**North Tuddenham Parish Council**

**Minutes of a meeting held on 10th March 2020**

**Present:** Mr. J. Stapleton, (Chairman) Mr M. Smith, Mr. D. Baxter, Mrs C. Blake & Mr. J. Phillips.

**1. In Attendance:**  Vicky Turner (Clerk- Yaxham Parish Council) and 6 members of the public

**2.Apologies**, Apologies were received from and Cllr G. Bambridge due to ill health and Chris Williams due to a work commitment , the apologies were accepted.

**3.Declarations of Interest.**  Mr Stapleton declared an interest in recycling, Mrs Blake & Mr Smith declared an interest in St Mary’s PCC.

**4.Minutes of the previous meetings The**  minutes of the previous meeting , held on 14th January 2020 were agreed to be a true record and signed by Mr Stapleton. Proposed by Mr Baxter, seconded by Mr. Phillips.

**5. To Report on Items not on the Agenda for the previous meeting**. The public were reminded of the rules stipulating when public participation is permitted during Parish Council meetings

**6. To receive District and County Councillors reports.** In their absence this item was carried forward.

**7. To close the meeting for public participation.** The discussion centred around highways problems , such as potholes, rat running, the increasing volume of traffic in Fox Lane and effect on the village of the A47 improvements and construction of the link road to the NDR.

**8. Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting.**

**Highways**

**The Rangers** have been in the village and have carried out most of the work requested, including removing the debris from the fallen tree in Low Road. There are however one or two issues remaining and these will be added to the list of jobs for when they are next in the village

**Potholes and Drainage** Many of the potholes reported have now been mended, there is a pothole on the Lyng Road to report. There is a continuing problem with drainage in Low Road East and this will be reported to Highways and The Rangers.

* **Damaged and missing road sign**

Reported but no action to date. Keep pushing. Junction at Fox Lane, Low Road East and Mattishall Lane is becoming hazardous. Highways will be contacted again as this is a dangerous junction

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**Environmental Matters**

* **Village Recycling Scheme.** Price of metal has dropped so not selling much at present . Items for re-sale will be posted on website with reference to same in Mardle.
* **Fly-tipping**  This is still an ongoing problem, The annual Village Litter Pick will remove some of the rubbish. Adrian O’Dell was thanked for organising the Litter Pick.
* **Dog Bins.** The clerk responded to Brecklands request for maps showing the proposed site for the bins but received no response. On querying this was told to restart the process to gain permission to site them, this has taken four months to deal with already. It was decided to put the matter on hold at the moment.

**The Common**. There are still issues with dogs entering the pond, despite polite signage warning owners not to let their dogs do so. A more officious sign is to be made, warning dog walkers that dogs may be harmed if they are allowed to enter the pond. Norfolk Trees are about to do more work on the Common.

**Footpaths.** The hedge by the footbridge has been cut.

**Defibrillators.**  A third defibrillator has been ordered and will be installed in the Phone Box in Mill Road. The money from Tesco’s Bags of Help Scheme will partially finance this.

**Church Tower.** See attached report. A North Tuddenham Flag for the Church Tower was considered, to be further discussed at the next meeting.

**11. Major Roads**

* **A47 Dualling.**  The public Consultation took place in the Village Hall on 27th February. The press attended . NCC also attended , but only very briefly. Questionnaires can .either be filled in and submitted by post or completed and submitted on line by

4th April. Comments and ideas re the side roads need to be passed to Martin Wilby. The dangers of walking on Fox Lane were discussed, Mr Smith will write to NCC. It was noted that Fox Lane was missed in the traffic count.

* **Norwich Western Link Road.** This was not discussed in any detail; however, it must be considered in conjunction with plans for the A47.

**12. Correspondence -** List supplied to councillors.

**13. The Local Plan.** Nothing further to report

**14. Planning Applications.** Nothing to report

**15. 75th Anniversary Victory in Europe celebrations and other events 2020.**  VE day celebrations are still planned, however the evening event will be moved to Battle of Britain day in September. Nothing definite can be arranged due to the Coronavirus and the possibility of everything having to be cancelled. An event to celebrate VE day is to be held at the Lodge by the licensee. We have been awarded a grant of £500 towards the events on 8th May, this will be used to enable us to work together with The Lodge to provide 100 cold meals , street party style, other items to be considered for the day are parking at The Lodge, the number that can be accommodated under cover in the event of bad weather and cancellation due to the virus. The clerk will contact Breckland to request permission to move the grant to September if necessary

**The Tuddenham 100** will not now take place, the bar at Open Farm Day on 14th June will be for the Church and the lottery may be reinstated as a fundraiser for the Church Tower fund.

**16. Finance Payments and Receipts.**

Balances

Barclays c/a ` 10959.03

Barclays d/a 646.10

Receipts

Barclays deposit Interest 0.23

Payments

Chq no 434 P. Baldwin Expenses 65.00

Payments to be made.

P. Barnes Repairs

P. Baldwin` Clerk Salary

Village Hall Rent 140.00

**18. Items for publication on the Website, noticeboards and in The Mardle**

A welcome leaflet for new residents

Suggestions for a North Tuddenham Flag

Covid-19

**19. Items to go on the next agenda.** As previously plus Covid-19

**20.** **Any Other Business**. None

**The next meeting will be the AGM on May 2020 at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Council meeting commencing at 7.30pm**

The meeting then closed at 8.55 pm