

Tibenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the meeting room, Tibenham Community Hall on **Wednesday, 8th November 2023 at 7.30pm**

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

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

1. Public Participation.

The Hall reported that plans to cut the hedge are going ahead towards the end of the month, and that a storage container will be delivered next week. A discussion on flooding issues is reported in item 20.

2. Council Vacancies.

Caroline Knight resigned from the council after the previous meeting, leaving three vacancies. Two persons presented themselves as interested and the council will consider these applications before the next meeting.

3. reports from:

a. District Councillor.

A report was submitted that is available on the website. A meeting will be held at Shelfhanger's village hall on 23rd Nov at 7.30pm to discuss flooding issues. Sandbags are being made available there for residents. A pallet of sandbags will be ordered there for Tibenham. It will be arranged to move this to Tibenham Community Hall.

b. County Councillor.

A report was submitted that is available on the website.

4. Apologies for absence. Cllr Leah Smth, County Cllr Catherine Rowett.

5. Chairs Report.

The land bridge on FP7 has fallen into disrepair. People are encouraged to report any issues on footpaths to Norfolk Council when they come across them. A wreath will be laid on Sunday 11th at the War Memorial at 10.50 followed by a service of remembrance.

6. Declarations of Interest on the Agenda.

None.

7. Minutes of meeting 13th September 2023 approved.

8. Planning applications.

2023/3237, The lighting scheme is out of keeping with the style of the village, and is contrary to the dark skies initiative. The landscaping detail appears based on out of date plans. A letter of objection will be raised.

2023/3001, No matters arising.

2023/2879, No matters arising.

2023/2719, No matters arising.

2023/1313, No matters arising.

9. A village sign.

The need for a design was mentioned in the newsletter, and hopefully will bring some response.

10. The boardwalk at Slough Lane.

Bad weather has prevented work on this but progress is expected in the near future.

11. A new road sign for the village.

Is being progressed.

12. Correspondence received.

- Anglian Water: although AW have made no specific comment on the matter the treatment plant has been emptied since the last meeting.
- Sec. of State response: A non committal reply was received that has been made available in the newsletter.
- D-Day Commemoration: it was not felt appropriate for the council to participate in this, but the email will be forwarded to the airfield in case they wish to do something.
- Polling Station review: the current facilities are deemed completely acceptable.

13. A horse riding sign for Cargate Common.

Highways will be contacted and a sign requested.

14. A local handyman hire.

Will be progressed at the next meeting.

15. The newsletter.

This has been produced and is being circulated. The hall will submit an invoice in due course.

16. Painting the Telephone Box.

This has been completed and an invoice submitted for £600, for which payment was agreed.

17. Storage container at the Hall.

Planning has been consulted and an assurance given that no planning application is required. The container will be delivered and sited week commencing 11th November.

18. A donation to Norfolk Ramblers.

Members of Norfolk Ramblers will be assisting the work to the Boardwalk in Slough lane on a voluntary basis. In recognition it was agreed a donation of £100 to the Association was appropriate.

19. A donation to Tibenham PCC for ground maintenance.

A donation of £300 was agreed.

20. Flood alleviation works.

A very useful item was placed in the newsletter advising owners of streams and ditches of their responsibilities to keep them clear. The main problems in the village appear to be the restriction in culverts where the beck goes under the road, and the ability for water to run freely into the tributary of the river TAS at the bottom of Cargate Common. The two storms since the last meeting have focussed attention on this issue.

21. Finance.

- Payment to clerk, £283.91, for wages and expenses was agreed.
- Payment to HMRC, £95.80, for PAYE was agreed.
- Payment to Newmans, £222.00, for two previous payroll invoices, was agreed.
- Donation to Norfolk Ramblers, £100, was agreed.
- Payment to Shaun Bryant, £600, for painting the telephone box, was agreed.
- Donation to Tibenham PCC, £300, for maintenance, was agreed.

22. Items for the next Agenda..

To discuss Grit Bins.

To discuss adoption of NALC pay scales 2023-2024.

23. To confirm the date of the next meeting:

10th January 2024 7:30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

Date:

Signed: