

Minutes of the Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council meeting held on 17th August 2021 commencing at 7.30pm at the village hall.

Present: Mr W Pipe, Mrs J Ellinor, Mr H Hollier, Mr J Bird, Mr D Lugo, Ms P Procter and Mrs C Frost (Clerk). Mr R Blake (Parish Councillor) would arrive a short time later in the meeting. There was 1 member of the public present.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies. Mr Pipe welcomed every one present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mr Brightwell (Parish Councillor), Mr C Hedgley and Mr T Fryatt (District Councillors).

2. Public Forum There were no additional issues to be raised.

3. To receive declarations of interest There were none.

4. To consider the East Suffolk Boost Grant Scheme It was agreed to defer this Item until later, when Mr Blake would be at the meeting.

5. To consider the East Suffolk Nature First grant scheme Mr Pipe invited Mr Wright (Tree Warden) to speak about the swift box project proposed for the village. Mr Wright had forwarded background details to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. There seemed to be considerable interest in the village from the initial enquiries made so far. The proposal was to install additional swift nest boxes, with equipment to play swift calls to attract them in to breed, in an effort to reinstate the village swift population and prevent any further decline in numbers. The project would benefit from the Nature First Grant scheme and Mr Wright had forwarded a draft of the application form for the grant.

Mr Blake arrived at the meeting.

The discussion continued and Mr Wright gave an overview of the criteria needed in order for the swift box project to succeed. It was important for the correct sites to be chosen in the village as well as the need to play swift calls to attract them in to breed. There would be a need to approach villagers that had shown an initial interest to check the suitability of the potential sites for the boxes as well as enthusiasm for the project which would include the bespoke call systems being installed. A follow up meeting for interested villagers would be considered. The expected overall cost was £690 which would include:

- 20 boxes at £25 each
- 2 bespoke Swift call systems at £45 each
- plus, potential installation cost £100.

Mr Pipe proposed a sub-committee for the project, which was unanimously agreed. The sub-committee would consist of Mr Pipe, Mrs Hollier, Mr Blake and Mr Wright. Mr Wright would be Project Lead and Mrs Hollier would be 2nd Project Lead.

The Equal Opportunities Policy for the Parish Council was considered and approved.

It was agreed that the sub-committee would arrange a meeting after the funding application had been submitted and its success was known.

The Clerk would update the application following this meeting and forward it to the sub-committee for final alterations and approval before it was submitted.

4. To consider the East Suffolk Boost Grant Scheme Mr Blake had emailed fellow Councillors prior to the meeting to enquire if there was an interest in applying for funds from this scheme in order to benefit children in the area with learning disabilities or autism. There had been support and no objections from fellow councillors. A discussion about the type of activities/event or project followed. The playground for instance, benefited from being in a quiet location but the equipment was seen to be inaccessible for individuals with disabilities. Further discussion followed. **It was agreed that prior to the next meeting, Mr Blake would research additional equipment for the playground,** that would be more suitable for individuals with disabilities. **It was also agreed that the Clerk would get an up-to-date balance of the spend available** in the Parish Council Play Space fund, and would **enquire with Mr Hedgley about a possible source of equipment.** The deadline of phase 1 of this Scheme was too imminent for an application to be completed and so the Parish Council would look to complete the application process in phase 2 (deadline 6th January 2021). The following Policies were reviewed and approved:

- The Safe Guarding Policy
- Covid19 Risk Assessment

A Safeguarding Officer would be appointed and approved in respect of any specific event that is agreed in connection with the Boost Grant scheme.

6. Items for next agenda

- Celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022
- Litter pick and village clean
- East Suffolk Boost Grant Scheme

7. Date of next meeting 7th September 2021.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Mrs C Frost
Parish Clerk. Tuddenham St Martin