

Tibenham Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 9th May 2018 at 7.30 pm at Tibenham Community Hall

Note: These minutes will be formally approved at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2019

Parish Councillors present: Gareth Roderick-Jones (Chairman) David Timson (Vice-Chairman), Gemma Lambert, Auriel Mephram, Alan Harris. **In attendance:** Marianne Purdy (Clerk). Invited guests: Brenda Pratt (Tibenham PCC), Sam Watts (Saffron Housing)

1. **Chairman's welcome address**

Cllr Roderick-Jones welcomed all those present and explained the proceedings for the evening.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Robert Smith, District Cllr Charles Easton.

3. **Gareth Roderick-Jones – Chairman – Tibenham Parish Council**

A new Councillor has joined the Parish Council: Alan Harris. Cllr Roderick-Jones discussed the last 12 months at the Parish Council, including:

- Continuing to build the information contained on the website
- Defibrillator – Pads and Battery have been replaced
- Defibrillator training held for residents of Tibenham
- Joint newsletter with Community Hall
- Community Car Scheme no longer running

4. **Brenda Pratt – Tibenham P.C.C.**

Brenda thanked Parish Council for the £300 they had given Tibenham PCC this year. There are now only three people involved with the Church. A regular service is held once a month and income from that source is small. The Lime trees now need to be cut down – PCC are looking at ways to raise money for this.

5. **David Timson – Tibenham Community Hall**

David reported that the Community Hall continued with the wellbeing sessions which were successful. Following that event, a light exercise class has been started which is fully booked.

6. **Sam Watts – Saffron Housing**

Sam Watts of Saffron Housing explained the need for housing in Tibenham, following a survey to all residents, for 10 homes, comprising eight 2-bedroom houses and two 3-bedroom houses for shared ownership (part buy/part rent). Land owners of possible sites were approached and one of the land owners has agreed to sell. The site is situated on The Street opposite land to the west of White House. The site is currently agricultural land, environmentally it's sound, low-risk flood risk, utilities: there are electricity and telephone connections along the road, Anglian Water foul drainage will be connected to Anglian Water sewerage treatment plant. A request was made by the Parish Council for the houses to be in a linear style – a revised layout will be sent through in due course.

7. **Questions and general discussion**

Concerns were raised regarding the drainage along Church Road and The Street. The Parish Clerk confirmed that Highways had been informed and cleaning of the drains would be carried out, and pot holes/edges of roads repaired.

8. **Approval and signature of Minutes and any matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting 10th May 2017 were signed by Cllr Roderick-Jones as a correct record without amendment. There were no matters arising.

Cllr Roderick-Jones closed the meeting at 8.40 pm