



North Tuddenham Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2022

Present: Cllrs Stapleton (Chair), Harding (Vice Chair), Baxter (RFO), Blake, Williams, Phillips and Hall.
Also Present: Clerk, District Cllr Bambridge and 4 members of the public

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and began by asking all attendants to observe a minute's silence in honour of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

2.0 Apologies for Absence – All present

3.0 Declarations of interest

JS – Recycling Project

CB – St Mary's Parish Church – Conflict with Agenda Items **NOTED**

4.0 Public Session

A member of the public enquired about the apparent lack of bridleways in the Parish and asked Cllrs if they were aware of any not identified on the NCC portal. In light of recent changes in Traffic legislation and anticipated traffic increases, the importance of staying off highways and remaining as safe as possible, took place. Cllrs were not aware of any other designated pathways unfortunately, but did recommend approaching local landowners to seek permission to ride across their land. **ACTION: Clerk to approach to Cllr Borrett for any advice on finding safe spaces to ride.**

Overgrown hedges causing issues with visibility splays was raised as an issue. Cllrs confirmed a programme of works that Highways Rangers have agreed to undertake over the forthcoming weeks but asked the public to NOTE that generally speaking, hedges are the responsibility of the landowner unless they are causing a serious threat to road-use. All areas of concern have been raised on the NCC portal by the Clerk and are awaiting action.

Speeding along the Main Road was raised again. Cllr Bambridge encouraged all residents who are finding this an issue, to write and complain to NCC Highways, copying in David Allfrey of NCC Highways and County Councillor Borrett. Email addresses are:

bill.borrett.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk and david.allfrey@norfolk.gov.uk Repetition and volume of complaints he hoped might one day levy some change on speed and weight restrictions in the area. He also added that the completion of the A47 upgrade and the NWL might hopefully alleviate some of these issues.

ACTION: Clerk to CC emails from Flagship regarding social housing on Mill Road to Cllr B Bambridge

5.0 To approve the Minutes of Previous Meetings

5.1 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2022

The Minutes of the meeting were read for accuracy; the Minutes were **PROPOSED** by Cllr Stapleton as a true and accurate record of events; **SECONDED** by Cllr Baxter. **Unanimously AGREED.**

6.0 To consider matters arising from minutes of previous meetings not considered on this Agenda – no matters arising

7.0 To receive any District and County Councillors' Reports –

Cllr Bambridge confirmed his role as Executive Member for Housing and his focus on expanding the provision of social housing in the district to compensate for ever-increasing levels of homelessness. He told the meeting about the recent provision of Elm House in Thetford which opened earlier this year – all accommodation has now been let. More initiatives like this are being sought across the region.

He confirmed the slowing processing of Planning applications resultant of the introduction of Nutrient Neutrality parameters. He confirmed his intention of lobbying the Prime Minister and Norfolk MP, Elizabeth Truss, on this matter.

Cllrs discussed the rumoured sale of Poppy's Wood for development. It is understood that this land was donated as an open access public area by the late Bernard Matthews, and planted with trees including apple trees with free access to all. The area is used by both locals and those from further afield as a walking route for dogs, and by youth groups and others for picking fruit etc. Cllr Bambridge agreed to kindly try and ascertain if it is still a designated green space on the Local Plan.

8.0 To receive any update on the A47 Dualling Plans and North Western Link Road – Mike Smith – Ex-Officio

Confirmed that the A47 upgrade plans had now been approved. Recent closed discussions with Contractor and the Parish Council were productive and allowed Cllrs to reaffirm the issues the Parish lodged during the official consultation.

ACTION: Clerk to email Galliford Try for any updates.

Appeals against the NWL project will have implications for North Tuddenham if it does not go ahead.

9.0 To receive the Report of the North Tuddenham Community Association - Pat Baldwin

Clerk read the Report to the meeting in the absence of Mrs Baldwin. See Appendix 1

10.0 To receive the Report of St Mary's Church Tower Project Group and North Tuddenham PCC
Mike Smith

No further progress has been made over the preceding 10 weeks; a meeting is planned between Builders, architect, and PCC imminently.

At this point, there is no firm finish date, and the Contingency payment will be withheld until work is completed.

2nd and 4th Sundays of month – Services resume.

Sadly, the PCC has lost several members over the last year and is critically short on membership.

A donation of 15k has been made towards the window replacement and this work is anticipated to be finished by Feb 2023.

Norfolk Churches Trust – presentation given by MS resulting in 145k raised on top of Historic England. The Chairman congratulated MS on his stoicism and hard work in raising funds to ensure St Mary's remains open.

11.0 To receive the Report of The Common Volunteers' Group – Jonathan Stapleton

Cllr Stapleton read a report on behalf of BP. Implications of low rainfall were highlighted. Volunteers have started their winter maintenance duties. Bramble attachment for brush cutter required at an approximate cost of £20 **APPROVED.**

11.1 To discuss possibility of providing permanent signage at The Common regarding fires and barbecues – Deferred to next Summer

12.0 To receive the Report of the Village Recycling Project – Jonathan Stapleton

12.1 Going well and some credits upcoming. Recyclable items sold well at the car boot sale.

13.0 Highways Matters

13.1 To receive any updates on matters raised at last meeting - All matters raised at previous meeting, reported to NCC Highways.

