

-Minutes of the meeting of  
East Tuddenham Parish Council on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
At 7 p.m. the Village Hall

Present: Mrs. Hickling Chairman, Miss Barrett, Miss Leaney, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Guy, C.C. Mrs. I. Floering-Blackman, D.C. Mr. B. Rose, Claire Brightman Police Community Support Officer, 6 members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: were received from Mrs. Shrimpling, Mrs. Fane and D.C. Mr. P. Claussen.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and asked the Councillors if they would agree to No. 6. on the Agenda – road matters – being moved to No. 4. All were in agreement.

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

Matters arising: A vehicle in Mattishall Road had been broken into and a Sat Nav stolen. Nothing as yet had been heard regarding the proposed low cost housing. The state of some of the footpaths meant that some of the landowners had been written to and if nothing was done they would be contacted again and then if still nothing was done the County Council would clear the paths and the bill sent to the landowner. Landowners received grants for the upkeep of these paths and it was up to them to keep the paths in good condition.

Road matters: The volume of traffic and speeding through the village had increased since the opening of the new roundabout and although nothing could be done about the volume of traffic various ways to try to cut down speeding were discussed. Claire Brightman said that she would contact the traffic police and request their presence in the village especially between 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. She would also contact S.A.M. (Speed awareness measures) to ask for a second visit to the village and to compare the results with the first visit. Speedwatch was also another option and this would involve members of the village being trained in the use of a radar gun and who would monitor the traffic – the findings being sent to the police. Motorists found to be speeding would be written to by the police and only after three cautions would they be prosecuted. Mr. Dowd, a member of the public at the meeting, offered to take this on and would co-ordinate with Claire. Flashing signs, which showed motorists at what speed they were travelling, could be purchased for £2000 but it was not known whether this would include erection and maintenance.

Regarding the accidents occurring on the bend in the road it was decided after much discussion to approach the Highways Department to enquire the cost and possibility of traffic calming measures such as chicanes, also how long would this take. This was proposed by Miss Leaney and seconded by Miss Barrett with all in agreement. As there had been another accident at this spot it was felt that this was of paramount importance especially as these incidents could result in villagers being seriously injured.

The clerk had written to the Highways Agency with a copy to the Highways Department at Norfolk County Council regarding the fact that East Tuddenham was not signed at the new roundabout. She had received a reply, which stated that there had to be a limit of the number of destinations on road signs and as Mattishall

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was larger than East Tuddenham this was signed instead. As the only sign to East Tuddenham was at the Berry's Lane junction the Councillors decided to pursue the request for signage at the roundabout especially with regard to the fact that Berry's Lane housed two children's homes and also a nursing home.

It was reported that the pavements had been cleared of leaves, however the roads were still covered with mud and while the Council appreciated that the weather conditions did not help matters, the farmers were responsible for cleaning the roads. Claire Brightman said she would look into the legality of the "Mud on Road" signs.

Mrs. Hickling then thanked Claire for attending the meeting and for her help .

Finance: The clerk reported that there was £1597.72 in the Business Account and £892.22 in the Community Account. Should the Council wish to purchase one of the aforementioned road signs the precept would have to be raised next year.

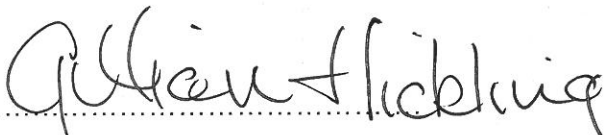
Planning: The application for the removal of a plant room and the erection of a conservatory at Hawthorn Farm had been approved.

Village Events: Mrs. Hickling handed out leaflets regarding Pride in Breckland campaign and a village walk was discussed.

Correspondence: The clerk had a notification regarding multi-operational bus tickets and Mrs. Floering-Blackman offered to find out more information about this. A letter and brief had been received from Breckland regarding an offshore wind farm at Cromer, which would affect the electricity sub station at Barnham Broom. The clerk would get in touch with the relevant department to say that at this time the Councillors had no comments to make but ask that they be kept informed of future developments.

Any other business: Mr. Guy mentioned potholes in the roads and this would be discussed at the next meeting. Dogs were still fouling the pavements but as there were no records of which owners were to blame nothing could be done. Mr. Rose said that talks regarding the proposed unitary status were still grinding on but a decision would be reached in February.

Date of the next meetings: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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