

TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council
Held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7:00pm

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

Present: Rob Gray – Umbrella (RG) Mark Bignell – Village Hall Committee (MB)

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ITEM
15/05/01

i)

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

No issues raised.

ii)

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

Sharon Garnett

ii)

Absent:

None.

iv)

Introductions and Recognitions

(AM) Many thanks to the Village Hall Committee for the Event they held and the Gardening Club for the planting done at The Village Hall.

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- (AL) Goodbye to Karen Soons and Liz Mitchie and thank you for all their hard work on the Parish Council.
- 15/05/2
Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:
None.
- 15/05/3
Reports from Outside Bodies:
- i) **SCC – County Councillor** – None
- ii) **WSC - District Report** – New Independent Councillor (beginning of the meeting was cut off on the recording so I didn't catch his name).
- 15/05/4
To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 03rd April 2023:
Resolved 15/05/2023
- 15/05/5
Highways & Footpaths:
- i) **Update on Outstanding Highways Issues in Village (AS)**
(AS) A Pothole on The Green has been reported. A broken bollard at the junction of Higham and Cavenham road has had replacement funded by Suffolk Highways agreed. Broken water meter cover on high-street outside post-box has been repaired. Regarding concern re dangerous driving on Icklingham road - I asked if he could establish a pattern of times/days this is happening. He said not really, it's regular but no real pattern. I said we can't do anything without a more specific problem as it's a 60mph limit, so drivers are not acting illegally by driving fast. Rob agreed. We made a post on a Facebook post asking people to be aware of dog walkers and children, and will keep an eye on it for any pattern that we can take to our community police. A collapsing drain at the end of Icknield way has been reported and a traffic cone has been placed over it until the council see to it.
- ii) **Highway Gates Funding**
(AS) Andy Moore to provide details for a village name sign, he will be paying for a post for this. This will replace the highway gates.
- iii) **Update on Temple Bridge / Ford Ref Motorcycles and horse signage.**
(CU) Asked Rob if he would be our liaison for the Multi-Village working group.
(AS) There is now signage at Temple Bridge to show no through road. There are also 2 giveway signs I have reported as needing light replacement.
- iv) **Update on Ditch/Flooding at Playing Field Entrance (Ref:368233)**
(AS) My contact at the Highways has been unable to gain access to the private part of the ditch to be able to investigate both ends of the blocked ditch.

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- v) **Speed watch / SID Data Report / Update on new post & Static VAS Unit removal High St**
(AS) We meet weekly. Speed cables from David Genery from the council was supposed to provide these 18 months ago but his phone number is unobtainable and his email inbox now bounces back. I have emailed Andy Moore to ask for a new contact. Still waiting for the ANPR signs too.
- vi) **Street Lighting**
(AS) We have had a definitive list of all streetlighting and I will conduct an audit before the next meeting.
(CU) We will look to get all street lighting in the village to be updated any way possible with LED lighting although we have set no deadline for this.
- 15/05/6
i) **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 will remove the Mill off of the Agenda as it was approved at the end of February.
(CU) We also have an application at Nethercroft Farm and we have all agreed not to comment on this as we have no disagreement with it.
(CU) Chapel Lane balcony comments? (AS) The Neighbouring property is not happy about the height of the new balcony. (CB) It's a bungalow and you can see they are trying to raise it like other properties have on this street. (AS) I have no objections, what can we add to this? Since the comments or objections have already been stated online I'm unsure as what we can add to this? (AS) The council has no comment on this.
- ii) **Sunnica Solar Farm Consultation Update**
(CU) No updates.
- 15/05/7
Community Reports
- i) **Village Hall Committee Report.**
None
- ii) **Playing Field Committee Report**
None
- 15/05/8
i) **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 (Granted and paid)
Cockerton Trust Grant Request = £13000 (Granted and paid)

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Big Lottery Awards for All Grant Applied for £10,000 (Granted and paid)

(CU) ROSPA signed off on the safety of the new playground. We had correspondence that a child had slipped on steps due to a ramp being available to get you to the same point the steps do.

(AL) I believe there is a degree of parental responsibility.

(CU) There is a sign and we are all satisfied of the safety of the playground.

There was an issue with privacy as the standing height of the previous equipment was lower we are working on resolving this.

(AS) There has been an archway installed to resolve some of this issue and we will be planting trees to resolve the remainder of this.

(CU) The budget we would like to set for this is £500 and is agreed by the council.

(AS) The fence has been replaced.

(CU) We will be letting the old playground equipment go to anyone who wants it for a small donation.

ii)

Phone Mast Request Update

(CU)None.

iii)

Trees

(AS) Tree near ditch flagged by a member of the public, our survey says it is acceptable.

iv)

Flag and Flag Pole

(CU) Pride is approaching and we will be putting a pride flag up.

v)

Village Sign and Memorial (on Green) Replacement

(AS) We would like to get a working party together to repaint the village sign.

Can we nominate Carron Bignell to head the working party.

(CB) Agreed.

(CU) I would like to suggest the gardening group take care of the overgrowth around the war memorial. They agree. Mildenhall Memorials have been out to look at the war memorial and its refurbishment needs. The quotation for works was £1500. We don't have funds for this. I will look for funding for this with Carron.

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Correspondence:

i)

(CU) See Playing Field.

ii)

(AS) I've had correspondence from a member of the public about the height of the fence.

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Finance & Policies:

- i) **Signing of Payments Authorisation Form which includes Clerks wage (Sheet Attached)**
Examined by all councillors and signed off by CU (chairman and bank signatory) and AL (Councillor and bank signatory)
- ii) **Sign off and recognition of the Bank reconciliation. (Details attached on a separate sheet)**
Examined by all councillors and signed off by CU (chairman and bank signatory) and AL (Councillor and bank signatory)
- iii) **Agreement to change our meetings to bi-monthly.**
(CU) We need to agree that we will change the meetings to bi monthly.
All in agreement.

15/05/11

Councillor Reports & Items for the next Parish Council Meeting

(CU) None.

The Next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 3rd July 2023, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 19:42 pm

Signed: Date: 03/07/2023
Chair, TSMPC