

# Tibenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the meeting room, Tibenham Community Hall on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 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 Catherine Rowett

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1. Public Participation.

The local MP, Richard Bacon, is meeting with a resident to discuss the ongoing issue of noise at the Airfield. He will write to SNDC. Sewage and/or chemical discharge has been noted in the brook. The council will write to Anglian water to complain. The Chair of the Hall committee, Tracey Lilly, gave her report of Hall activities in absentia. The footpath has been completed with minor work outstanding. The ramp to the road is currently rather severe for wheelchair access, Private car park signs have been erected which have solved most of the parking problems at the Hall. A contribution from the council for hedge cutting was requested, but was rejected. The council has contributed a total of £1100 already to Hall improvements, (maintenance and footpath). The original purchase of the hedge was conditional on the council not being responsible for maintenance.

2. Council Vacancies.

No persons presented themselves for selection.

3. reports from:

a. District Councillor.

A report was submitted that is available on the website. A review of Parish Council organisation is being held in due course to try and make the system more efficient.

b. County Councillor.

A report was submitted that is available on the website.

4. Apologies for absence. Cllr Caroline Knight, District Cllr James Easter.

5. Chairs Report. None.

6. Declarations of Interest on the Agenda.

Cllr Lambert declared an interest in Planning Applications 2023/1879 and 2023/2038.

7. Minutes of meeting 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 approved.

8. Planning applications.

2023/2271, No matters arising.

2023/2056, No matters arising.

2023/2038, No matters arising.

2023/1879, No matters arising.

The council has noticed some suspicious developments at The White House, NR16 1PZ. It will write to planning enforcement to advise.

9. AGAR.

An explanation of variances will be produced, following which the AGAR will be complete.

10. A village sign.

A design for the sign is needed. This will be advertised in the next newsletter, and children from Aslacton school invited to contribute.

11. The broadwalk at Slough Lane.

It is being progressed.

12. A new road sign for the village.

Highways will be chased for progress.

13. Correspondence received.

- D23 39. Councillors are encouraged to examine the document and give feedback.
- Greyhound Community Asset Listing. This is now in place for the next five years.

14. The War Memorial.

Bretts have corrected all characters, and settlement agreed.

15. Telephone Box.

Repainting is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> October at an agreed price of £600.

16. Maintenance grant for the Hall.

A grant of £300 was due in 2022-23, and a further grant of £300 agreed for 2023-24.

17. National Grid Response.

The Chair will compose a suitable response and write to the Secretary of State.

18. Flood alleviation works.

The environment agency have stated the matter is outside their remit as it doesn't relate to a major river, and there is no imminent flood risk.

The council will identify specific works needed to alleviate flood risk and prepare a plan to achieve these. The owners of lands, and/or highways, will be approached to resolve. All owners of land having ditches and/or culverts will be encouraged to clear any blockages in them.

19. Finance.

- Payment to clerk, £295.21, for wages and expenses was agreed.
- Payment to D.Eckles, £50.00, for internal audit, was agreed.
- Payment to SNDC, £300.60, for 2023-24 dog bins, was agreed.
- Payment to SNDC, £267.84, for 2022-23 dog bins, was agreed.
- Payment to Bretts, £720, for War Memorial completion, was agreed.
- Payment to Tibenham Hall, £600, for maintenance 2022-24, was agreed.

20. Items for the next Agenda..

To hire a local handyman for adhoc work. (missed from current agenda).

To discuss the next Newsletter.

To discuss a Horse Riding sign at Cargate Common.

21. To confirm the date of the next meeting:

8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7:30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Date: .....

Signed: .....