

Minutes of the Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council meeting held on 2nd July 2019 commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Mr W Pipe, Mr H Brightwell, Mr D Lugo, Mrs J Ellinor, Mr J Bird, Ms Procter and Mrs C Frost (Clerk).

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies. The Chairman welcomed every one present to the meeting. Apologies were received Mr P Hodge. They were also received from Mr R Vickery (County Councillor) and Mr C Hedgley (District Councillor) as both would be arriving later in the meeting due to already attending another Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to move the order of Items to accommodate late arrivals, if needed, and declared interests.

2. Public Forum There were no members of the public present.

3. To receive declarations of interest. Mr Brightwell declared an interest in Item 13 b). Mr Pipe declared an interest in Item 13 b) and the Ipswich Northern Route, if it should arise in the meeting.

4. Minutes of Meetings held on 8th May 2019. These were approved.

5. Matters arising. Ms Procter reported that the village litter pick and clean had taken place on 18th May 2019 and there was thanks to everyone that had taken part. The money to be received from Suffolk Coastal Norse, as an incentive for the litter pick, would be used to purchase plant bulbs for the village. The Clerk reported that she and Mrs Ellinor had met with Andy Jolliffe (Communities Office for East Suffolk Council) after their attendance at the Planning event at East Suffolk House on 7th June 2019. Andy is keen to help parishes in his area strengthen the relationships between different people for the benefit of the local community. Advice, guidance and practical support is on offer to make positive changes in the area, as per the details in the poster recently emailed to Parish Councillors and put on the village noticeboard.

6. Report on Community Policing A copy of the latest Woodbridge SNT newsletter, Constables County publication and Minutes from the May 2019 Woodbridge ASB meeting had been emailed to Parish Councillors prior to this meeting. The Clerk would email Parish councillors the Minutes from the latest meeting, on 27th June 2019, when received. The next ASB meeting would be on 22nd August 2019. The Clerk would email Ms Procter closer to the date to check if she is able to attend. Mr Pipe reported 2 further incidents of sheep worrying by dogs since the last meeting. Both incidents will be reported to the police.

7. Reports of County Council and District Council Representatives The main item to be covered by Mr Vickery (County Councillor) was the Ipswich Northern Route for which a consultation would start on 5th July 2019. Mr Vickery gave an overview of the venues and dates of the consultation events which would start on 9th July 2019 at Grundisburgh village hall. Mr Vickery reported that this was the first stage of the consultation process. It had not been decided that there would be a northern bypass but it had been accepted by the county council, borough council and district councils in the area that one is needed. It was also understood that all local MPs, except Dr Poulter, were in favour of a northern bypass. A discussion followed about the northern route and Mr Vickery gave reasons for the necessity of a northern route, such as highway problems when the Orwell bridge was closed, the associated impact on Felixstowe port maintaining business and status, but all questions needed to be asked at the consultation events.

Mr Hedgley reported that he had just attended the Great Bealings Parish Council meeting and there was a possibility of them suggesting a joint response with other local parish councils to the Ipswich northern route consultation. Mr Hedgley and Mr Fryatt would be meeting with Dr Poulter MP next week about the consultation and would keep the Parish Council updated. Mr Hedgley commented that he would urge villagers to attend the public events and there was further discussion on the matter. Mr Hedgley reported his contribution of £1000 towards the Tuddenham village hall defibrillator from the Communities Enabling Budget and invited help for the Parish Council on village planning matters. The July report from Tony Fryatt and Colin Hedgley (District Councillors) had been emailed to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and it was as follows:

Northern Relief Road.

The first steps are being taken regarding this contentious subject. County Councillors were given an initial briefing on 27th June which they will then disseminate to us. We will keep you posted on any developments concerning this issue. I am having a meeting with the MP next week.

Committee Membership

Both of your District Councillors sit on the Panning Committee (South) and have successfully navigated the first full meeting. Cllr Hedgley, who is Chairman of the Council, also sits on the Licensing Committee and the Licensing sub-committee that deals with applications and revocation.

