

Tibenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the meeting room, Tibenham Community Hall on **Wednesday, 11th January 2023 at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: Tony Wainwright (Parish Clerk) District Cllr James Easter.

Apologies: Cllr Gemma Lambert. County Cllr Barry Duffin.

1. Public Participation.

The Chair person of the Hall told the council of the progress made in creating a footpath from the road to the Hall. Much support had been received from volunteers to help with the work, and donations toward the cost. The budgeted cost was £1700. It was also suggested that the Hall could help take on the printing of future Newsletters as it now owned a substantial photocopier.

2. Council Vacancies.

No persons presented themselves for selection.

3. reports from:

a. County Councillor.

In his absence a report was filed, covering health risks from Covid and flu, social care, Avian Flu, public transport, amongst others. His full report is available on the website.

b. District Councillor.

SNDC finances are quite robust at present. Complaints have been and should be made to the BBC concerning cuts to local radio in Norfolk. 260 Ukrainian families are currently housed in Norfolk, and are due for relocation as the 6 month hospitality plan comes to an end. The National Grid have responded to the question of running the planned supply network through the sea, saying it is far too expensive. Residents are urged to take part in continuing protests against Nat. Grid proposals.

4. Apologies for absence

Cllr Gemma Lambert. County Cllr Barry Duffin.

5. Minutes of meeting 9th November 2022 approved. No matters arising.

6. Declarations of Interest. The Chair has a non financial interest in 2022/2333.

7. Planning applications.

2022/2401, No matters arising.

2022/2363, No matters arising.

2022/2333, No matters arising.

2022/2290, No matters arising.

2022/2289, No matters arising.

2022/2296, No matters arising.

8. Precept 2022/2023.

It was agreed to reduce the community charge by about 15%, to provide a Precept of £4000 for 2022/2023. It was felt the community would benefit from the small reduction in Council Tax that this represents, while still allowing the council adequate financial resource.

9. Newsletter.

It was decided that a newsletter should be issued in time for the events surrounding the coronation to be advertised. A distribution date of 17th April was agreed, all articles to be submitted to the clerk by 27th March.

10. Highways issues.

- A serious pothole has been present in Pristow Green Lane for some time. The vice chair will contact Highways on this and other matters referred to previously.
- Grit and shovels in the Grit Bins installed last year were removed by thieves. They were caught on CCTV and the video is in the hands of the police.
- A voluntary project is underway to install a variety of types of Bird Box at suitable points around the village, targeting various bird species.

11. NALC 2022-2023 pay scales.

It was agreed to adopt these pay scales and the clerk will notify Newmans of this.

12. Road Sign for the village.

Highways have agreed to take on the installation of a sign on entrance to the village under the Parish Partnership scheme. This will be progressed.

13. Correspondence.

- Renewal of the Community Asset listing at the GreyHound is now due. This will be progressed..
- Newmans have advised that an invoice dating back to July 2022 has not been paid. This was agreed as an oversight and the amount of £43.20 will be submitted.

14. Benches for the village.

The bench at Slough Lane has full approval and implementation is organised and will take place in the near future.

15. Finance.

- payment to clerk, £292.47, for wages and expenses was agreed.
- payment to Zurich, £214, for liability insurance was agreed.
- payment to HMRC, £88.00, for PAYE was agreed.
- Payment to Newmans, £43.20, for the overlooked invoice July 2022, was agreed.

16. Items for the next Agenda.

- To discuss a donation towards the Footpath project by the Hall.
- To discuss installation of a village sign.
- To discuss extending the broadwalk at Slough Lane.
- To discuss a litterpick.
- To discuss maintenance of the village noticeboard at the black barn.

17. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 8th March 2023 7:30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Date:

Signed: