

**East Tuddenham Parish Council**  
***Minutes of the Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015***

**Attendees:** Charles Barker, Lynsay Barrett, Chantal Childs (Clerk),  
Sarah Mugford, Ian Payter, Gary Watkins

**Apologies:** Anna High, Alexandra Leaney

*(The meeting opened at 7.30pm in the Village Hall)*

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September were approved and duly signed.

2. **Matters arising from those minutes**

- *SM reported that the building works at The Beeches is speeding up ready for the target finish at the end of the month. The top soil has been put down, the footpath completed, the services have been installed and they are working on the internal finishes. There has been interest in the properties but this has not progressed any further. There is also one house still for sale on the Baynings development where the planning decision is due around the 17<sup>th</sup> October regarding a 6<sup>th</sup> property. However there has a considerable amount of opposition to this.*
  
- *CC informed the PC that Honingham PC have approached the War Memorial Trust regarding obtaining a grant towards the cost of renovation of the Honingham War Memorial Shrine. They will keep us informed of the response and the estimates for the work envisaged.*
  
- *IP has enquired about the costs of a footpath in front of the houses without one along Mattishall Road. This was quoted as £18,000. On a 50/50 funding basis, this would cost too much for the PC to fund. LB informed the PC that there were only two people she could not speak to in that area, but the majority of residents were strongly in favour of the footpath. They were happy to sacrifice part of the verge/garden land in order to remain safe. IP will contact Highways and pursue the issue, requesting that a footpath needs to be installed as a matter of priority in accordance with their normal tasks. The consensus of the PC was that the cars from Mattishall travel at speed along Mattishall Road which is a main thoroughfare and there are children and the elderly around there*  
*CC informed the PC that Norfolk County Council have decided the Parish Partnership Scheme will now include pothole repairs on minor roads on a 50/50 funding as well. IP stated Highways are very efficient in repairing pot holes on a regular basis so hopefully it is unlikely this will be needed.*
  
- *IP advised the PC of the responsibility for maintaining public footpaths. The top soil is the responsibility of Highways and underneath is the land owner.*
  
- *The PC has received confirmation that the Village Hall Committee have decided to go ahead with purchasing solar panels for the Village Hall. The PC has been asked to consider a financial contribution towards the cost. The consensus of the PC was to use the precept funds towards an item that will directly benefit the village rather than on a commercial project such as solar panels. It was suggested for the PC funds to be used towards replacing the play equipment instead and thus take over the responsibility of it in line with most other villages. IP advised the fence cost would be £8,000. Grants can be sought to help with the costs for the play equipment and fencing. IP will ask the Village Hall Committee if they would still consider releasing the responsibility just for the Children's Play Area and question the land owner if the lease could be switched to the PC.*

3. **Finance:**

- *The following cheques were signed:*
  - *C Childs - £350.35- Clerk Remuneration*
  - *Mazars LLP - £25.00 - Audit fees*
  
- *CC advised the Mazars have returned the completed Audit. The Notice of Conclusion of the Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return is displayed on the Parish Notice Board for 14 days along with sections 1, 2 and 3 of the form. These will now be uploaded onto the website.*
  
- *The PC were asked for suggestions for village improvements that the precept funds could be allocated to. It was discussed whether a second bus shelter would be beneficial. This will be noted for future consideration but would be time consuming due to planning permission. CB has cleaned the current bus shelter.*

- *Remittance for the second instalment of the precept has been received for September totalling £2000 plus a grant of £147.91. Parish Council funds now stand at: £9,089.20.*

#### **4. Planning:**

#### **5. Correspondence**

- *The Parish Ranger visit commenced 5<sup>th</sup> October. The overhanging Oak Tree down the bridleway was brought to the Rangers attention. This goes through a garden of a homeowner near the bridleway. The home owner has been written to requesting removal of the lower branches.*
- *Dereham Crime Stats for August showed one Burglary non dwelling and one Other. The website [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) revealed the two crimes were related to violence and sexual offences. This does not correspond and so CC will enquire with the PCSO for the area.*
- *East Anglian Air Ambulance have written to the PC enquiring whether the PC awards grants to local charities. CC will inform the charity that we are a small parish and do not operate any grants programmes but we can consider a donation.*

#### **6. Update from Councillors**

- *SM reported that the re-dedication service held on 20<sup>th</sup> September was well attended.*
- *SM questioned whether there has been any news of building work on the field behind the Hollies, Beeches etc. There has been no formal planning but a previous application was previously rejected.*
- *LB passed on information from a MoP that the stack of cars at Frans Green seems to very high and still rising. IP explained that it is most likely a temporary stock pile as the price for metal is currently low. It is unclear if there is a height limit on the planning permission.*
- *GW reported one of the village noticeboards needs replacing near him. IP will arrange this.*

#### **7. Items for the next agenda**

*Dates for the next three meetings are: 9<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> January and 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm  
(The meeting closed at 8:40pm)*