New seafront play area is officially open in Lowestoft

A new children's play area along the seafront in Lowestoft is officially open, in time for families visiting the First Light Festival to enjoy. Following the allocation of funding from the former Waveney District Council (now East Suffolk Council) and a contribution of £10,000 from the Lowestoft Tourism Group, work to extend the play area at Royal Green began in April. These works, carried out by contractors Sutcliffe Play and delivered by East Suffolk Council in partnership with Sentinel Leisure Trust and East Suffolk Norse, have now been completed on schedule. This play area is just part of our ongoing work to regenerate the seafront area; in addition, we have attracted a number of new seafront concessions and refurbishments to the former lifeguard station are now complete.

We will continue to progress other projects which will enhance the seafront and attract even more visitors to Lowestoft and the wider area."

Suffolk resident urges people to take up offer of new affordable homes

Colne Housing resident Michele Logson is urging people in housing need in East Suffolk to apply for brand new homes that have just been built. Mrs Logson's new home is part of the biggest development that housing association Colne and their development partner Icen Homes have undertaken in the county.

They are creating 60 new homes in Melton, near Woodbridge, and residents are moving in in phases throughout 2019 and 2020. There are still homes available and Colne is encouraging people in housing need to register now. This is a major step forward for addressing homelessness in the Suffolk area.

Prior to the move, Mrs Logson, 48, struggled to afford privately rented accommodation in Wickham Market, eventually she had to move to temporary accommodation.

With her teenage daughter, this was a tough situation for Mrs Logson. She feared that she "wouldn't be in with a chance of getting a home in Melton" and could not believe it when her application was successful.

She emphasised how the Colne team were helpful and reassuring, adding: "I feel more secure, I know that the home is ours now. There is more stability for us here".

Mrs Logson is not the only resident embracing life in Melton. She described how she had already met her new neighbours and formed a sense of community.

She said: "Everyone is really nice and friendly. We are near to Woodbridge but just far enough out of town".

Mrs Logson is positive about the future and pleased that her daughter can now settle in one place. She is passionate that others should apply for the new homes to see if they too can benefit from this development.

Colne's Chief Executive, Sara Thakkar, said: "Melton is a beautiful village and we believe that it is critical that local people and their families have access to affordable homes in rural locations such as this. This is our largest development in Suffolk and we are optimistic about the difference this will make."

Colne encourages other people to register with Gateway to Homechoice to discover if they too could be eligible for a new property in Melton, near Woodbridge. Colne manage over 3,000 homes across Essex and Suffolk, with enabling independent living at the forefront of their strategy

Nominate your Suffolk unsung heroes

In a unique partnership, Community Action Suffolk (CAS), Suffolk County Council and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) have launched the new Suffolk Community Awards.

These collaborative awards celebrate and recognise the huge contribution that groups, individuals, town and parish councils make on the overall quality of life in our communities across the length and breadth of Suffolk.

Christine Abraham, Chief Executive of Community Action Suffolk, said:

"The CAS awards celebrate and recognise those "who go the extra mile" and make positive contributions to their community.

We are delighted this year to be joining with SALC and Most Active County to bring all these awards together in one evening recognising many unsung heroes in Suffolk."

Previously the three organisations ran separate events – namely the CAS Awards, the SALC Village of the Year competition, newsletter and website of the year awards and, Suffolk County Council's Most Active Community Awards (run in partnership with SALC).

East Suffolk Council is proud to be a sponsor for the SALC Town and Village of the Year category, with sub-categories for small village, large village and town.

Sally Longmate, Chief Executive of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils said:

"Our Village of the Year Competition has not run for a few years and needed a review. Having attended the 2018 CAS Awards I instantly recognised there was potential to bring things together and focus on showcasing some of the fantastic outcomes that are being achieved.

I am especially excited about putting the spotlight on the work of town and parish councils and the important contribution they make.”

There are 15 awards available ranging from youth participation and young person of the year to community building, contribution to volunteering, most active communities and village and town of the year. CAS is also delighted to announce a new award ‘Suffolk Good Neighbour Award’ – sponsored by Suffolk Community Foundation.

There is a simple online application/nomination process through a new dedicated website. The closing date is 21 July 2019. Full details can be found at www.suffolkcommunityawards.co.uk.

The awards will be presented on the 24 September 2019 at the Museum of East Anglian Life.

Ending period poverty in East Suffolk

As part of a scheme inspired by students in Felixstowe, free sanitary products are now being made available through community venues across East Suffolk.

