THE TIVETSHALLS
St. Mary & St. Margaret

TIVETSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Tivetshall Parish Council Meeting: 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 10th September, 2013, Tivetshall Village Hall

Present: Lynn Jollans (Acting Clerk), Tony Jollans (Chair), Claire Kirby
Vivienne Dennis (taking minutes)
Bev Spratt (County councillor)
Martin Wilby (District councillor)
8 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

   Received from Pam Carpenter

2. RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

   There were none

3. CONSIDER APPLICANTS FOR CO-OPTION

   There were none

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

   The minutes of the meeting 9th July, 2013, were approved and signed

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

   5.1. Bev Spratt (County councillor) gave his report; particularly emphasising the current public consultation about cuts of £189M and encouraging the Parish Council together with local people to have their say; stressed success of partnership; and a reminder to check/consider stocks for salt bins.

   Martin Wilby (District councillor) gave his report; wind turbine application has been appealed; updated on Pub awards, Link magazine, SNC jobs clubs, brown bins, market town initiative and heritage open days.

   5.2. Isabelle Agrir (Community PCSO) not present but Chair advised no reported crime in Tivetshall.

   5.3. Parishioners' Forum.

   Nothing raised

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

   6.1. 2013/1526, The Spinney, Grove Road: Certificate of Lawfulness and concomitant removal of agricultural tie – Noted.

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6.2. 2013/0725, Upper Vaunces Farm: as previously; TCI appealing to planning; SNC yet to respond; special meeting 23rd October.

7. RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

7.1. Play area still in need of some general maintenance (weeding, hedging) before new bark application, the quote having been considered expensive. FOTS approached but unable to help. Parish Council would be willing to appoint a paid 'maintenance person' if volunteers cannot be found.

ROSPA report received: low and medium risk issues; goals posts need replacing. Paul Playford suggested availability of sports grants and offered his help/expertise. It was suggested that finance committee look at putting monies aside next budget for equipment replacement.

Some issues with Norse contractual obligations; whilst resolved, agreed that there would be a careful inspection before paying second instalment of their account. All agreed that number of families using the facilities this summer has been pleasing.

Claire Kirby offered to track down responsibility with respect to litter bins.

7.2. Claire Kirby made extensive enquiries regarding possibility of oil buying group; through NRCC/Anglia Farmers, would need named co-ordinator; parishioners required to register name and address; orders placed 1st day of month; NRCC give price on day; a saving of approx. 9% per annum Parish Council happy to pay annual group membership of £20. Agreed to advertise information in Grapevine and Post Office to assess interest.

7.3. Written to Highways, but still no reply, expressing discontent that they have nothing to offer following site visit at Hales Street junction. Further outstanding signage issues, plus one opposite Ram. Chair to contact.

7.4. A parishioner has reported rainwater flooding their front drive in School Road; Highways report that they have done all they can. Paul Playford suggested that it may be helpful to request a (further) meeting with Highways engineer and physically visit particular sites of concern.

7.5. Pam Carpenter has expressed concerns regarding specific anti-social parking and driving issues; defer to next meeting to clarify details.

7.6. Peter Rowan, tree warden, expressed disappointment that this year he would not be taking up the usual SNC offer of free trees/hedging, due to lack of response and unfortunate timing. Parish Council assured him that they would be more aware next year.

7.7. Nothing more to report on parish partnership. Agreed that Acting Clerk would contact to see if any further information yet available.

8. PROPOSED DONATIONS TO LOCAL CHILDREN'S ORGANISATIONS.

It was agreed donate £50 each to Dickleburgh Sea Scouts and Tivetshall Rainbows with possible further donations in February/March.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

9.1. NALC paperwork, various, including details of AGM, and green burial seminar.

RCC Signpost, including training dates.

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Details of hazardous waste amnesty days.

Posters : stone curlews at Thetford Reformed Church, and recycling at Postwick, and event at Gressenhall.

E-mail correspondence from parishioner disturbed no pull-in for buses at Maltings on Moulton Road. Agreed to obtain documents from Land Registry in first instance.

10. FINANCE

10.1. Balance of accounts received.

10.2. Payments of invoices as follows were agreed:

Tim Playford £41.70
Community Car scheme £28.10
Vivienne G. Dennis £40
Primrose Press £ 112.00

Particular thanks to Tim Playford for speedy fencing repairs.

11. COUNCILLORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda to include, as already discussed, 7.1 Norse and 7.5 parking, plus donation for RBL wreath.

A parishioner requested further details of Community Car scheme and was directed to Pam West, local co-ordinator.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th October, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

13. TO CONSIDER CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF CLERK

The meeting was not closed

Chair confirmed that two applications had been received. The vacancy was being advertised through NALC, with a closing date of 30th September. Employment committee to meet beginning October to review applications, begin interview process, etc. and hopefully recommend appointment by October Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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