

# Tibenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the meeting room, Tibenham Community Hall on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

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

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1. Public Participation.

The Hall reported that the hedge has now been cut. All sand bags in the container have been used. Some wiring circuits have been disabled due to an electrical fault.

2. Co Opt Guy Munday to the council.

Proposed by Cllr Timson, seconded Cllr Roderick-Jones, approved.

3. Co Opt Mark Ribbands to the council.

Proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded Cllr Smith, approved.

The clerk will forward forms to be completed to the new councillors.

4. reports from:

a. District Councillor.

The council is encouraged to produce an emergency plan in the event of incidents.

Sandbags are available at the village halls in Shelfhanger and Wacton.

A help hub has been implemented by SNDC for such things as domestic abuse and cost of living problems. The access no is 01508 533933.

b. County Councillor.

A report was submitted that is available on the website.

Work is progressing to make it easier for villages to implement speed restrictions.

It has been decided to elect a head of council, a mayor in all but name, at the next local elections in 2025.

5. Apologies for absence. None.

6. Chair's Report.

Progress at the Greyhound appears to have stopped, no information as to when the pub might reopen.

7. Declarations of Interest on the Agenda. None.

8. Minutes of meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 approved.

9. Planning applications.

2023/3558. An objection has been raised on the grounds that the application represents over development of the area.

10. A village sign.

There seems little interest in the project, and a suitable location is an issue.

11. The boardwalk at Slough Lane.

Bad weather has prevented work on this, however since the meeting the ramblers have been and improved the boardwalk with a heavier gauge mesh.

12. A new road sign for the village.

County Cllr Rowett will check on the position with highways.

13. Correspondence received.

- Ditch and verge issue . Is being progressed.
- Tibenham Football Club Legacy A/C. This contains some £328 as of 1988. Barclays require original signatories to make the funds available to the PC. If anyone has any knowledge of this please contact the clerk.

14. A horse riding sign for Cargate Common.

Clerk to request an estimate of cost from highways. Cllr Smith to propose locations. Two signs are suggested, one of which may be within the parish of Bunwell.

15. A local handyman hire.

Chair will discuss with a prospective person.

16. Grit Bins.

County Cllr Rowett will check that the bins are on highways list to be filled.

17. Adoption of NALC 2023-2024 pay scales.

New pay scales are to be adopted, the clerk to inform Newmans of new rates.

18. 2024 Precept.

The council are pleased to be able to keep the Band D charge for the Precept unchanged, despite the significant inflation pressures last year.

Proposed by Cllr Roderick-Jones, seconded Cllr Timson, approved.

19. Flood alleviation works.

The main problems to resolve are the culverts for the beck in Cargate Common, and the culvert opposite the Greyhound. Both are too small and can easily get clogged.

20. Finance.

- Payment to clerk, £282.91, for wages and expenses was agreed.
- Payment to HMRC, £95.80, for PAYE was agreed.
- Payment to Zurich, £214.00, for insurance, was agreed.

21. Items for the next Agenda.

To discuss a contribution to the Hall for remedial electric work.

To discuss councillor training.

22. To confirm the date of the next meeting:

13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7:30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

Date: .....

Signed: .....