



TIVETSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Tivetshall Parish Council Meeting: 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 12 October, 2016, Tivetshall Village Hall

Present: Tony Jollans, Rita Land (Chair), Christopher Miller, Christopher Sadler.
Cllr. Bev Spratt, Cllr, Martin Wilby
Lynn Jollans, (Clerk)
9 members of the public.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Jo Cocks.

2. TO CONSIDER APPLICANTS FOR CO-OPTION

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDER DISPENSATIONS

None.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the August and September meetings were reviewed. A member of the public said she did not agree with what had been minuted about the pond on the Village Green. Agreeing the minutes is solely a matter for Council and Council approved the minutes.

4.2. Matters arising from the minutes.

4.2.1. The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with Brian Hibbett, Environmental Safety Officer at SNDC, re. dogs being walked on the playing field, who has said he would get one of their people to advise in light of new legislation.

4.2.2. The toddler swing had been repaired by Playscape Playgrounds and the Clerk was very pleased with the prompt and efficient service received. She said that in the past she had pointed out that the metal swing set needed painting and had never been able to get a quote from Action, Play and Leisure and asked if Council wished her to obtain a quote from Playscape. Council agreed.

4.2.3. It had been agreed by Council to replace the damaged fence posts as opposed to putting in additional posts and the Clerk had asked Nick Thrower to proceed with the job.

4.2.4. A Council printer had been purchased.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. Spratt said he was glad to see a healthy balance in the Council's account.

He said that he regretted it, but that NCC would probably vote against the current devolution proposal due to concerns about an elected mayor.

Cllr. Jollans told Cllr. Spratt that it looked as if Tivetshall had had a visit from the Rangers as a fingerpost had been washed. There was a discussion about the footpaths in the village.

Cllr. Spratt said he regretted it but that the parish could expect the bare minimum of help with footpaths from NCC. The Clerk reported that Gary Overland, of NCC Highways, had visited the parish and walked some of the paths and noted a couple of issues that hopefully will be attended to. She said the Highways had footpath fingerposts available but no budget to install them. Cllr. Sadler volunteered to install fingerposts where required.

A representative of the 'Tivetshall Friends and Family' group (TFAF) asked what involvement the Council wished to have in the Christmas Fayre on the 27 November. She was told that

Council was not intending to provide any refreshments as the majority of Councillors felt that this might interfere with what TFAF was doing. She asked about decoration of the Village Hall and was informed that this was a matter for the Village Hall Committee, as was access to the Village Hall on the day.

She asked if Council would reconsider allowing dogs on the playing field for the planned dog show in 2017. The Clerk pointed out that Council could only decide on issues that were on the agenda, which needed to be posted three clear days before a meeting. This item to be an agenda item for the November meeting.

A member of the public reported that he had had been informed that faster broadband for Tivetshall has been delayed. Rectory Road until the spring of 2017 and St. Margaret until 2019. He suggested that the parish consider doing something themselves to get reasonable internet access earlier. Also to go on to the agenda for the next meeting.

Martin Wilby said that he suffers from the same problem with speed on his connection and said there was a voucher system available towards costs of other options.

He said he liked the idea of a dog show in the village and was pleased the yard sale was successful.

He reported that the Crown at Burston and the Fox and Hounds at Moulton were both winners in the 'Pub of the Year' competition.

He had some photographs of a renovated fingerpost in another village which he showed to members of the public as there had been a request that his grant be used to refurbish the one on Lodge Road.

6. REPORT FROM CLERK AND COUNCILLORS

There were no reports from the Clerk or Councillors.

7. PLANNING

7.1. 2016/2196 Thistledown Farm, Station Road. Conversion of a redundant barn to a two bedded dwelling with new carport. Council considered that this application should be approved.

7.2. 2016/2370 Alteration to existing storage at Thistledown Farm. The Clerk to ask for an extension on this application so that it can be considered at the next meeting.

