileage	£10.44	001070
WSC	Elections costs (May & June)	£204.96	001071
Came & Co.	Insurance	£423.82	001072

iii) **Agree & Adopt the PC Annual Insurance Schedule & Policy**
Resolved 21/09/10.03
It was agreed to adopt the schedule and pay the premium of £423.82 with Came & Company.

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Items for next Meeting to be held on Monday 4th October 2021 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall.

- Allotments (AS).

Meeting closed at 9:42pm

Signed: *A. Long*

Date: 1st November 2021

Chair, TSMPC