



## TIVETSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Tivetshall Parish Council Meeting: 7:30 pm, Wednesday 7 December 2016, Tivetshall Village Hall

Present: Rita Land (Chair), Tony Jollans, Christopher Sadler, Robert Alleguen-Porter.  
Bev Spratt (part-time), Christopher Miller (taking minutes).  
Approx. 10 members of the public.

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**2. TO CONSIDER APPLICANTS FOR CO-OPTION**

None.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDER DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**4. MINUTES**

4.1. Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and approved.

4.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5. FORMALISATION OF THE CLERK'S RESIGNATION**

The resignation of Lynn Jollans was formally acknowledged, and the Chair thanked her for her work and contribution to the Council.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

6.1. Bev Spratt passed on his regards to Lynn and thanked her for her efficient service. He went on to advise that Norfolk's Council Tax was to increase by 3.8% and the Social Services budget increased by 2%. The Norwich Northern Distributor Route is likely to cost an additional £6.9M on top of its original £187M cost, but it is likely to benefit people in South Norfolk too. Network Rail's route to Wroxham was also causing issues. Children's Services report that there are now 1091 children in care – NCC was hoping to keep it below 800, so the figure is troubling. £2.5M has been made available for infrastructure which will include activities such as pothole repair, and he reminded everyone present about the reporting process. The issues regarding school bus routes in Tivetshall appear to have been resolved, and that the matter is closed.

6.2. A parishioner asked about gritting of the local roads, and Cllr Spratt confirmed that gritting lorries had already been deployed this winter.

**7. REPORT FROM CLERK AND COUNCILLORS**

7.1. Tony Jollans reported that he attended the NALC Autumn Conference which covered issues such as Parish Partnerships.

7.2. Tony Jollans also attended the NALC AGM at East Tuddenham which he regarded as "worth going to". A full report can be made available on request.

7.3. Tony Jollans reported that the Police Evening at Wymondham was "excellent" and he had the chance to meet Andy Barkway who is the PCSO for the area north of Diss. Another meeting is expected to take place in late Spring in Long Stratton.

**8. MARTIN WILBY'S £250 ALLOWANCE**

The form to apply for Martin's Grant is complete, which will help fund the purchase of a large format television and stand for the Village Hall.

**9. PARISH PARTNERSHIP**

The application for the funding a bus shelter on the northbound side of the A140 will be submitted. Best quote for the most suitable design is £3250.00. A quote for the resurfacing of the trod path has also been received and added to the application.

**10. BROADBAND ISSUES**

A parishioner thanked the Chairman for including this issue on the agenda this month. He reported that three types of broadband will be available: fibre to the door, fibre to the cabinet, and "standard copper" which degrades with distance. Chris Sadler suggested one option is for individual households to pressure BT, but it was suggested that this is done en masse following some sort of survey.

The school hasn't had broadband for four out of the past five days, and had to "phone through" a census which took a long time and also failed when the phone line dropped out. The school currently pays £4000 per year for broadband while Burstons pays £1200 per year, despite the BT cabinet being outside Tivetshall Primary School. This also affects homework which needs to be done by schoolchildren. An option from companies such as Gigaclear is available but residents need to register their interest on the respective websites. The government has grants available to support infrastructure, and it was suggested to contact Matthew Hancock MP who has championed broadband for rural communities. Another parishioner in attendance at the meeting (a telecoms consultant) advised laying a cable is feasible, as are line-of-sight masts that could then amplify the signal to the locality. A strategy was proposed to approach Richard Bacon MP to get him to put pressure on Openreach. An online survey through the TFAF Facebook page would be set up as a petition for parishioners.

**11. BOUNDARY COMMISSION REPORT**

Tony Jollans reported that SNDC are proposing a two-member ward which will divide the boundaries in South Norfolk. The proposal "seems odd", and Tony Jollans would like Council to formally respond, and it was agreed that Council should.

**12. PRECEPT**

The deadline for submitting this is 20 January. It was agreed to do nothing this month (as we would not normally meet in December), but it will be a priority at the January meeting. It was suggested that the precept did not need to increase next year despite the increased costs of hiring a Clerk, and other expenses for maintenance.

**13. PLANNING**

No applications received.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

No significant correspondence was received.

**15. COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

It was agreed to defer this to the January meeting, but it was agreed that Robert Alleguen-Porter and Chris Sadler should attend the training seminar, or at least book a course online. Details of the website were to be passed by Tony Jollans.

**16. TO APPROVE ANY PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING**

£50.00 for NALC  
£600.00 for James Crerar  
£148.00 for Primrose Press

**17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

17.1. The TFAF Christmas Fayre raised £534.00, equating to £178.00 for each of the three beneficiary charities. The Chair congratulated the members of TFAF for their efforts in organising a well-attended event.

17.2. The "Beefed Up" burger van would like to have a "regular spot" on Monday evenings in the Village Hall car park. It was agreed that this would be acceptable as long as he used his own generator for power, and provided bins for disposal of waste and wrappers. A formal decision should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**18. TO SET THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Confirmed as 7:30 pm on Wednesday 11 January 2017

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.