

Tibenhams Tidings

News from the Parish Council and the Community Hall Committee

Newsletter – Summer 2022

Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter. This newsletter is produced jointly by Tibenhams Parish Council and Tibenhams Community Hall. It is published twice a year, and this is the tenth edition we have published. The newsletter is hand delivered to every household in the parish by a small band of volunteers. We are very grateful to these volunteers even if we sometimes forget to say so.

We would all like to extend a warm welcome to the new residents who have arrived since the last newsletter earlier this year. We hope you will get some useful information from this newsletter; a very useful source of information on what's happening in the area, including advertisements from local businesses and services, is the Church and Parish Newsletter. This is published eleven times a year, and you can subscribe to it for an annual fee of £5 – the Editor is Alan Harris, who can be reached at alan.newsletter@btinternet.com or 01379 674427.

As this is our tenth edition, we would like to get some ideas from readers about topics or information you would like to see included in future issues. Better still, we'd love to have some of you readers sending in articles or items that we can include. Don't be shy – send things in to us by email, or call the Parish Clerk (contact details are inside).

Defibrillator: Located at the Greyhound Pub.

If you think someone is suffering cardiac arrest, this is what you do:

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- call 999
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About Parish Council Meetings

Tibenham Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of every other month – January, March, May, July, September and November. Meetings are held at Tibenham Community Hall and start at 7.30pm.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. You can come along simply to observe, or you can participate in the public discussion, which starts in the first few minutes of each meeting. Members of the public are welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting, or can leave after the public discussion.

If you do decide to come to a meeting, you do not need to give your name and address (unless Covid precautions are in place).

Once a year there is also an Annual Parish Meeting. It is normally held in May, immediately before the May Parish Council Meeting. This is an opportunity for residents to air their views on any subject relevant to the people of Tibenham, and to find out what other people think.

Details and agendas of Parish Council meetings and the Annual Parish Meeting can be found on the PC's website, at tibenhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk or any of the councillors – contact details are at the beginning of this newsletter and also on the website.

Vacancies for Councillors

At the time of writing, there are two vacancies for Parish Councillors. There have been some expressions of interest, but no definite arrangements have been made, so if you would like to find out more about it, please come along to the next Parish Council meeting to see who we are and what we get up to. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th July, in the Community Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like more information beforehand, please feel free to contact the chair or any of the councillors (contact details at the beginning of this newsletter).

Being a Councillor

Over lockdown you may have seen the video that went viral of Handforth Parish Council. If you haven't seen it, in brief it depicts a parish council holding their bi-monthly meeting over zoom and let's just say it gets a little bit heated. I was Co-opted in to Tibenham parish council in September 2020 and I can happily say we are a great team, compared with Handforth Parish Council! Our Chairman and Vice Chairman have a wealth of experience and knowledge and in July 2021 we welcomed Tony, our new Parish Clerk who has adapted to his new role wonderfully. As a result of lockdowns many people have been working from home meaning the Parish Council have seen

a rise in planning applications and we have been busy working behind the scenes with these. Following concerns from residents the Parish Council have also installed a new dog bin in Slough Lane and two new grit bins equipped with shovels and salt which are placed outside Limes Farm on The Street and on the junction of Diss Road and Mill Road. We have also been helping residents in the community with noise issues, footpath issues, and litter picking operations. We are also happy that we were able to maintain the community charge in your Council Tax at the same level as 2020/21 for yet another year. We do currently have one or two seats available on the Parish Council, so if you are interested in becoming a councillor then pop down to one of our meetings to get a feel for it and if you feel it's something you would like to help with please have a chat with one of our councillors and we will be happy to help with any questions you might have.

Report of the Public Meeting on 26th April in Tibenham Community Hall to discuss the non-flying events that take place at Tibenham airfield.

For over a year now the Parish Council has received complaints from members of the public of the noise caused at the airfield as a result of motorised events. As it is apparent that these events are planned to continue for the foreseeable future it was felt appropriate to canvas a broader opinion from the surrounding area about them.

The Parish Council Chairman presided over the meeting, with other members of the council also present. Representatives of the South Norfolk District Council (SNDC) and the Police also attended. After a brief introduction the Chair opened the meeting to comments from the floor and the meeting proceeded in a mature manner with all points of view aired.

