

Minutes of the meeting of
East Tuddenham Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 16th June 2010
In the Village Hall

Present: Mrs. Hickling, Chairman, Mrs. Shrimpling, Vice Chairman, Miss Leaney, Mr. Guy, Mrs. Fane, Mr. Anderson, District Councillor Mr. B. Rose and the clerk.

Apologies: were received from District Councillor Mr. P. Claussen.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: Mrs. Hickling said that she had thanked the members of Breckland Council and Flagship Housing for their attendance at the Parish Assembly. The transfer of land for the Affordable Housing Project was in progress. The clerk had been in touch with the Highways Dept. regarding Church Lane.

Finance: The clerk reported that there was £5340.89 in the bank account and three cheques were signed :- £40.00 to the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, proposed by Mrs. Fane and seconded by Miss Leaney, another for £20 for EACH, proposed by Mrs. Shrimpling and seconded by Mrs. Fane and a cheque for £275.52, the quarterly salary and expenses for the clerk, proposed by Mrs. Fane and seconded by Mr. Anderson. All were in agreement.

Planning: The extension at Ailwyn Hall had been granted with various provisos. An application for change of use of a flat over a workshop to a dwelling had been received on behalf of Mr. Taylor in Church Lane. The Councillors decided to request more information from Breckland Council before giving their views on this matter.

Village Green fencing: The Council decided to find out how much it would cost to replace this and then to get in touch with Mr. Alston with regard to the Council either paying for it in full or making a donation towards it. The Councillors felt that in conjunction with of the Village Hall Committee the Parish Council could afford a new notice board.

Correspondence: The Chairman informed the Councillors that there had been an ongoing problem with Mr. Taylor who had wanted to take photocopies of the minutes of the last thirty years. Mr. Taylor, who had been given two hours to peruse the minutes, on 30th March 2010, had been told that we were still waiting a reply from Breckland Council as to whether this was permissible. Mr. Taylor was informed by the clerk that as soon as this was confirmed as allowable, she would get in touch with him offering more time for him to make these copies, (Mr. Taylor having intimated that he had suitable equipment for this task). Before the clerk was able to do this a letter

was received from Mr. Taylor's solicitors asking for copies from the Parish Council Minute Books under the Freedom of Information Act. In order to facilitate this a letter was sent to Mr. Taylor, with a copy to his solicitors, offering two dates for photocopying to take place. Mr. Taylor said that he did not receive the letter, as did his solicitors, who eventually admitted that they had in fact received it. Mr. Taylor, through his solicitors, was offered another 2 two-hour slots for him to photocopy the Minutes, which he declined. Another letter was sent to the solicitors explaining that the Parish Council had no facilities to copy these minutes which mostly were in large leather bound books. In their reply the solicitors said that we should ask Breckland Council to do this and that if the copies were not received with the stated time the Parish Council would be reported to the Information Commissioner. Mrs. Hickling got in touch with Breckland Council and the Archive Department at County Council who both said that they could not help. Mrs. Hickling asked the Councillors whether they would agree that she and the clerk had done all they could, also if now we had reached the Fees Limit and whether if Mr. Taylor wished to pursue this further we were entitled to charge for this. The Councillors unanimously agreed to this and after much discussion, stated that Mr. Taylor be offered another opportunity to photocopy and if this was refused no more help be offered.

Any other business: The clerk reported on the meeting she attended at Hockering regarding the ongoing problems caused by the new roundabout.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 14th July