

Minutes of the Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 commencing at 7.30pm at the village hall.

Present: Mr W Pipe, Mr D Lugo, Mr J Bird, Ms P Procter, Mr T Wright (Tree Warden) 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 Mrs Ellinor, Mrs Hollier and Mr Blake (Parish Councillors) and Cllr Hedgley (District Councillor).

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

**3. To receive declarations of interest** There were none.

**4. Planning Matters including:**

**a)** DC/22/2817/TCA – Tree works application in a Conservation Area. To fell 1 Spruce, 1 Hazel & 1 Ash. The Street. The Parish Council had been emailed a brief summary of the site visit assessment from the Arboricultural and Landscape Officer at East Suffolk Council. The final conclusion was that the trees were not thought to meet the required criteria for protection under a TPO. Mr Wright (Tree Warden) reported that he had met up with the landowner to establish exactly which Hazel and Ash trees were intended for felling, and ascertain the reasons behind the intention to fell as there may be alternatives as health-wise, there seemed to be nothing wrong with the trees. The landowner had discussed possible future uses of the land with Mr Wright and had taken on board the alternative suggestions to felling. These included:

- Spruce - removal of lower branches to lift the height of the crown's base (Crown lift)
- Hazel - cut back to regrow, which is normal Hazel management
- Ash - this tree is not visible from the pub garden but provides a screen between the pub garden and a neighbouring house located at the back of the fenced off garden not presently open to the public. An alternative to felling is to reduce the top of the tree (Crown reduction).

Now that the dialogue had been opened with the landowner, Mr Wright was happy if he is able to continue with the guidance. Thanks was given to Mr Wright for the time and care taken about the matter, on visiting the site and opening up dialogue with the landowner about the alternatives to felling the trees. There was a discussion about the limited actions available to planning authorities and parish councils concerning tree notices, the implications of tree felling in connection with possible future planning applications, plus discussion about notable trees in the village in the Conservation Area. **After much consideration the Parish Council unanimously approved** the following comments 'the Parish Council appreciated that the trees are not thought to meet the required criteria for protection under a TPO. The Parish Council were however pleased that our Tree Warden had been able to meet up with the landowner at the site and give guidance on alternatives to the proposed felling'.

**5. Items for next agenda** Responsibilities of the Clerk and Parish Councillors  
Volume and speed measure on village highway  
Rural Transport  
Consideration of parking issues, including Church Hill

**6. Date of next meeting.** 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Mrs C Frost - Parish Clerk. Tuddenham St Martin