The meeting was attended by over 50 members of the public, and representatives of Norfolk flying club. The flying club are allowed to hold 12 days of motorised events per year. They do so in order to raise extra funds to keep the club active. If they did not do this they believe the club would collapse financially within a few years. It is not a business as such but a voluntary organisation to promote flying and gliding.

The SNDC confirmed that they had investigated the activities at the club and had come to the conclusion that, although they caused some disturbance to residents of Tibenham, it was not severe enough to warrant any action being brought against the club. It was evident that the noise was far less tolerable in some areas of Tibenham than others.

Both residents and the flying club agreed that they had mutual respect for each other. For its part the club regretted the disturbance and the residents expressed that they were proud of the club, and wished it to continue in its normal flying activities. It was suggested that the noise level from the cars could be reduced by modifying the exhausts, as is the case in some other locations. This was greeted positively by the representative of Terminal Velocity, one of the clubs using the airfield. The chairman of the flying club

agreed to approach the other club, Car Chase Heroes, with a view to working on this also. This seemed a potential positive way forwards.
A questionnaire was circulated after the meeting to canvas opinion.

National Grid Public Consultation

This Will Effect **EVERYONE**

We have been informed that the National Grid plan to construct **overhead pylons** to carry power from Norwich to Tilbury in Essex. Tibenham is in the path of the proposed route, and so there is a potential impact on **every resident** of the parish, from greatly reduced property values, ruined views, sleepless nights, noise and arguably other health effects. It will curtail flying and hot air balloon activities and during construction it will disrupt life in our community to a considerable extent.

The proposed route appears to be somewhere between N&R and Dysons farm coming over the Long Row & down Diss road.

Whether you have received notification of this or not, you can check the background documents online at nationalgrid.com/east-anglia-green which includes an interactive map.

Comments can be made online, by email to EastAngliaGREEN@nationalgrid.com, or by post to Freepost EAST ANGLIA GREEN (no stamp needed).

National Grid do not appear to be looking at alternative routes – there are other routes which should be considered – or considering underground cables, except through Dedham Vale.

National Grid are hosting a broad series of public information events and online webinars and everyone is encouraged to get involved.

The deadline for comments is 16 June 2022.

The Parish Council are hosting a Public Meeting on the subject on Thursday 9th June at the Community Hall, 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Public Meeting (APM) was held at Tibenham Community Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11 May 2022, with the Parish Council Annual Meeting following at approximately 7.30pm. The Chair reported on the years activities:

Chair of Tibenham Parish Council's Report 2021 - 2022

2021- 2022 has been an unusually busy time for the parish councillors, and I would like to thank all of them for sticking with it through thick and thin.

Perhaps this is a good time to dispel a rumour I heard recently in the village - parish councillors are not paid, and are not often thanked.

- Having said that, we would like to fill two vacancies on the parish council, as having a full complement of councillors helps us to share responsibility for getting things done. The work of a parish councillor is not normally too difficult or too time-consuming, and it doesn't require any special technical skills, though we will be looking at some training now that we (seem to be) post-Covid. Please speak to any of our councillors or our clerk who will be happy to describe what is involved.
- Your parish council has managed, for the third year in a row, to avoid any increase to your Parish portion of this year's Council Tax. We are all aware of how difficult it is for many people to cope with the effects of the pandemic and now the sharp increase in the cost of living, and we are trying help where we can.
- The Greyhound PH is undergoing renovations and when I spoke to the owners recently they expressed the hope that the pub will be able to be reopened this summer. Meanwhile they have agreed to make sure there is public access to the defibrillator, and the mains supply remains on, as this maintains the condition of the batteries.
- We recently held a very well-attended public meeting regarding motorsport activities at the Gliding Club. We were able to hear arguments from both sides, in favour of the activities and against them. The parish council will discuss this further.
- National Grid plans to build a series of massive pylons through the centre of the parish as part of a line running from Norwich to Tilbury to distribute electricity from North Sea windfarms. There is currently a short public consultation but we must note that the official statutory consultation will not take place until next year. Full details are on the National Grid website, and there is an online questionnaire on the website also. I will be writing soon to our MP, Richard Bacon, as the District and County Councils are not being

consulted, though I shall also be writing to them as I know they will be making their views known as well. Anything that people can do to protest will be welcome - online petitions, pressure groups, social media and so on - but please remember to do the same next year. The Parish Council will discuss details of our response before the 16 June deadline.

