

Tibenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the meeting room, Tibenham Community Hall on **Wednesday, 9th November 2022 at 7.30pm**

Councillors present: Gareth Roderick-Jones (Chairman), David Timson (Vice Chairman), Gemma Lambert, Leah Smith.

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

1. Public Participation.

The new owner of Green Lane Farm introduced himself and asked for guidance on his plans for development of the property, and his intention to clear some of the overhanging trees in Slough Lane.

2. Council Vacancies.

No persons presented themselves for selection.

3. reports from:

a. County Councillor.

COVID cases are on the increase, and Avian Flu is also a great concern. There will be a consultation process on cuts in the budget. The council encourages participation in Waterstones scheme for providing books for children in care.

b. District Councillor.

Movement of the council offices continues. Norfolk Constabulary was inspected and came out well. Full details are available on the website.

4. Apologies for absence

Cllr Caroline Knight.

5. Minutes of meeting 28th September 2022 approved. No matters arising.

6. Declarations of Interest. None.

7. Planning applications.

2022/2016, No matters arising.

8. War Memorial.

Bretts have completed cleaning the Memorial. They recommended waiting until the Spring to replace missing Lead Letters, because the stone is too wet at this time of year. This was accepted and agreed.

9. Newsletter.

It was decided to revisit this at the next meeting, and councillors encouraged to consider possible content.

10. Highways issues.

- The vice chair contacted Highways on 6 issues, none of which have received a response. He will try again, CC to County Cllr Duffin.
- Detailed plans for a village sign at the entrance to the village will be forwarded to Highways by the Chair. They have indicated they will then provide a costing, the implication being that Highways will take on the installation.
- Damage to the broadwalk in Slough Lane, FP29, has been repaired.

11. Broadband at the Community Hall.

The council are neutral in the selection of supplier for this.

12. Repainting the Telephone kiosk.

We are awaiting a quote from the contractor for this.

13. Correspondence.

- A proposal is being made for a Caravan Park at Whitelms Farm. It was decided to object to this through the Caravan and Camping Club, on the grounds that the access road is too narrow, with no passing spaces, and subject to flooding. Light pollution is also a potential issue.
- NALC Pay scales for 2022-2023 have been received. The adoption of these will be considered at the next meeting..
- A letter from Aslacton Parish Council concerning footpath issues was received. It was decided the footpaths referred to were outside the Parish and Aslacton to be advised.
- East Anglia Green Scoping document. A planning scope document has been received which is very extensive. Councillors are encouraged to study this and respond.

14. Financial Regulations.

The proposed update was agreed.

15. CIL monies.

More benches should be considered. The cost of the War Memorial repair would also come from CIL funds.

16. Donation to the church.

A donation of £300 was agreed, to go towards upkeep and maintenance of the common grounds surrounding the church.

17. Benches for the village.

No further response has been received from Highways as yet.

18. Finance.

- payment to clerk, £281.20, for wages and expenses was agreed
- payment to D.Eckles, £50, for Internal Audit was agreed.
- payment to Newmans, £43.20, for 3 months payroll was agreed.
- payment to Keith Worsley, £20.00, for a community wreath, was agreed once an invoice has been received.
- donation to Tibenham PCC, £300, for grounds maintenance, was agreed.

19. Items for the next Agenda.

- Adoption of NALC Pay scales 2022-2023.
- Newsletter.

20. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 11th January 2023 7:30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Date:

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