

# Tibenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021** at **7.30pm**

Councillors present: Gareth Roderick-Jones (Chairman), David Timson (Vice Chairman), Darren Gipson, Gemma Lambert, Auriel Mephram, Leah Smith, Caroline Knight

In attendance: Marianne Purdy (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Bev Spratt, District Councillor James Easter, Cllr Barry Duffin

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## 1. Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

## 2. County Councillor and District Councillor reports

### a. County Councillor Spratt:

Reported that all schools in the area of Tibenham are free of Covid. Norfolk County Council (NCC) are spending money on upgrading the recycling at Diss and Wymondham – they are looking for a new recycling centre. NCC borrowed a further £12m bringing their total borrowing to £730m, with £30m a year interest. Long Stratton bypass may start at end of May. Council tax has gone up 4%.

### b. District Councillor Easter:

Information received from Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC) that a new Flood Committee had been set up and a meeting had been held. A hotline will be set up, and an article will be in the EDP by Lord Dannatt regarding this new committee. A webinar will be held in March where Anglian Water, Fire Service and Water Resources will be present.

Census Day is 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 this can be completed online, however, a paper version can be applied for. Diss and Roydon were set up as a testing centre for South African virus – no South African virus was found in 7,000 tested, however, 13 people tested positive for Covid 19. South Norfolk Covid 19 cases are decreasing. South Norfolk Council Tax is going up £5 per year. 60 new businesses have started up in Diss during lockdown.

## 3. Apologies for absence

None.

## 4. Declarations of interest

Cllr Gipson item 6e.

## 5. Approval and signature of Minutes and any matters arising

The minutes of the meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were agreed by the Council as a correct record without amendment. No matters arising.

## 6. Planning applications

All planning applications previously circulated to Councillors.

- a. 2021/0024 Pilsgate Barn, Diss Road. Change of use from redundant agricultural barn to

- provide a single residential dwelling with new single-storey rear extension. No objection.
- b. 2021/0201 & 0202 Foxmoor House, Pristow Green Lane Conversion of the existing building to a single storey dwelling, including new extensions and basement accommodation and Listed Consent. No objection.
  - c. 2020/0769 Amended planning application for land adj The Greyhound Public House. Cllr Roderick-Jones proposed an email of objection to be sent to South Norfolk Council. Seconded Cllr Timson.
  - d. 2021/0371 Hay barn, Church Farm, Church Lane - Demolition of existing hay barn and erection of new dwelling. No objection.
  - e. 2020/2344 Amended planning application for Land South of Poppyfields, Pristow Green Lane. No objection.

## **7. Chair's Report**

Cllr Roderick-Jones reported that he was waiting for the Ramblers to lift the restrictions once the lockdown starts to ease, to carry out the work on the boardwalk. Councillors to let the Clerk know what contact details they would like on the website. Parish Newsletter due to be distributed end of March 2021.

## **8. Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

Due to take place Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm for Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7:30pm. Decision of venue/zoom to be made nearer the date.

## **9. Flooding report**

Cllr Timson has completed the report; clerk will forward to all necessary parties.

## **10. Grit bins and winter snowploughing contract**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase 2 x grit bins in readiness for next winter. Clerk to contact Highways with regards placement of them. Purchase of the bins proposed by Cllr Roderick-Jones and seconded by Cllr Timson.

The person contracted to snowplough in Tibenham is not a local person and does not know the roads and used incorrect machinery – clerk to pass this information to Highways.

## **11. Privacy Notice**

Reviewed by all Councillors, no changes required. Proposed: Cllr Roderick-Jones; Seconded: Cllr Timson.

## **12. GDPR Policy**

Reviewed by all Councillors, no changes required. Proposed: Cllr Roderick-Jones; Seconded Cllr Timson.

## **13. FOI Publication Scheme**

Reviewed by all Councillors. Changes agreed. Proposed: Cllr Roderick-Jones; Seconded Cllr Timson.

## **14. Parish Council Facebook Page**

The setting up of a Facebook page was discussed. The Council agreed to increase posts to Facebook Tibenham Connected and NextDoor Tibenham and review at a later date whether a separate Facebook page would be required.

## **15. War Memorial**

The clerk had applied for a pre-application Grant. A response can take up to two months.

**16. Spending of CIL monies**

Defer to May after responses received from questionnaires. Cllr Timson updated the meeting regarding the trod path. He had written to Saffron regarding this but no response to date. Cllr Timson to contact Barry Duffin.

**17. Training for Councillors and Clerk**

Defer to next meeting.

**18. Finance**

**a. Note finances as at 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Current Account: £3789.61

Savings Account: £5839.09 of which £2636.79 is CIL monies

**b. Approve invoices for payment: Proposed Cllr Mephram; Seconded Cllr Roderick-Jones**

M Purdy	Clerk wages x 2 months	£271.96
All Saints Church	Grounds maintenance	£300.00
Community Hall	Grounds maintenance	£300.00
Newman & Co	Payroll fees x 3 months	£36.00

**c. Note monies received:**

£250.00 South Norfolk Council – District Councillor's contribution for boardwalk extension.

**19. Community Hall**

Cllr Timson, in his role as Chair of the Community Hall, updated the Parish Council. Currently closed – hoping to start exercise classes April/May.

**20. Items for next Agenda**

None.

**21. Date and time of next meeting and dates for 2021:**

Annual Parish Meeting **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:00pm** followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council **at 7:30pm** venue to be confirmed.

**The meeting closed at 9.04pm**