- The Parish Council is not running any events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next month, though I have successfully applied for a grant to help the Community Hall to run their event. We have also paid towards Jubilee gifts for the pupils of Aslacton School, some of whom live here in Tibenham.
- We often need to ask for volunteers from the village, and we are grateful for the small but loyal band of people who respond. It would be very pleasant to see some new faces to help spread the load a bit. This year volunteers have done a community litterpick, cleaned the road signs so we now know where we are, maintained the recycling area, maintained the book exchange in the telephone kiosk ... and by the way, we are now looking for a volunteer or volunteers to prep and paint the telephone kiosk the right shade of red (because, believe it or not, it is a listed building) and later on when conditions are right we hope to complete the repair and extension of the boardwalk on Slough Lane. When the call comes, please step forward.
- We have responded to requests from residents, some of which emerged in our last Annual Parish Meeting. We have installed a new dog bin at the end of Slough Lane on Pirstow Green Road to try to deal with complaints of excessive dog fouling in the area. We have installed two grit bins, one on the junction of Mill Road and Diss Road, and one on Church Road. I think we're pretty safe at the moment but we are at least ready for next winter. We are in the process of ordering a reflective road sign for Pirstow Green Lane just before the start of the 30mph limit - the hold-up has been trying to get the go-ahead for this from Norfolk Highways.

Council Tax 2022-2023

For the third year in a row the Parish Council have managed to avoid imposing any increase to the Parish portion of your Council Tax bill.

Community Litterpick

In March a Spring Litterpick was held around Tibenham. Although the event was advertised on social media beforehand and fliers were distributed, a disappointing number of people took part. However, we are very appreciative of the people who did participate, and who managed to gather 19 big bags of rubbish, a rusty bicycle, a gas cylinder and several bits of old iron. In addition, several items which had been fly-tipped were reported and were picked up, along with all the bags etc, within a couple of days by South Norfolk District Council. We would like to see more people next time – probably in the autumn – as, apart from anything else, we always enjoy these very social occasions.



What3words: Lifesaving app

There is a free app available to download onto your smartphone or other mobile device which enables you to pinpoint your exact location - to within 3 metres - anywhere on the planet, and using software such as Google Maps or Apple Maps, can guide you to another person's precise location. This app has been recommended for everyone by the emergency services.

The idea is simple enough: the entire surface of the planet has been divided into 3-metre squares, and each square has been assigned a unique three-word address.

To tell people where you are, use the app to tell you your three-word address. If you have an emergency, or if you simply need to tell someone where you are, giving a postcode can be problematic. Postcodes can be very imprecise, as we all know from seeing delivery drivers having to ask for directions to an exact address. Many places, even in an area like this, simply don't have postcodes - fields and parks, for example. And if you are at, say, the Royal Norfolk Showground in a crowd, it can be tricky trying to meet up with your friends or family. A three-word address which pinpoints your exact location can be invaluable, and is much less likely to get confused than a traditional numerical grid reference.

For the more adventurous, it can be the difference between life and death if you are stranded in a desert, in trouble at sea, or injured on a mountainside. But for most people it can be the difference between getting your delivery delivered to the right address, getting a taxi at night, finding your tent at a festival or meeting up with a friend for coffee.

Emergency services who use this app include the East of England Ambulance Service, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex Fire and Rescue Services, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex Police, the UK Coastguard, and their equivalents across the globe. It is also used by local authorities such as Norfolk County Council Highways Department.

Search for "What3words" and download - it's quick, free and easy, and there are tutorials online, though it's easy enough to use. Got children with their own smartphones? To get them used to using it, make up a game of hide and seek using What3words.

Sent from burglars.sized.beefed

Rural Crimes

We have had a reminder from our local contact at Norfolk Constabulary that rural crime is being taken seriously by the police in this area. The main season for hare coursing may now be over, but there are other criminal activities taking place in rural areas throughout the year.

