

Minutes of the Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council meeting held on 1st February 2022 commencing at 7.35pm at the village hall.

Present: Mr W Pipe, Mrs J Ellinor, Mrs H Hollier, Mr R Blake, Mr J Bird, Mr H Brightwell, Ms P Procter, Cllr C Hedgley (District Councillor) and Mrs C Frost (Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies Mr Pipe welcomed everyone present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mr Lugo and Cllr Bryce (County Councillor).

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

3. To receive declarations of interest There were none.

4. Minutes of Meetings held on 7th December 2021 These were approved with a spelling correction to Item 15.

5. Matters arising The Clerk had emailed Parish Councillors earlier in the day with an update on the Boost Grant application following a phone call with East Suffolk Council. Information had been received that the application would be looked upon more favourably if all funding available from the Play portion of the Playspace fund (iro £8438) was used for the project, and so reduce the Boost Grant application (now iro £3562). The Parish Council had been reminded that funding from the Sport portion of the Playspace fund, which is shared between Swilland, Tuddenham, Westerfield and Witnesham, was still available. After discussion and consideration about funding availability for the playground, **Ms Procter proposed, and there was unanimous approval to reduce the Boost Grant application to the lower figure.**

Mrs Ellinor had emailed Parish Councillors prior to the meeting with a proposal to possibly combine aspects of the Boost Grant project and Jubilee events to consider making the route to the play area more accessible for anyone with mobility issues and also review to best use of the space on the football field for the whole community.

Mrs Ellinor requested an Item be added to the 1st March 2022 Agenda so that ideas could be brought forward ready for consultation with villagers.

Ms Procter reported that a voluntary contribution towards the Quiet Lanes project would not now be needed from the Parish Council as discussed under Item 11.b) of the 7th December 2021 Minutes. Ms Procter however appreciated the support given by Councillors that had voted in favour the proposal.

6. Planning Matters including:

a) DC/21/5242/FUL – Retrospective application for the erection of canopy above existing well. The Street – This application was considered at length and comments included:

- No objection to the structure overall, although it was unfortunate that no application was submitted before construction began.
- The structure is dominant and the lighting and metal feature are of concern.
- There was no objection from the East Suffolk Council Conservation Team and there is overwhelming support from neighbours that have responded.
- No issue with lighting.
- Assume the construction had been halted pending the application response and the scaffolding poles were a temporary measure, pending winch installation.
- Would there be a requirement to have a safety grill fitted? The Clerk read from the applicant's correspondence to the Planning Dept. that 'Access to the well is not permitted to members of the public as it stands on private land'.
- No objection to structure although there is concern at the bright lighting, which could be considered dangerous as it could be off putting to passing traffic.
- Unfortunately, the structure is a bit heavier than it ought to be for the main dwelling.
- Concern raised to some Councillors by members of the public at the size and lighting of the structure.

A discussion then followed about the comments to be submitted following this consideration. A unanimous decision could not be agreed. In response to a question, Mr Hedgley advised that the submitted comments should state that they were either in support of, or object to, the application. After further discussion, Mr Bird proposed that the comments should state that the Parish Council feel that the concept of a well in the front garden is a good one, but

object to the current design for the well as it is too large and prominent. It currently dominates and detracts from the conservation features of the village. The Parish Council also object to the floodlighting as an additional problem at night which exacerbates this dominance.

The proposal was seconded by Ms Procter and a vote was taken. 4 in agreement. 2 against. 1 abstention. So, the vote was carried by a majority.

b) Planning Enforcement Issues – There were none.

7. To consider a dog litter bin for Westerfield Lane Mr Bird had been approached by a resident requesting a dog bin for Westerfield Lane as the road currently lacks suitable facilities. Suffolk Coastal Norse (SCN) had quoted £252.09 plus VAT for a Glasdon 25 bin (including installation), and subject to approval by SCN of the location. **1 bin was proposed in the vicinity of the village hall and this was unanimously approved.** An additional bin, to be positioned at a different location on Westerfield Lane, would be considered at a future date. The Clerk had emailed possible location details to Mr Bird, Mr Lugo, Mr Pipe and Mr Frost (VH Committee Chair) prior to the meeting, although the location needed to be put forward for consideration by the Village Hall Committee (VHC). The final location would be reviewed by Mr Bird, Mr Lugo, Mr Pipe and the Clerk after receiving the response from the VHC and before submitting for approval by Suffolk Coastal Norse.

8. Items for next agenda An update on the events to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee
Other Items to be agreed.

9. Date of next meeting. 1st March 2022.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Mrs C Frost - Parish Clerk. Tuddenham St Martin