8. TO DISCUSS MAINTENANCE MATTERS

8.1. Maintenance contract. The Clerk presented details to Councillors of the quotes received and Council decided to award the job of maintaining everything bar the playing field to James Crerar for 2017. The Clerk to obtain a quote from Norse for the mowing of the playing field for one year only

8.2. The Autumn hedge cutting work was also awarded to James Crerar.

9. TO DISCUSS THE PARISH PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

The Clerk presented figures from Gary Overland for surfacing the trod path and providing a SAM sign. There were also figures from Shelter Solutions for a bus shelter. Council decided that it would apply for funding for the trod path surface and the bus shelter.

10. TO DECIDE ON THE PROJECT FOR MARTIN WILBY'S GRANT.

Council has discussed, in the past, using the grant for a projector so that planning documents could be displayed at meetings. This had proved to be impractical. It was decided to investigate purchasing a large screen television and stand. The Clerk was asked to obtain prices. It was noted that a member of the public had requested that the money go towards the renovation of a fingerpost but that renovation was not dependant on Martin's

grant being used. Cllr. Sadler said he would have a look at the job with a view to providing Council with a quote.

11. TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR TFAF

The Clerk apologised for the misunderstanding and misreporting of the £250 funding for TFAF, which should have been noted as a contribution towards a single event. The Council agreed to provide funding as recorded for the use of TFAF for other events.

12. TO DISCUSS THE FORMAT OF THE GRAPEVINE

The Chair said that Cllr. Jollans editorship of the Grapevine was negative and that she didn't feel it was appropriate for him to inform parishioners that he had been asked to resign when his wife took up the position of Clerk. The Chair asked that in future Cllr. Jollans forward Grapevine issues to all Councillors for approval prior to printing.

The Chair also said that, in her opinion, most parishioners put the publication straight into the bin. Cllr. Jollans pointed out that he had asked for input from other Councillors and suggestions from parishioners as to what they would like to see in the magazine. In the absence of any response, save the report from the Chair, he did his best but was always open to suggestions. Members of the Public suggested that having a calendar of events in the centre of the magazine might make people more inclined to read and retain it.

13. TO DECIDE ON AN AMOUNT TO BE GIVEN TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FOR WREATHS.

It was decided to give £60.

14. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

14.1. The mobile library service had asked that the Council promote their service to parishioners. The library is at various locations in the village between 10.15 and 11.40 on a Thursday every four weeks.

14.2. The C344 Station Road at Great Moulton will be closed from 26 October to 28 October.

14.3. Saxlingham Nethergate has asked if details of their Baby and Toddler Group could be mentioned in the parish magazine, displayed on notice boards and / or on our website. The Clerk to put their poster on the website.

14.4. The next Town and Parish Clerks' Consultation is on 1 December at 6.45 in Long Stratton. The Clerk to attend.

14.5. The next 'Give and Take' event is at Lincoln Hall in Hingham on 17 October.

14.6. Citizen Advice in Diss had asked for funding from the Council. The Clerk to respond, as usual, informing them that the Council only supports organisations in the parish or adjacent parishes.

14.7. There are two Norfolk ALC events coming up. The Autumn Conference is on 10 November in Hunstanton, and the AGM in East Tuddenham. There is a charge for the Autumn Conference, but not the AGM. Cllr. Jollans had expressed an interest in attending both. No other Councillors were interested in attending.

15. FINANCE

15.1. The Clerk presented the balance of accounts. The Clerk presented the year to date breakdown by type figures and these were compared with the budget figures. The bank account was reconciled against cash book figures.

15.2. The following payments were authorised

Community Car Payment	£16.40
Norse Maintenance half year	£1323.62
Mazars External Audit	£120.00
Clerk's Expenses purchase of printer and ink cartridges	£119.95
Playscape Playgrounds toddler swing repair	£420.00
Primrose Press Oct / Nov Grapevine	£148.00

16. TO SET THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Confirmed as **7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 09 November**

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.