



NORTH TUDDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 29th October 2020 at 7.00pm via remote meeting platform

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

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He confirmed that since the last meeting in September, he had been notified of Cllr Blyth's intention to step-down. The Chairman proposed an official vote of thanks to Cllr Blyth for her dedication and longevity of service.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Williams and Cllr Phillips – **NOTED** and **ACCEPTED**

3. Declarations of Interest

It was **NOTED** that all Cllrs present had a direct interest in Item 5.0 as residents of the village, and concerns over speeding.

4. Public Session –

Mr Aylett confirmed that the latest invoice for website domain hosting had been settled and would be passed to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

5. Parish Partnership Bids 2021/22

5.1 To consider and agree installation of Parish Gateways as a traffic-calming/speed reduction measure on Main Road, North Tuddenham

Cllr Harding had previously circulated a resume of work undertaken leading up to the meeting and confirmed his support in investigating the purchase of Villgae Gateways for North Tuddenham to help manage speeding and safety issues. It was acknowledged by all Cllrs present that whilst a speed reduction on Main Road would be the preferred option, consultation with Highways Engineers had confirmed that this was at present not possible. Cllr Harding confirmed that his intention was, however, to continue to press for this change.

Discussions took place surrounding the viability of Village Gateways with regards affordability and effectiveness. The Chairman **PROPOSED** a motion that the Council **AGREE** to instruct Highways Engineers to perform a site visit and that the Council **AGREE** a projected earmark of 3K net maximum net for purchase and installation. The Gateways will be single and mounted on the left-hand side of the road. This was **SECONDED** by Cllr Harding. All unanimously **AGREED**.

5.2 To consider and agree potential locations for Parish Gateways

Discussions took place regarding provisional siting of Gateways. It was **AGREED** that a site visit take place on Sunday 1st November to confirm exact locations but it was unanimously **AGREED** that the Gateways should be positioned where feasible along



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Main Road, heading in from Lyng and Main Road, heading in from Dereham, with an additional and provisional suggestion of a third single Gateway at Mattishall Lane, near to the bridge.

5.3 To consider and agree potential styles and signage for Parish Gateways

Highways Department previously circulated a brochure containing varying styles of Parish Gateways.

Discussion surrounding the various options took place and the potential for the Gateways to function as casualty-reduction measures; it was **AGREED** that provisionally, estimates for installation and purchase of 2 x Ornate Single Gateways, double-sided, should be sought, alongside an estimate for a single, standard gateway at Mattishall Road.

It was also **AGREED** that provisional wording might be “Welcome to North Tuddenham – Please Drive Slowly” alongside the speed limit roundel, with the possibility of “Thanks for visiting North Tuddenham” on the reverse.

All these suggestions are provisional and will be subject to the agreement and approval of Highways Engineers. Clerk to liaise with Highways to arrange site surveys and costs – Parish Partnership bid for 2021/2022 to be made for this project once costs are available – deadline 4th December 2020.

5.4 To receive and note Cllr Bill Borrett’s pledge of £500 from his NCC Members’ Fund towards this project

The Chairman confirmed this contribution from NCCLr Borrett and tendered an Official vote of thanks. The grant was **NOTED**.

6. Urgent Business

6.1 To consider any issues raised by Cllrs that the Chairman considers to be urgent

Bus Service – Cllr Harding confirmed that he had received an email from bus operator “First Group” stating that they would be happy to consider establishing a bus route to Norwich from North Tuddenham. AH to progress and report at next full meeting.

Councillor Vacancy – The Chairman referred Members to the recent resignation of Cllr Blyth and asked the Clerk to progress this matter with Electoral Services.

7. To confirm the date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.28pm with no further matters arising.