Earlier this year, students from Felixstowe Academy began a campaign in school to end poverty. The ‘Proud, Period!’ campaign aims to support young women by making free sanitary products available within school. As a result of this work, the school now has six boxes containing sanitary products available for pupils to use; toilets containing the boxes are marked with a red glitter heart on the door. Inspired by the ‘Proud, Period!’ campaign, councillors at the former Suffolk Coastal District Council began a similar scheme, targeting the wider area. Entitled ‘Period Poverty’, the scheme is now being introduced throughout East Suffolk and local businesses, community groups and organisations are encouraged to get involved.

‘PP Boxes’, containing a variety of individually wrapped sanitary items, are being rolled out to some East Suffolk locations over the coming weeks, including community centres, food banks and sports centres. Locations supporting the scheme will display an East Suffolk Period Poverty sticker, indicating the premises has a PP Box on site.

Cllr Letitia Smith, East Suffolk Council’s Cabinet Member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism said: “Having been inspired by the pupils from Felixstowe Academy, our district-wide campaign will provide sanitary products to girls and women across East Suffolk should they need them. We are grateful to those community locations who have already requested to help the scheme and we are delighted that PP Boxes will be available in those places shortly. “To ensure the boxes are available in a wide variety of towns and villages across East Suffolk, we need more businesses and venues to get involved, either as box holders or as suppliers for the products in future. We are also able to provide support to other schools who may be interested in creating their own campaign to end period poverty.” A new website (www.eastsuffolkperiodpoverty.com) will be launched on 1 July, enabling people to search for their nearest PP box as well as other local initiatives, and providing information and other resources. Businesses, organisations and schools interested in joining the scheme are asked to contact Chloe Winlow at info@eastsuffolkperiodpoverty.com

The PP Boxes will be replenished by East Suffolk Norse for the time-being however donations are very welcome. Donations can be brought to East Suffolk House in Melton, Riverside in Lowestoft or given directly to your nearest PP Box holder. The boxes are currently stocked with products from TOTM, which are made from biodegradable organic cotton, however donations from all manufacturers are welcome.

8. Clerk’s Report, Financial Report, and Authorisation of payments and correspondence

- A. The Clerk advised that since the meeting of 8th May 2019 the charge for time worked was 28 hours to date.
- B. The Clerk requested approval, and it was agreed, for the following payments which were still to be made:

(1) Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council – reimbursement for 2 SID brackets	£100.00
(2) Mr Alcock – reimbursement for SID battery charger	£14.10
(3) Clerk’s salary from 8 th May 2019 to date	£292.00

(this includes a deduction of £3.77 for an overpayment in May)
- C. The Clerk reported that the amounts held by the Parish Council accounts as at 2nd July 2019 were £422.16 (Current Account) and £20,269.37 (Savings Account). The Final accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to date were submitted, accepted and unanimously approved.
- D. The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed and would be emailed to Parish Councillors to consider. Confirmation had also been received from PKF Littlejohn that they had received and logged the notification of exempt status for the year ended 31 March 2019 review.

- E. Community Action Suffolk membership renewal details had been emailed to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and there was agreement to renew the free membership. No additional particular interests were to be noted on the renewal.
- F. The Clerk reported that Parish Councillors had been previously emailed about the possibility of the Village Hall Committee having an additional page (extra tab) on the Parish Council website specifically about the village hall. There were no objections.
- G. The Clerk reported that Mr Frost (Village Hall Committee) had communicated that they were not intending to approach the Parish Council for funding of the hall defibrillator. They were seeking help with funding from the East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council locality budgets, as well as using reserves, approaching users of the hall, then the wider village for contributions. Mr Vickery advised the Clerk that he had been approached for this funding and an email request to him from Mr Frost was now needed to start the funding process. This would be communicated to Mr Frost by the Clerk.

