

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th April 2017 commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Mr H Brightwell, Mrs J Kelm, Mr D Lugo, Mrs J Ellinor, Ms P Procter & Mrs C Frost (Clerk).

1. **Chairman's Welcome and Apologies.** Mr Brightwell (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting in the absence of Mr W Pipe. Mr Brightwell welcomed everyone present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mr Pipe in view of his interest in the planning application to be considered later in the meeting. Apologies were also received from Mr Beckett, Mr Vickery and Mr Whiting.
2. **Public Forum.** There was one member of the public also present but no additional items were raised for consideration.
3. **To receive declarations of interest.** There were none.
4. **Planning Matters** – (a) application DC17/0881/FUL – Poplar Farm, Westerfield Lane, Tuddenham St Martin. Erection of new grain store complete with lean-to and fan house.
The application had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and Mr Brightwell gave an overview of their comments. The Parish Council were already in consultation with Suffolk County Council Highways to pursue road improvements in the village and it was agreed that this avenue would continue to be followed to deter heavy goods vehicles using Westerfield Lane. Mr Oliver Pipe answered questions raised by Parish Councillors which included the decision regarding the footprint of the new grain store and the removal of rotten trees from land adjacent to the new grain store. After further consideration no objections were raised.
5. **Management of the playing field and playground** Mr Lugo had cut the grass pending the outstanding first cut of the year by Parish Council contractors. Mr Beckett had carried out an inspection of the playground and had emailed a report to fellow Councillors. The report was reviewed and the following was agreed:
 - Football nets should be purchased for both goalposts and it was expected that costs would be in the region of £100. The TADPOLE Committee would be holding their next meeting 8th May 2017 and it was agreed that they should be approached to request funding for the nets. It was also agreed not to replace the missing stanchions from the one goal post as they were not needed to secure nets to the football posts.
 - The broken wire fixed to the top of the swings had been removed by Mr Beckett and replaced by Mr Lugo in order to deter birds and prevent bird droppings on the swings.
 - Mrs Ellinor agreed to check benches and tables and carry out cleaning where necessary.
 - Not to have a fire to clear some branches brought down in recent strong winds.
 - No work would be carried out in the area between the playing field and playground fitted with semi submerged tyres and not used for over 20 years as a sort of BMX track.
 - The Clerk would liaise with Parish Councillors to agree a date for a meeting at the playground to consider action necessary prior to the next ROSPA report expected in September.
 - The Parish Council would consider at a later date the possibility of applying for funding from the Outdoor Playing Space Fund to install additional fencing (which would run parallel with homes backing on to the playground) to prevent dogs from the playground area.
6. **Items for next agenda**
 - (a) **An update on the SAVID and Speedwatch schemes**
 - (b) **To consider the Housing Review**
 - (c) **To consider the village litter pick and improvements to the village environment**
7. **Date of next meetings:** 2nd May 2017, 4th July 2017, 5th September 2017 and 5th December 2017.
The Annual Parish meeting, which will be held 2nd May 2017, will commence at 7pm and be followed immediately by the Parish Council meeting on the same evening.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Mrs C Frost
Parish Clerk. Tuddenham St Martin