They ask everyone in the community to be vigilant, and to report any suspicious activity you have witnessed to them on 101, or if something is in progress or you think is about to happen, on 999. Even scraps of information about vehicles, dogs, number of people, partial descriptions, clothing or anything else you notice can be of use. Members of the public, though, are advised not to approach anyone who is behaving suspiciously

Footpaths



For some years we have been pointing out the deterioration of Footpath 7, which runs from The Street, alongside The Black Barn, and emerges on Cargate next to Hay Barn House, and also joins FP8, which eventually takes you to Aslacton. The problem has been the breaking up of some of the steps behind The Black Barn, which lead down to a bridge and up the opposite bank, and the loss of the handrail. The County Council have now confirmed that the work has been scheduled and has been given priority, but apparently it must wait until after 1 April for the new budget to kick in. They plan to replace some of the steps, install a new handrail, and re-net the bridge to make it safer in wet or muddy conditions.

Recently, our friend Peter of Norfolk Ramblers came to look at the boardwalk on Footpath 29 (Slough Lane) off Pristow Green Lane. He helped us to install the original boardwalk, and also to make running repairs and an extension after the flash floods two years ago. We hope that further work will happen to further secure the boardwalk this year, but at the moment conditions on Slough Lane are still too wet. We will be putting out a call for volunteers (skilled or unskilled) via social media when conditions there improve.

Community Defibrillator

As most of you are probably aware, the Greyhound PH is currently closed. The owners, Mr and Mrs Adams, have told us that they are working on its refurbishment, but meanwhile the power supply to the defibrillator will be maintained, and there is no reason the defibrillator cannot remain in situ. The noticeboard next to the defib cabinet will also remain in place, and members of the public can still have access to it.

Using the defibrillator: what to do if you think someone is suffering heart failure?

- stay with the patient
- call 999
- follow instructions

There's no need to make it up as you go along. The operator is a trained expert and will guide you through every step, right from whether or not you need a defibrillator and the nearest functioning defib, to how to use it and how best to care for the patient.

Report a Problem

On the back cover of this newsletter you will find a list of contact telephone numbers, email addresses and web addresses which cover most incidents or problems that people are likely to want to report. These days, the District and County Councils don't have the manpower to cruise around Norfolk looking for problems to fix, so they have to rely on members of the public to report issues to them. So don't feel guilty about complaining if something isn't right – you are doing them and your community a favour by giving them the information.

Tibenham Community Hall



The current Chairman and Bookings Officer/Food manager both stepped down from the Committee at the AGM on 12 April. The Chairman, David Timson has served as Chairman for 8 years, and for two years before that as a committee member. Joan Woodcock has been the Bookings Officer for a number of years and has served for 13 years in total. Joan also led on the Food preparation and presentation for many years. We both thank everyone for their fantastic support over the years and look forward to being customers at the Hall not working.

A new Committee was formed at the AGM, and Tracey Lilley was elected as new Chair. I have been liaising with Tracey to provide a seamless transfer of information to enable the new Committee to move forward quickly.

A Sub Committee for the Arts was set up after the AGM in 2021 to widen the range of events and provide new and exciting options for everyone.

Much of the Government Grants provided to the Hall during the Pandemic has enabled the committee to update some of the infrastructure at the Hall, new heaters in the Main Hall, a new Fire alarm system and emergency lighting, cleaning equipment and other smaller items. This is all part of the planned maintenance programme at the Hall to keep everything up to date.

The Hall is providing an open bar evening on the 1st and 3rd Friday every month while the Greyhound is closed to provide some social gathering space, why not come along and join in. The main programme of events is ongoing and new Music evenings are already set up for later in the year, the 1st being on Friday 20th May Hara a 4 piece band playing Americana, & acoustic roots music supported by the Outsiders. Tickets £10 pp – book now. Tel: 07392960118.

Friday 3rd June is 50's Friday when there will be live open air (weather permitting!) music by Marie Wilson, entrance is free so pop along with your picnic blanket, the bar will be open & we will be selling ice creams. This will be followed in the evening by a ticketed event (£5 per adult under 16's free)

to see Danny Fisher who many of you may know from previous visits to the Hall. Also the Dirty Fryer Boys will be at the Hall from 5.30pm with their usual fayre so why not make a night of it.

Sunday 5th June will be the Platinum Jubilee 'Funday Sunday' with the usual games & competitions for all the family including best dressed 'King or Queen' & best decorated Jubilee cake. We will be serving free cream teas & ice creams. The Bar will be open. Bring a picnic & join us for some good old-fashioned fun!