9. Highway Matters including:

a) an update on the SAVID and Speedwatch schemes and the Speedwatch signs Ms Procter reported that the last SAVID meeting had been held at Bealings village hall, and that Grundisburgh Parish Council representatives had been testing the new SAVID SID, which had been purchased with financial help from Robin Vickery's budget. A data base was being put together to record and track the information gathered by the SID. In the SAVID participating villages, Witnesham and Bealings now have new representatives. SAVID are also developing a toolkit to use across Suffolk to highlight highway issues. Ms Procter was still investigating with the Highways Dept. the legality of camera signs as opposed to speedwatch signs.

b) restriction of HGVs on village highways Mr Bird commented on this problem, especially in light of the recent incident at the junction of The Hill and the main road through the village, when a large part of a brick boundary wall had been demolished by a lorry trying to manoeuvre up The Hill. The problem and possible solutions were discussed such as: Is a prohibition sign needed? The Hill is unsuitable for HGVs unless for access only. Mr Bird reported that there was not an 'unsuitable for HGVs' sign at junction of Westerfield Road and Lower Road. There had been one historically and it was uncertain why it had been removed. Mr Vickery had invited Mr Paul Gant (Suffolk County Council Highways) to discuss outstanding Carlford highway issues and it was agreed the Clerk would email Mr Vickery to raise the HGV issue with Mr Gant at the same time, to seek help to stop HGV through traffic on The Hill. It was agreed the Clerk would also highlight, at the same time, outstanding village highway issues such as the faded white lines and highway problem solutions suggested by Mr Chenery (Suffolk County Council Highways) which were still outstanding following site meetings in 2016 and 2017.

c) the possible retention of the temporary passing bays on Grundisburgh Road/ Ipswich Road Scottish Power Renewables were seeking views on the retention of the temporary passing bays installed for the East Anglia One enabling works. Parish Councillors agreed it be a good idea to keep the bays in place upon completion of the project. The Clerk would reply to Scottish Power Renewables.

d) the Parish Council response to the Rural Services Network consultation Ms Procter gave an overview of the rural strategy issues highlighted in the consultation. Issues for Tuddenham were considered and included public transport and a lack of community facilities such as a local shop. Ms Procter commented that it was worthwhile putting comments forward on the consultation as there were rural issues to address. For instance decent public transport was needed. Ms Procter agreed to follow up the consultation. Mr Vickery gave his apologies and left the meeting.

10. Management of the playing field and playground Mr Lugo reported that the grass had not been cut in a long time. The Clerk would chase this up with Suffolk Coastal Norse.

11. Litter bins on the Fynn Valley walk Mr Bird gave an overview of the dog litter problems on the Fynn Valley walk and Fynn Lane which in part were due to only one dog litter bin being in Fynn Lane and its location. An extra dog bin at the other end of Fynn Lane was considered and it was agreed. It was also agreed the Clerk would contact Suffolk Coastal Norse to check if they would empty a bin at this location if it was purchased by the Parish Council. Mr Bird

would also liaise with the landowner and local residents to check there was no objection to a dog litter bin at the location.

12. The co-option of a Parish Councillor to fill one vacancy A possible village candidate had enquired about putting themselves forward to fill the vacancy. The Clerk would check their eligibility and let Parish Councillors know.

13. Planning Matters including:

a) to review Standing Orders and procedures following changes to the District Council planning process After considering Parish Council implications it was agreed no changes were needed.

b) the Parish Council response to the examination of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Mr Pipe and Mr Brightwell declared an interest and left the meeting. Mrs Ellinor gave an overview to Mr Hedgley of the Parish Council submissions on the Local Plan. Mr Hedgley advised that it was best to keep the Hearing Statements concise but that further help could be sought from Mr Fryatt (District Councillor) for clarification on putting forward matters to the Examination Hearings. Mr Hedgley also commented that it may give the Parish Council more satisfaction if a representative attended the hearing sessions as well as submitting written hearing statements. It was agreed that written hearing statements would be submitted but the Clerk would let the Examination Programme Officer know that Mrs Ellinor would attend hearings sessions to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. Draft wording for the hearing statements was agreed. The Clerk would make a final check on the wording and obtain final agreement from Parish Councillors, but not Mr Pipe and Mr Brightwell, before submitting the hearing statements.

14. Items for next agenda

- Comments to the Ipswich Northern Route consultation
- The co-option of a Parish Councillor to fill one vacancy

15. Date of next meetings. 3rd September 2019 and 3rd December 2019.

The Meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Mrs C Frost
Parish Clerk. Tuddenham St Martin