

East Tuddenham Parish Council

Parish Assembly - Minutes of the Meeting held 6th June 2018

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 seven years and Chantal Childs as the Clerk.

2 Minutes of meeting held 14th June 2017

There were no matters arising from minutes of 2017 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. Apologies that Sarah is unable to attend. Also present were our District Councillors Paul Claussen and Pablo Dimoglou. Apologies from Bill Borrett, our Norfolk County Councillor who is away on holiday.

Ian advised that we currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and anyone who is interested can contact Ian or any other Councillor.

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 rather than every 3 years if loaned from Highways Dept. The signs have been up several times and they reduce speeding, however 75% still exceed the limit and 3,000 vehicles pass through the village daily.*
- *For planning applications, the parish council can only comment and the final decision is always with Breckland Council Planning Manager.*
- *The three new dog waste bins are being used and the number of complaints have dropped significant since being installed. However the Village Hall Committee have received complaints recently of dog fouling on the Playing Field and especially on the Children's Play Area. The Parish Council encourages people to exercise their dogs and use the footpaths but to also clean up afterwards.*
- *Over the past 12 months we have dealt with the following: -*
 - *Children's Play Area – equipment updated and refurbished*
 - *WW1 remembrance 26th May to commemorate men from East Tuddenham, Honingham and Weston Longville. Although this was a sombre occasion it was a success*
 - *New planting of bluebells and anemones in the wood opposite Rotten Row*
 - *Numerous planning applications*
 - *Faster broadband available – residents to check with their current provider and increased cost*
 - *Consultations on A47 dualling between North Tuddenham and Easton*
 - *Easton Food Hub*
- *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 £6,377.06 and details of expenditure totalling £5,129.00. Parish council funds at the end of the year increased to £7,904.83.

5 Other Reports from the last 12 months

Charities Committee – Colin Cram

- Almshouses – both Tilney and Proos Cottages are fully occupied
- The project to replace the windows is now complete and residents are happy with the improvements.
- Both Tilney and Proos allotments are taken and the sheep paddock at Proos is now in use
- Maintenance work is ongoing on all properties. This is financed from maintenance payments from the residents which is around half the rent cost. The money is invested by the trustees.
- Charity Land is all let for grazing purposes and the money goes towards the Fuel Charity and for maintenance of hedges, fences, gates and dykes. All the land is in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme which it has been in for the last 30 years or so and money is received to manage these schemes. The scheme requires the land to be managed in an environmentally friendly way and run on a commercial basis with due regard to the flora and fauna also.

The Church – Sally Thurgill (Assistant Minister)

- The Church continues to have three services each month and would love to see more village people.
- The Quinquennial has just been carried out and it is hoped there will be no nasty surprises as funds are very tight.
- The Church is open on Thursdays and Friday during the summer months and visitors are very welcome. It is a peaceful place to visit for a private prayer.
- Church members still continue to support the Dereham Food Bank and donations can be left at the Church or given to any PCC members.
- On Remembrance Sunday there will be a special service for 100 years since WW1
- The Church is there for the village and any support from villagers is appreciated as the Church needs to be kept going for future generations.

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

- The school is part of the Trinity Federation of Church Academies which includes Hockering and Great Witchingham Schools. They share a headteacher and deputy head and have one governing body. The Federation is part of the Diocesan of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT). Humpty Dumpty's is the onsite pre-school
- Two inspections (not by Ofsted) have resulted in excellent reports
- The first inspection was by the Schools Inspectorate of Anglican and Methodist Schools and looked primarily at the teaching of Religious Education and the content of Collective Worship
- There has been sad news of the death of one of the Governors Cynthia Wake
- The second inspection was an Effectiveness Audit on behalf of DNEAT. The feedback on the day was very good but the result not yet published
- In 2017 progress in reading was in the top 10% in the country.
- The school has been undergoing building work since Christmas including a larger school office, a new headteacher office and a lobby area for people waiting to see the head or class teacher
- There are now 180 pupils on roll. There are now no mixed age classes.
- Norwich City College are working with pupils to build a reflective space where children can go to think through any problems they have.
- Each of the three Federation Schools have helped to produce a Go Go Leverett to be displayed in the city as part of the Go Hares trail.
- The children took part in the Big Sing at the Showground which children from other schools
- There is a fete on June 22nd organised by the friends of St Peter's Primary Academy

Childhood First – Earthsea House & Merrywood – Andy Lamb

- *In May last year the adults and children from Earthsea attended annual Spring Party at Merrywood House, the neighbouring sister community for older children*
- *In June the Royal Norfolk Show was attended where a great day was had by all despite the weather*
- *At the end of July the children from Merrywood were taken camping at Hautbois hall for two nights.*
- *In August there was the annual community holiday. This was a week in Devon staying in log cabins.*
- *At the end of August was the annual summer party. Money raised from the stalls was donated to a charity of the children's choice.*
- *In October was the annual Ofsted inspection – a rating of Outstanding was obtained for the 4th year running*
- *On December 21st was the Christmas Feast Day with the theme of the Polar Express*
- *During the last 12 months, a number of children have had a planned leaving of Earthsea as they have come to the end of their placement. A couple of children were able to return to the care of one of their parents. A number of children have also moved to Earthsea*
- *Earthsea House provides care, treatment and education for some of the country's most troubled and traumatised children/*
- *East Tuddenham provides the children with a wider sense of community as they take part in the various events happening in the village*
- *Childhood First, the charity responsible for Earthsea is planning to add an extension to the back of Earthsea later this year which will allow spaces for two additional children*

Any Other Business