

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 17th October 2011

Written by Les Wood (Clerk)

EAST TUDDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Monday 17th Oct 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Attendees: Ian Payter (Chairperson), Ted Guy, Charles Barker, Les Wood, Anna-Marie High, Janet Shrimpling

Apologies, Alex Leaney, Lynsay Barrett

1. The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting
2. **Matters Arising:** The clerk informed the members that he had sent a reply to Mr Webb regarding his complaint of loud music on 20/21st August and that the clerk had not had any more contact from Mr Webb.

The clerk also informed members that he had sent members of the public and members concerns to environmental health who had replied and said that they had issued the licence and would keep the members of the public concerns for future applications; they also informed the clerk that applications can be viewed on the council website.

The clerk informed the members that in relation to the Dog Bins which could be installed at the parish council's expense that he had contacted the dog warden service about empty costs of the bins but had failed to get a reply, he would however continue to try to get an estimate for the next meeting.

The clerk informed members that he had received an application form for members to claim their entitlement to the full electoral register to be published 1.12.2011.

The clerk informed members that he had met representatives from NCC regarding the tree planting scheme, he informed the members that positions for 23 tree's had been identified and that these would be sent to members to view, it was thought that a mix of traditional tree's interspersed with fruiting apple tree's would be good to help bring the villagers together and it was also noted that traditional hedging could be planted in front of the new social housing site, it should be noted that:

- The scheme would have to be funded by the parish council

- Funding applications would have to be submitted by the parish council
- The parish council would have to agree to the ongoing up keep which may have a long term impact on future councillors

In response the councillors stated that the scheme would have a cost implication for future councillors and that this could be costly and was unknown. The councillors also stated that the scheme did not appear to be one of traffic calming which was required and therefore would wait to see the plans submitted before making further comments at the next meeting.

3. Flagship Housing The chairperson said that he had had a reply from Flagship/Breckland relating to the affordable housing and the issue of planning permission and actual building of the properties. Flagship had passed on the comments to the builder of the properties but had not commented on the health and safety aspect of the properties and the closeness to the road. It was agreed that councillor High would look at the original plans on line and report back to the council meeting in November.

4. Finance: the clerk confirmed informed the members that a remittance from Breckland Council dated 16.9.2011, ref: 0000134225: £2, 000,00 had been received.

The clerk also informed the members that he had not received a bank statement recently and when checking was informed they did not have any records of his involvement in this account, he informed the members that he would resubmit proof of identity.

A Subscription form from the Norfolk Association of Local Councils had asked for £35.00 to cover 7 seats had been received and the clerk asked the members if they wished to agree to a further subscription. Agreed to pay

The clerk also informed the members that the auditors had again written to say that the previous year's accounts were not correct and had sent the forms back; the current clerk informed the members that the matter would be dealt with asap with the assistance of the previous clerk.

1. Planning: The clerk informed the members that he was made aware that the owner of 1 The Retreat had submitted an application to the Secretary of State regarding planning refusal. The clerk said he had contacted the planning officer who had confirmed that the owner had applied for a review and that an independent assessor would be visiting the site soon. It was also noted that the owner has also resubmitted plans to the council and this has been sent to the Parish Council and was placed with members for consideration.

A member of the public attended the meeting and discussed his objection to the plans the councillors thanked the member for attending the meeting and for adding his comments and that these would be taken into consideration and the resident was asked to leave the meeting while the councillors made their decision.

The councillors said that the applicant had shown consideration to other residents in the area and that a response to the planning officer should read :

"The councillors of East Tuddenham will respect and abide by the planning officers decision in relation to the planning application"

The clerk also informed the members that he had received a letter from Breckland regarding the appeal and that the Parish Council had 42 days from the date of the appeal (15 September 2011) to send any form of written statement.

The clerk also informed members that he had received the publication "How to respond to planning applications an 8 step guide" issued by the campaign to protect rural England and that this was available to members to consider for future applications should the need arise.

6. Community Fund: The clerk asked the council to consider setting aside funds for community groups to apply for in relation to projects within the parish this could be for groups to apply to fund equipment or pay for trips etc that would be for the benefit of the residents within the community. The councillors agreed in principle and asked the clerk to advertise this in the parish pump, however the councillors agreed to fund the "friendship club" until April 2012 in order for the group to continue free of charge.

The clerk said he had an application from Earthsea School for projects but after checking it was noted that Parish Councils are unable to fund schools under double taxation rules and therefore the council could not fund this type of application. Th clerk said he would reply to the school in due course.

7. Youth Council Proposal this was removed from the agenda by the proposer

Correspondence: the Clerk confirmed that he had received the following items.

- Letter regarding the 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England
- Advert from Littlethorpe of Leicester regarding custom built bus shelters
- Norfolk County Council 2011/12 Year Book
- Breckland Jubilee Woods project information
- Notification of Adoption of Minerals and Waste local act 2010-2026

AOB:

2. Date of the next meeting: 17th October 2011 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall