

East Tuddenham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held 8th September 2014

Attendees:

Chantal Childs (Clerk), Amy Eagle, Ted Guy, Anna High, Alexandra Leaney, Ian Payter, five Members of Public (MoPs), Gordon Bambridge (District Councillor)

Apologies:

Charles Barker, Lynsay Barrett

(The meeting opened at 7.35pm in the Village Hall)

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2014 were approved and duly signed.

2. Matters arising from those minutes:

- MoPs passed comment on the situation at The Beeches, stating that the trees were an iconic landmark and are imperative to the local wildlife. They have been told that an ecological survey with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust will take 12 months to gauge the effects. A representative from Fleur developments have visited all neighbours and commented that all discussions have been satisfactory. To date there has been no planning application submitted and so the situation remains the same. Any planning application sought will require a tree survey which will take into account the spread of the trees and the root zone's.*

MoP raised concerns that any building work that may take place at The Beeches will be near the neighbours boundary and also whether the existing drainage from The Beeches will be satisfactory. Breckland will resurvey the trees in October where a permanent TPO will be considered. MoPs raised concerns whether a TPO can be removed by new residents but AH confirmed that whilst there may be a mechanism to do so, there has to be a very good reason. IP also confirmed that the Preservation Officer is not happy about the trees being cut and is fully aware of the situation.

- Gordon Bambridge introduced himself as standing for District Councillor in the elections next May for the new Mattishall Ward of which East Tuddenham forms a part. He is currently a member for a different ward but has been a Breckland Council member for 12 years. Gordon plans to attend as many Parish Council Meetings as he can as he wishes to put in the hours for the villages he represents. The other District Council member elected will do the same. Paul Claussen is retiring and Brian Rose is moving. GB asked for the Agenda's to be emailed to him by CC prior to each meeting.*
- No progress re the white line rectification in front of the houses along Mattishall Road (West). There is a new representative at Highways that IP is waiting to have an appointment with.*
- IP advised that Weston Longville currently have the speed sensing equipment. Both Ringland and Honingham have had their 3 weeks usage. Hockering will be last to use it before it is returned to East Tuddenham again.*

3. Finance:

- Hockering is still yet to pay for their share of the speed sensor cost. They will not be able to use the equipment until they do. If they do not wish to pay then it could be agreed between the other three parishes to pay the cost between them.*
- CC proposed to the council to move the accounts from the paper based cashbook to an excel spreadsheet. This will enable members to receive regular updates on the accounts by email and avoid calculation errors. CC has drafted a spreadsheet which will be presented to the council at the next meeting.*

4. Planning:

- Previous - Planning application (3PL/2014/0433/F) for a temporary mobile home on land opposite Highcroft on Sandy Lane did not have any further information online for the application and so AH was unable to pass comment.*

- *Previous - Planning application (C/3/2014/3001) for Pips Skips has had complaints lodged against it by neighbours. CC confirmed she passed comment on behalf of the Parish Council on the Norfolk County Council website on the concerns regarding the increased tonnage and adherence and length of operating times.*
- *Previous - Planning application PC 3PL/2014/0541/F for a 78m wind turbine on land to the east of Dereham, Bush Lane has had objections from the parishes of Dereham, Yaxham, North Tuddenham and Mattishall. AH looked at the planning application online and suggested East Tuddenham also object to give support to adjoining parishes. IP confirmed that he has added our support to the objection via Weston Longville.*
- *New - Planning application PC 3PL/2014/0841/F at Brackenwood House on Common Road is for an extension, new external doors, alterations to existing windows, minor internal works and a new window. It was discussed by the Parish Council and it was agreed there were no objections as it is within the curtilage and there are no contentious issues. CC will respond accordingly.*
- *New - Planning application 3PL/2014/0881/F at Sycamore Farm on Church Lane for extensions/alterations to dwelling was discussed by the Council and it was agreed there were no objections. CC will respond accordingly.*

5. Correspondence:

- *Correspondence was received from Highways regarding another scheduled inspection by the Highway Community Rangers during the week commencing 6th October and a request for any additional tasks needing attention to be notified by 25th September. AL brought it to the attention of the Council that the drains on Church Lane need clearing as they get blocked up from Farmers and the link with Sandy Lane. It was also mentioned that the hedges are overgrown at the T junction of Honingham Road/Barnham Broom Road. The timber post for the bridle path on the bend down Common Road by the Hall also requires fixing. CC will email Highways and ask if these tasks can be carried out.*
- *CC advised that an email was sent to Ordnance Survey online to request the best way to obtain an ordnance survey map showing boundaries in the Parish to aid future queries on land ownership. Various options were given to either access one through the website, to join the Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PSMA) or to contact specialists in customised wall maps. It was suggested by GB to contact Brian Rose or Paul Claussen in the first instance to enquire if they have one available.*
- *CC informed the Council that a letter was received from The Norfolk Hospice asking for a donation. The current hospice is going to move from Snettisham to Hillington. The Council discussed the letter and agreed that a donation would not be made as it is not in the local area.*
- *CC informed the Council that a letter was received from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service asking for a donation to support the doctors and paramedics who provide immediate care to accident victims throughout Norfolk. The Council discussed the letter and agreed that a donation of £50 would be made.*
- *The Vodafone rural open sure signal programme was discussed by the Council and it was decided that East Tuddenham already has 3G mobile coverage and thus does not require the programme.*

6. Update from Councillors

- *With regret, AE informed the Parish Council that she is stepping down as a member due to other commitments. AE thanked the Council for the opportunity which she has enjoyed and will attend when possible as a MoP. IP asked CC for the opening to be advertised in the Parish Pump.*
- *TG provided an update to the Council on works to the Church. Work to the roof has now begun and should finish in December. During this time, the location of where to meet is advertised in the Parish Pump.*

*Dates for the next three meetings are 13th October, 10th November and 12th January) all at 7:30pm
(The meeting closed at 8:30pm)*

Ian Payter (Chairperson)

Date