Minutes of the meeting of East Tuddenham Parish Council Held on Tuesday 8th April 2008 in The Village Hall

Present: Mrs. Hickling Chairman, who welcomed Mrs. Handford the Business Development Manager of Flagship Housing, Mr. Anderson Vice Chairman, Mrs. Shrimpling, Mrs. Fane, Miss Barrett, Miss Leaney, D.C. Brian Rose and the clerk.

Apologies: were received from Mr. Guy.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.

Matters Arising: The clerk had been in touch with Mr. Lyon following the long awaited repairs to the drainage problem and he asked that the Parish Council write to Mr. Glasspoole to thank him for his attention to this matter.

Low Cost Housing: Mrs. Handford informed the Councillors that a bid had been placed with Breckland Council and that the preferred land was adjacent to the Village Hall. Mrs. Handford produced sketches of the proposed development and said that these were not to be seen as the final drafts as nothing had yet been decided as to the placement or design of the properties. She would attend the Village Assembly and would hopefully then produce the architect's plans which could also be revised if so wished by the Parish Council. There was a full discussion regarding the siting of the houses with regard to the proximity to the Village Hall, however the Council was reassured that Flagship Housing would do all in its power to alleviate any problem this may or may not cause. With regard to the question as to who actually owned the land, it was felt that as Mr. Alston's agent was dealing with this it was understood that the land belonged to him. Mrs. Handford said that if all went according to plan the houses would be completed late in 2009. The Chairman then asked for a vote to decide whether to go forward at this stage and 4 Councillors were in favour and one against. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Handford for attending the meeting and for her clarification of the proposed housing.

Finance: The clerk said that there was £3036.83 in the Community Account which included the first part of the precept, and £1290.72 in the Business Account. The cheque that was signed at the previous meeting for NRCC membership for £25 was cancelled and another for £15 signed in its place. A further cheque for £111.79 was signed for the subscription to the NCAPTC.

Parish Assembly and Parish Council A.G.M.: It was pointed out by Mrs. Shrimpling that this ought to be before June and the clerk would get in touch with the NCAPTC to find out what the correct date should be.

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Planning: There were no objections to the plans for a double garage and porch extension at he Ashes, Common Road, or to the attic conversion at Old Hall.

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Parish Hall Anniversary: The dates and entertainments had already been finalised and the Committee would like any memorabilia that villagers might have regarding this.

Any other business: Mr. Rose informed the Council that the Boundary Committee would certainly impose changes and these would cost in the region of £100million for Norfolk alone. There would be a coastal area stretching from King's Lynn to Yarmouth with another one or two areas to be decided and that the City would have its own urban area.

Mrs. Hickling thanked Miss Barrett and Mrs. Symonds for the collection they made for the retirement of Mr. and Mrs. Sapey.

It was again noted that there was dog fouling in the village and the clerk would get in touch with the relevant department at Breckland Council to report this.

It was reported that cars were still being parked at the entrance to the playing fields and Mrs. Fane said she would talk to the allotment holders to see if the cars belonged to them. The state of poplar trees next to the footpath by the River Tud needing looking into and it was decided to try to ascertain whom the land belonged to.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th May

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