

TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council
Held on Monday 03rd April 2023 at 7:00pm

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

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

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ITEM 03/04/01

i)

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

No issues raised.

ii)

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

Amanda Spence

Liz Michie

Carron Bignell

iii)

Absent:

None.

iv)

Introductions and Recognitions

(CU) Thank you to Chris Banks for clearing the footpath on Cavenham Road, it looks very good.

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- 03/04/2** **Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:**
None.
- 03/04/3** **Reports from Outside Bodies:**
- i) **SCC – County Councillor – None**
- ii) **WSC - District Report – (CU)**This was left until Brian Harvey was present (7.30). No full report due to purdah but an update that the Sunnica development is back with planning, who are negotiating the particulars of the technology to be used. Brian suggested we take this off our agenda as this part of the process has no element of public consultation. Brian also advised re: land being offered as a football pitch alongside development plans that developers need to be very careful not to present "gifts" of land to communities as bribes to get development plans through.
- iii) **Village Consultation and Surgery Report –**
(AS- Via Email) Bird Scarers? Hiams
Lorries/traffic increase on High St. Suggest a petition, contact SRC and check limitations on numbers of lorries per day and hours, rat run, green route/C road, concern at further increase due to gravel pit expansion.
Lack of Phone Reception – Community Signal Booster if phone mast isn't likely.
Police presence to record dangerous drivers Icklingham Rd
Improve communication between groups/working together
Air quality - diesel and pig smoke
Need for low-cost housing and bungalows
Allotments
Increase size of playing field
Who owns the existing village hall? Use as a shop or other village amenity.
Temple Bridge – crossing not suitable for horses – needs to be made more horse "friendly"
- Issues for Consultation**
Village sign – ideas if this is to be replaced
Other things to budget for – no suggestions received
Tree for Coronation – Apple Tree (Coronation), Oak, Cherry
- 03/04/4** **To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 06th March 2023:**
Resolved 03/04/2023
- 03/04/5** **Highways & Footpaths:**
- i) **Update on Outstanding Highways Issues in Village (AS)**
(CU) Broken bollard at the junction of Higham and Cavenham rd has been reported. Broken water meter cover on high-street outside post-box has been reported. Regarding Rob's concern re dangerous driving on Icklingham rd - I asked if he could establish a pattern of

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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 settled on a FB 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.

ii)

Highway Gates Funding

(CU) Leaving this with Colin as nothing can happen until after the elections

iii)

Update on Temple Bridge / Ford Ref Motorcycles and horse signage.

(CU) We removed the Cavenham bridge from the agenda as on inspection of village boundaries, the bridge falls well outside of our boundary. Rob raised the question of whether we had had any correspondence from Icklingham PC in terms of co-operative working. We haven't, Claire to contact them and see if they are interested in a multi-village working group for issues that affect us all.

iv)

Update on Ditch/Flooding at Playing Field Entrance (Ref:368233)

(CU) The road has not flooded since the drains were cleared, despite heavy rain. BUT Gill and Andrew both pointed out that the water in the ditch is now extremely high, suggesting that there is still a blockage. This is to be reported back to Amanda's contact just so he is aware that the problem is not fixed

v)

Speed watch / SID Data Report / Update on new post & Static VAS Unit removal High St

(CU) ANPR request has been acknowledged - waiting on that. Speed watch back up and running as of this week. Council agreed £25 to Matt Rowe towards costs of battery charging.

vi)

Street Lighting

(CU) Street lighting bill approved. Council will look into having all street lights taken over by west Suffolk council - or if this is not possible, we will look into having all bulbs changed to LED given the huge cost differences between the bulbs.

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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) No updates

ii)

Village Hall Development

(CU) This is to be taken off of the agenda as there will be no new updates as the building is now complete.

iii)

Sunnica Solar Farm Consultation Update

(CU) No updates.

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Community Reports

i)

Village Hall Committee Report.

(CU) The Village Hall is set to open on 7th May in line with the Kings Coronation.

ii)

Playing Field Committee Report

(CU) None

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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)

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

(CU) Playground going well. Set to be completed in next two weeks. Fencing quotes - quote of £480 from Mick Wiseman approved re fencing works. Council also approves Amanda buying replacement posts for the permissive footpath that runs from playing field to church, and being reimbursed for this cost.

ii)

Phone Mast Request Update

(CU) I will write again to relevant members of parliament and to Colin Noble (on Brian's suggestion). Am also looking into the possibility of a signal booster somewhere in the village that acts as an area of reception for emergency use.

iii)

Trees

(CU) Council voted David Wright in as a voluntary tree officer - thank you David. Councillors voted to address tree issues from report while they are of medium risk. Kerry to get quotes. Tyre swing identified as high risk in report to be taken down.

iv)

Flag and Flag Pole

(CU) will be brought when funding arrives

v)

Village Sign and Memorial (on Green) Replacement

(CU) Councillors agreed to repaint village sign before we look at replacing it. War Memorial - Jill raised that weeds are starting to encroach on it. She is happy to continue looking after it.

vi)

Poo Bin Replacement

(CU) not possible at the moment, plus poo bins are likely to incur a charge per bin soon.

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(CU) i. open letter re neighbourhood planning. We don't have any land to offer.

ii. 5 ways consultation - received so many replies the process is now on hold while they address the issues raised.

iii. email concerning broken brackets on old bakery from lorries. Nothing can be done in terms of this incident without CCTV/number plate etc but councillors agreed that with the change of ownership of grave works, PC should establish a new contact with them and go over their terms of use (how many lorries per day etc)

iv. gift of land email - on clarification, this is not an offer of a gift of land, it is linked to a planning application and would not be "gifted" other than as part of the planning development. They also asked for a survey of the local community to see what need there is for an extra green space. Councillors were unanimous that another green space is needed, specifically a football field. This now needs to be put out to the community. Tina Newell suggested it being in the next umbrella.

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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) **Vote To Hold Internal Audit**
(CU) Councillors voted to hold internal audit using SALC.

Councillor Reports & Items for the next Parish Council Meeting

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(CU) None.

The Next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 15th May 2023 due to numerous Bank Holidays in May, at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 19:42 pm

Signed: Date: 15/05/2023
Chair, TSMPC

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