

East Tuddenham Parish Council

Parish Assembly - Minutes of the Meeting held 8th June 2016

1 Welcome

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Ian Payter who welcomed attendees including Councillors, members of various committees to report on their activities and members of the public.

Ian Payter introduced himself as Chair for the past five years and Chantal Childs as the Clerk.

2 Minutes of meeting held 10th June 2015

There were no matters arising from minutes of 2015 so they were approved and signed by Ian Payter.

3 Chairman's Annual Report

Ian advised that Parish Council consists of himself, Lynsay Barrett, Anna High, Charles Barker, Alex Leaney and Sarah Mugford. Ian introduced our newest Councillor Gary Watkins and his positive input thus far. Also present were our Norfolk County Councillor Bill Borrett and our District Councillors Paul Claussen and Pablo Dimoglou.

Ian gave a brief Chairman's report of issues progressed by the Council during the year. He advised that during the year the main issues discussed at meetings were Highways problems, speeding through the village, planning applications and dog fouling.

- We own our own flashing speed signs in conjunction with Hockering Weston Longville, Ringland and Honingham. The law requires the sensors to be running for 3 weeks at a time and then not again for another 8 weeks. This will mean they will be used 2-3 times a year when shared with the other 4 parishes. The signs have been up three times and they reduce speeding, however 75% still exceed the limit and 3,000 vehicles pass through the village daily.
- The A11 has been dualled at Elvedon, the A47 is due to be dualled between Dereham and Easton and the NDR is progressing. This will mean various planning applications to infill areas.
- For planning applications, the parish council can only comment and the final decision is always with Breckland Council Planning Manager
- The two new dog waste bins are being used and the number of complaints have dropped significant since being installed. The Parish Council encourages people to exercise their dogs and use the footpaths but to also clean up afterwards.
- Ian advised we are currently dealing with the Children's Play Area, the War Memorial at Honingham, possible work to the footpath on Mattishall Road, a new website and wheelie bin stickers on Mattishall Road. Ian thanked Tony Bradfield for all his past efforts on the website.
- Anglian Water carried out work on a new borehole on Church Lane which improves the security of drinking water in the local area.
- The Village Fete is next Saturday 18th June and will also celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.
- Parish Council meetings minutes are on the website with a summary published in the Parish Pump.
- Ian Payter urged attendees and parishioners to contact himself or any other Councillors with any matters that need bringing to the attention of the Parish Council. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:30pm except August and December.
- Ian thanked his fellow Parish Councillors as well as the support of Bill Borrett, Paul Claussen and Pablo Dimoglou.

4 Presentation of Parish Council Accounts

An accounts balance sheet was presented by the Clerk. This recorded an income of £4,295.82 and details of expenditure totalling £3,533.61 Parish council funds at the end of the year increased to £8,438.40

5 Other Reports

Charities Committee – East Tuddenham Charities covers land of around 40 acres. It has 6 trustees, a treasurer and a secretary. The Charities look after the state of the almshouses and its occupants. A recent architectural report revealed there are some minor works to be done. All of the windows in both sets of houses are to be replaced and the architects are producing quotes for this.

Childhood First – Earthsea House & Merrywood – Andy Lamb

Andy explained that the residential care home supports children aged 7-13 from Norfolk and around the country who may have been abused, experienced trauma or have behavioural difficulties. If foster carers can't look after the children, then will be given care and treatment in the residential care homes with the hope of them to go back into a family setting. The homes are not institutionalised and include holidays, camping, cinema, beach trips etc.

The Church – Janet Guy thanked the PC for their generous contribution to the Church to enable the works to be completed during the last year including the roof and heating. The church is now back in full use. This Saturday there is a flower festival to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Janet encouraged parishioners to feed back on the role of the church, any ideas on how to do things differently and how to move forward. There are church services every Sunday at 10:30am where everyone is welcome.

Easton School – St Peter's Church of England, Voluntary Aided Primary School

- Mary Blathwayt reported the school has had a new headteacher and celebrated the contribution of the last headteacher to all three schools in her retirement from the post.
- Easton school has grown a little to 160 pupils and there will be a full reception class of 30 in September. The majority of children offered a place live in Easton or other villages in the catchment.
- The three schools making up the Trinity Federation became academies during the last year as part of the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT).
- The schools had a visit from an Educational Challenge Partner who is an inspector commissioned by the Local Authority. He judged Easton to be an outstanding school and the other two as well when Ofsted call for an official inspection.
- The children have close links with the church and take part in after school clubs including football teams and Crafty Cooks club

Any Other Business