

Minutes of the Meeting of
East Tuddenham Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 17th November 2010
In the Village Hall

Present: Mrs. Hickling, Chairman, Mrs. Shrimpling, Vice Chairman, Mr. Guy, Miss Barrett, Mr. Anderson. District Councillor Mr. P. Claussen, Sarita Presland, Parish Liaison Officer for the Norfolk Association of Local Councils, and the clerk.

Apologies: Were received from Miss Leaney and District Councillor Mr. B. Rose.

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

Matters arising: The Village Hall Committee had agreed to share in the cost of the new notice board, which would now go ahead. The construction would be by Mr. K. Keeler and Mr. J. Cole would erect it. A letter had been received from Earthsea School thanking the Parish Council for the opportunity for the children to do something for the village. Miss Barrett would contact Mr. Meynell regarding the dire state of the footpath behind Earthsea House. The Council decided that as the majority of people approached by the Parish Council had no objection to the proposed wind turbines there was no reason to pursue the matter any further. The Councillors expressed their gratitude to Mr. N. Alston for having the fence round the Village Green repaired.

Finance: The clerk reported that there was £6472.05 in the bank, and two cheques were signed, one for £250.00 for the new photocopier for the Pump, proposed by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Shrimpling. It was decided to send a letter with the cheque to Mrs. J. Guy thanking her for all her dedication to producing the Pump. Another cheque for £40.00 for the CAB was also signed after being proposed by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Shrimpling. A cheque for £101.00 for the purchase of bulbs was ratified. Sarita Presland questioned whether the Council would be better off by claiming back the VAT and said she would forward information regarding this. The setting up of a Grants Giving Policy, whereby monies would be put aside each year for donations, was outlined and would be discussed at another date.

Planning: Five planning applications were considered:- A single storey extension at Walnut Tree Cottage, Church Lane, an extension at Tollgate Barns, extensions and alterations at Woodview, Common Road, alterations and window replacements at Vassars, Common Road and amendments and revised layouts for the new low cost housing. The Councillors had no objections to any of these. The clerk had heard from Breckland Council that the new road would be called Primrose Way, and the Chairman reported that Carla Beckett would arrange a sod turning ceremony to which the Councillors would be invited.

Mr. R. Taylor, through his solicitors, had now lodged a complaint to the Freedom of Information Commissioner against the Parish Council. Mrs. Hickling had spoken to the FOI Officer concerned and was told that nothing would be done until the New Year. A further letter would then be sent and it would be up to the Parish Council, at that stage, to put forward its side of the dispute.

Traffic Problems and the A47: Mr. Anderson, who had attended a meeting regarding the problems caused by the new roundabout, reported that two options were proposed, one for traffic lights at the junction and the other for the closure of Berry's Lane and Church Lane from the A47. After a full discussion it was agreed that the closure of the roads was unacceptable and would only exacerbate the problem with traffic using other country lanes instead. It was felt that traffic lights would be a more sensible solution. However it would be up to the Highways Agency to make the final decision. Following the two recent accidents at the bend in the road in the village the clerk would get in touch with the Highways Dept. at Norfolk County Council to request that further steps be taken, i.e. rumble strips and also to ask that the sign, which had been knocked down, be replaced.

Date of the next meeting: Monday 13th December