# Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 7th

**May 2020, via remote meeting platform.**

Present: Cllrs Stapleton (Chairman), Baxter (Treasurer), Phillips and Williams. Clerk and 1 member of the public.

## 1.0 To suspend the Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations of North Tuddenham Parish Council during the continuation of the COVID-19 Emergency

**AGREED** and **NOTED**

## 2.0 To note the dissolution of the Extraordinary Meeting scheduled for 24th April 2020 at 7pm and note its status as ‘Non-Quorate’

**NOTED**

**3.0 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting dated 10th March 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2020 were unanimously **AGREED** as a true and accurate record of events and will be signed by the Chairman when safe to do so.

## 4.0 Finance

**4.1.** To note receipt of Grant Funding from the Norfolk Community Foundation

Cllr Baxter summarised the context of this grant application and the successful award of £1000 to the Parish.

**4.2** To note the initial distribution of funding for the Village Shop and Dann’s Farm Shop to cover costs (including those already incurred) as part of the support initiative for North Tuddenham residents during the current COVID-19 Crisis

Grant awards of £500 have been made to The Lodge Shop and to Dann’s Farm Shop and delivery service**. NOTED.**

**4.2** To consider and agree proposals for additional funding from the Parish Council beyond the initial 12-week crisis period**.**

Discussion around offering further support to these businesses as the current restrictions are ongoing took place.

Cllr Baxter confirmed that current funds available were:

## Current Account - £9283.47 Deposit Account - £ 646.10

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| **Payments since last Meeting** | **Payee** | **Cheque No** |
| £41.94 | P Barnes repairs | 100435 |
| £140.00 | Village Hall rent | 100436 |
| £1812.00 | St John’s Ambulance –  defibrillator | 100437 |
| £960.00 | Norfolk Trees – work on common | 100438 |
| £1297.62 | Clerk’s Salary and  Expenses | 100439 |
| £500.00 | The Lodge grant | 100440 |

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| £500.00 | Danns Ice Cream grant | 100441 |

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| **Receipts since Last Meeting** |  |
| £1000.00 | NCF COVID-19 Support Grant |
| £1166.00 | TESCO Bags – Defibrillator Donation |
| £1475.00 | Precept |

Cllr Williams proposed a motion to match-fund the grant aid from NCF to the Lodge Shop and to Dann’s Farm Shop, subject to submission of evidence by both parties of historic spend-to-date, over and above the original award. This was unanimously **AGREED.** The Chairman to contact businesses with an outline of the proposal and to request summaries of expenditure. Subject to receipt of satisfactory reconciliation, it was **AGREED** that Cllr Baxter should then issue additional funding grants to each for up to £500 each.

It was also **AGREED** that the Clerk research other options for grant funding from other local bodies.

## 5.0 To consider options for funding support to Parish amenities during the period of Corona Virus lock-down

* 1. Village Hall – To consider making a supporting donation

It was confirmed that the Village Hall was now in receipt of the 10K Breckland grant award; Council to review need for any additional support at the next meeting

* 1. St Mary’s Church – to consider aiding the erection of safety barriers around weakened tower structure

The Chairman confirmed that the need for funding for this project was now no longer required. Discussion took place around other options to support St Mary’s during its enforced period of closure; in line with restrictions surrounding the funding of Churches and religious organisations under terms of the Local Government Act 1894, it was unanimously **AGREED** that the Parish Council would use its powers under s137 to finance the printing and distribution costs of the *Mardle* Village Newsletter. Chairman to contact Mr Mike Smith to arrange.

It was also **AGREED** that Chairman contact The Common Volunteers’ Group to see if there are any spending needs that the Parish Council can assist with during the lock- down period.

## 6.0 To confirm the date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Tuesday 12th May 2020 at 7pm via Remote Meeting Facility, ‘Zoom’

**NOTED**

The meeting closed at 8.21pm with no further matters arising.