

Minutes of the Meeting of
East Tuddenham parish Council
Held on 4th November 2008
In the Village Hall

Present: Mrs. Hickling, Chairman, the full Council, D.C. Mr. P. Claussen, C.C. Mrs. I Floering-Blackman, the clerk and on member of the public.

Apologies: were received from D.C. Mr. B. Rose

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

Matters arising: A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee thanking the Parish Council for the donation towards the Hog Roast. The clerk had received a letter from the Highways Department saying that the footpath towards Berry's Lane and the state of the road at Bull's Close would be looked into, also the request for 30 mph signs painted on the road had been passed on to the relevant department. The fence post at the Village Green had been repaired and the hedge behind the bus shelter had been trimmed. It was still hoped that a working party could be arranged to place the tree guard round the Oak Tree.

At this stage Mrs. Hickling requested that the member of the public leave the proceedings as there was private business to discuss. She also asked that No. 8 on the agenda be taken next as Mrs. Floering-Blackman had to leave following this item. All were in agreement.

Code of Conduct: (Public excluded). Mrs. Hickling informed the Council that she had been accosted by a parishioner during a village event and subjected to aggressive and slanderous comments directed at herself and the Parish Council. She had spoken to the NCAPTC who advised that the matter should be dealt with within the Council. Following a full discussion it was decided to put a notice in The Pump deploring this type of incident and an explanation of the rules governing Councillors' behaviour, namely the Code of Conduct. The notice would be drafted and circulated for agreement before being put in the newsletter. This course of action was proposed by Mrs. Fane and seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson brought up the question of the workings of the Council not always being apparent to everyone in the village. This led to a general discussion about the Council's communication with parishioners and suggestions to improve it.

Finance: The clerk said that there was £597.06 in the Business Account and £2485.09 in the Community Account – this included £2000.00 the ^{gnd x} first part of the precept. Four cheques were signed:- one for £200 for the Pump, £40 for the CAB, £35 for Macmillan, and £60 to the NCAPTC for two councillors to attend training meetings.

Planning: The application for a new dwelling at Common Farm had been refused. The application for the removal of agricultural restrictions on Scoots had been granted and the Land registry had confirmed that the part of Crinoline Lane adjacent to the two properties would remain in the public domain.

Low Cost Housing: A meeting was being arranged between a representative of the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council, Peddar's Way and the landowner's agent regarding the land required by the Hall and also for Low Cost Housing.

Public Rights of Way: Although the landowners had been contacted there had been no response and so the Chairman had been in contact with County Hall to request a visit by a member of the relevant department.

Correspondence: The clerk handed out notices with regard to the Electoral Roll so that the Councillors could obtain copies. A letter from the NCAPTC detailing courses being run for Councillors was discussed and Misses Barrett and Leaney offered to attend.

Any other business: The Chairman would contact Doug Deal regarding a notice board on the Village Green. The provision of a rumble strip at both ends of the village was discussed.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 10th December

Signed..... Gillian Hickling

Date..... 10th December, 2008