13.2 To note any new Highways Matters needing attention

Lyng Road – NO Entry Signage damaged - AH to give Clerk the *What Three Words*

Speeding agricultural vehicles – Details to be supplied to Clerk **ACTION:**

Clerk to write informal letters of concern

14.0 Planning

14.1 To receive and consider any new planning applications - None

14.2 To note the nil return on Planning Application

3PL/2022/0827/HOU – Woodhaven, Low Road, North Tuddenham

Detached single garage at front

14.3 To note any planning outcomes – Above application now approved.

15.0 Recognition of Resident Award

15.1 To review and agree suggestions to acknowledge resident's longevity of service to

The Community – Report and proposals from Cllr Stapleton – defer to next meeting

16.0 To receive any update on Platinum Jubilee Tree and guards – Cllr Harding

Cllr Harding confirmed that this would be progressed and reported on at the November Meeting as planting will be in December

17.0 To review and agree/adopt Documents and Policies

17.1 North Tuddenham Parish Council Code of Conduct

Reviewed and agreed – **PROPOSED** by JS; **SECONDED** by AH

17.2 North Tuddenham Data Protection Policy

Reviewed and agreed – **PROPOSED** by JS; **SECONDED** by AH

18.0 To confirm date of Whole Council Training – 22nd November 2022

It was discovered that this date was no longer appropriate – **ACTION: Clerk**

To contact Norfolk PTS and organise alternative date.

18.1 To note Norfolk PTS membership subscription to 31st March 2023 - £50

NOTED and agreed

18.2 To note Training course fee of £280.00 - NOTED and agreed

19.0 To receive any update on purchase of items in readiness for Operation London Bridge –

Cllr Hall kindly sourced the beautiful picture of HRH Queen Elizabeth which will be mounted in the Village Hall. The case for the Village Flag will be built by BP and will cost around £50 -**ACTION: DH to investigate various options for suitable materials and report at next meeting. Invoices to be passed to RFO**

MS has purchased a Union Jack to fly alongside the NT Village Flag – invoice to Cllr Baxter.

Letter of condolence to be sent to Buckingham Palace after the period of mourning.

ACTION: Clerk to check wording and formulate for Chair.

20.0 Finance

20.1 To receive current account balances

Current Account – £6776.97

Deposit Account – £646.73

20.2 Payments made since last meeting

None made since last meeting

20.3 Receipts since last meeting

NCC Recycling Award - £349.02

Deposit Account Interest - £0.20

- 20.4 To receive and consider any requests for grant funding – None received**
- 20.5 To discuss and receive update future project for SAS via Parish Partnership Funding 22-23**
Report circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting was discussed. It was unanimously **AGREED** that the need for purchasing an additional SAM2 or another SAS device was unnecessary. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways Engineer to investigate adding Mill Road as an additional site to the original Memorandum of Understanding. ACTION: Cllr Williams to try and download SAM2 data for collation and presentation at November Meeting.**

21.0 To note any correspondence received: NALC Bulletins; NCC Updates; NWL Liaison Group; CAN Newsletters; Planning emails; Temporary Traffic Orders; Email from Galliford Try; emails from Westcotec; Email from Highways Partnership; member of public regarding alleged indecent exposure; Norfolk PTS; Electoral Services; email from resident regarding bridleways; letter from Breckland Environmental Health Services regarding fly infestation.

22.0 Urgent Business – to consider any issues raised by Cllrs that the Chairman considers urgent

23.0 To confirm the date and time of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.12pm

Appendix 1

NTCA Report
September 2022

We have welcomed Mike Smith onto our committee and will be very grateful for his input in the future.

We would like to thank the Tuddenham 100 for their generous donation of £1000 to our funds.

We have once again held a scarecrow festival, which sadly was very poorly supported this year, but nevertheless would like to thank the judges. Winners were joint first were Where's Wally and Mary Poppins.

As the platinum jubilee BBQ was cancelled we organised a picnic and outdoor games at the village hall in place of the BBQ, prizes for the scarecrow competition also to be presented at the picnic

A lot of work went into organising the picnic and games, together with advertising on Facebook , in The Mardle, Posters and circulating 150 flyers, in spite of this people said they knew nothing about it and only 3 families plus one individual who were not connected with the committee actually came to the event, which was very disappointing. It was nice however to welcome one family who are newcomers to the village.

A quiz is to be held in November, details to be published shortly and hopefully this will receive more support.

The little library is continuing to thrive, under the watchful eye of Connie who is looking after it as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award. Thank you, Connie.

Any plans for Christmas have yet to be decided.

Pat Baldwin