

Tibenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Main Hall Room, Tibenham Community Hall on **Wednesday, 8th September 2021 at 7.30pm**

Councillors present: Gareth Roderick-Jones (Chairman), David Timson (Vice Chairman), Leah Smith, Carolyn Knight

In attendance: Tony Wainwright (Parish Clerk), District Cllr James Easter, County Cllr Barry Duffin
Apologies: Cllr Gemma Lambert

1. Public Participation

One member of the public attended, for the purpose of discussing the continued Noise problem at Tibenham airfield, due to its use for car racing. Further consultation with SNDC has proved fruitless. Cllr Easter has arranged for Health and Safety Officers to witness events. A log of events is to be kept. No appropriate council action could be thought of at present.

2. reports from:

a. County Councillor.

- A scheme to supply trees free on demand is running, although has temporarily run out of supply.
- The Long Stratton Bypass is to happen, scheduled for completion by end of 2024.

b. District Councillor.

- The report on Flooding has been published, although no actions within Tibenham are proposed. There will be a further meeting on 13th Sept to discuss.
- There is a proposal to sell both SNDC and Broadland council offices and purchase a new single building. This as a result of the large No. of staff working from home, freeing up office space.
- The village clusters analysis has still to be completed.
- 8 Afgan refugee families are to be housed in private rental accom within the area.

3. Minutes of meeting 14th July 2021 approved. No matters arising

4. Declarations of Interest. None.

5. Planning applications.

Application 2021/1628. The council will raise an objection to this on the grounds that the access to the main road is dangerous.

6. Clerk's report.

New bank authorities are now in place so the council is able to conduct financial transactions again.

The clerk suggested that the current rota for checking recycling at the hall, and the defibrillator at the greyhound, was unnecessary and volunteered to do the checks himself. This was agreed.

The action from previous meetings, to look into Grit Bins, has not been carried out yet.

7. The Chairman had nothing specific to report.

8. Approval of annual accounting and governance statements.
These were approved and will be placed on the council website.
9. Footpaths.
A lot of useful clearing has been done with the help of some heavy machinery, and participation from Norfolk Ramblers. Some paths are now passable although others remain uncut. The county council is due to do further cutting in the near future.
10. Correspondence. None to discuss.
11. Country Broadband. No news is forthcoming on their progress.
12. Electronic road sign for Pristow Green Lane.
The ideal location for such a sign would be outside the 30mph zone of the village, and so its placement is a problem. Cllr Timson will liase with Highways for their advice.
13. War Memorial Grant.
Preparation of the grant application is continuing.
14. CIL monies.
The analysis of questionnaires on this has been done, however it was decided to postpone any decision until an investigation into a road sign on Pristow Green Lane has been completed.
15. Councillor Vacancies.
These will be advertised on the SNDC website.
16. Greyhound pub planning Application.
The response of the SNDC to the council's objections is regarded as unsatisfactory and the chairman will draft a response.
17. Flooding report from SNDC.
This was regarded as very unsatisfactory and agreed it needed pursuing.
18. Finance.
 - Financial Regulations agreed in 2019 were readopted unchanged.
 - Payment to Alison Ibbitt of £271.96 was agreed.
 - Payment to Newmans of £98.40 was agreed.
 - Payments to the clerk, for wages and expenses, totalling £357.81 agreed.
 - Payment to D. Eckles for £50 was agreed, although an invoice is required.
 - A donation to Norfolk Ramblers of £50 cannot be given at present as there is no provision in the financial regulations for donations. The chairman will investigate this further.
 - Current financial position of £5839.09 savings, and £4493.59 current A/C
19. Items for the next Agenda. None.
20. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 10th November 7:30pm

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Date:

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