For more information follow us on Tibenham Connected, Next Door, and on the Hall web site www.tibenhamcommunityhall.org or email tibenhamcommunityhall@gmail.com, or Tibenham.Arts@gmail.com for dates and further information.

So a new and enlarged range of events for all the Family. I hope everyone will find something that they like and you will get out locally and support your Hall.

I look forward to someone else writing these items for Tibenham Tidings and The Parish Newsletter, and give you a different perspective on things in Tibenham.

Volunteering in the Community

An appeal for help at Tibenham Community Hall

At Tibenham Community Hall we run a number of events and clubs, and host many private bookings for clubs, groups and celebrations.

There are many more things that we would like to develop and provide a wider range of activities for the Community. However to do this successfully we need more volunteers to join the current team.

We do have a number of volunteer helpers who support us with events and activities, but we are always looking for more volunteers, either to join the Committee, or to be available when needed. We are not looking for a major commitment on your time. Just people who can work with us when needed or provide skills that are needed.

Of course if you have any thoughts or ideas of things that you would like to see at the Hall please do get in touch! Our aim is to provide events/activities for the whole community and your feedback is very important.

If you have any spare time and would like to get involved why not contact the Committee at tibenhamcommunityhall@gmail.com see how you can help provide support and activity in the community.

TIBENHAM HISTORY GROUP

We are planning to restart the History Group which stopped before the Pandemic, mainly due to a lack of people coming to the meetings.

We are proposing to start again in late April, with an initial meeting to try and draw up a programme of items that we would develop into a history of Tibenham. There is much information already stored away, about the Church, the airfield, various people who have lived here, and some who have made their way in far flung corners of the world, including India and America, with some leaving in the 1600s.

We are hoping that with more people doing research we can build up more information about Tibenham. Maybe you have some history of your own to add to our small archive, or pictures from bygone eras that would help improve our knowledge of the village, all would be welcome and returned if that is what you want. If you are interested please contact me at timson25@btinternet.com so that I can confirm details of future meetings and get the group going again.

Report A Problem

A lot of common problems can be reported direct to the right people by members of the public either online or by telephone. You are also welcome to inform the Parish Council that you have reported a problem in case the problem needs to be followed up in the future.

Fly Tipping and Littering www.south-norfolk.gov.uk enter “fly tipping” in the search box and choose “fly tipping” or “littering” and enter the details online or call **01508 533701**

Potholes and Road Surfaces www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “pothole” in the search box and select either “potholes” or “report a problem” for other issues, and enter the details online or call **0344 800 8020** (working hours only) or email information@norfolk.gov.uk with name, address, telephone number and postcode

Obstructed Verges, Overgrown Hedges & Trees www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “verges” and select “Trees, Hedges and Verges” – at the bottom of the page select “report a problem” and enter details online or call **0344 800 8020** or email information@norfolk.gov.uk with name, address, telephone number and postcode

Hare Coursing If you suspect hare coursing is happening now, call **999**
If you suspect hare coursing has happened recently, call **101**

Police Emergency call **999**

Police Non-Emergency call **101** (including reporting traffic infringements)

Power Cut call **105**

Flooding www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “flood” in the search box and select “Report a Flood” or call **0344 800 8020** (working hours only) or email information@norfolk.gov.uk with name, address, telephone number and postcode

Stray Dog or Lost Dog www.south-norfolk.gov.uk enter “stray” in the search box and select “stray and lost dogs” or call **01508 533701**

Footpath Problems (Overgrown/Bridge Damaged or Missing/Sign Missing etc) www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “public rights of way” and then select “about public rights of way” or scroll down to the map and click on the map to report a problem or call **0344 800 8020** (working hours only) or email information@norfolk.gov.uk with name, address, telephone number and postcode

Damaged Road Signs www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “road signs” in the search box or call **0344 800 8020** (working hours only) or email with name, address, telephone number and postcode to email: information@norfolk.gov.uk

Damaged or Missing Street Nameplates www.south-norfolk.gov.uk enter “street nameplate” in the search box, choose “Street Naming and House Numbering” and find “report a problem to us” or call **01508 533701**