

East Tuddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9th July 2012

Attendees: Ian Payter (Chairperson), Lynsay Barrett (Vice Chairperson), Charles Barker, Ted Guy, Anna-Marie High, Amy Eagle, Terry Eagling (Clerk), Paul Clausen (District Counsellor)

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall when Ian Payter welcomed attendees and introduced new counsellor Amy Eagle to her first meeting

An apology for non attendance was received from Anna-Marie High

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2012 were approved and duly signed

Matters arising from minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2012:

- *progress in relation to the erection of two dog waste bins showed some progress. Discussions around the siting of the bins and the emptying of these bins appear to have been resolved and the posts would be ordered ready for erection when the bins are received from Breckland. IP to progress.*
- *an E-mail from the Parish Church Council dated 1st July 2012 expressed continued concern in regards grass-cutting and lack of general tidiness in the churchyard. The Councillors present recognised that inclement weather so far this year had prevented cuttings at the appropriate time. It was agreed that CB and TG should meet at the churchyard with Albert Palgrave to discuss how the current problems can be reduced.*
- *IP advised that the white lines required after road resurfacing had been reviewed and it appears they need re-siting. This will be progressed in the coming weeks.*
- *progress in relation to the replacement of the current bus shelter was not possible because of the likely cost. It was agreed to explore the costs of re-glazing with a better quality glass and the refurbishment of the existing structure. IP to obtain a quote for re-glazing.*
- *IP explained that the Highway's verge cutting policy was to cut the verges twice each year. In this respect the weather had caused twofold problems in that extra growth had been experienced due to favourable growing conditions and there were delays in getting contractors on site due to the weather. It was expected that the first cut would take place in the coming days.*
- *loose chippings on the footpath leading to Honingham old school would be reviewed by the Highways Department and rectified as necessary*
- *the grass over the earth bridge over the footpath alongside the church, eroded by running water, had been cut but not repaired.*

Finance

- *TE advised that the Accounts to 31st March 2012 together with the appropriate year-end documentation had been submitted to Mazars for audit. At the date of the meeting no contact had been received from Mazars. He confirmed a copy of the Accounts and documents inviting local residents to review the books of account and relevant paperwork have been displayed on the Village Green notice board and on the Village website as required.*
- *a copy of the bank mandate received from Barclays demonstrated that it was completely out of date and still contained signatures of previous but not current councillors . It was*

agreed IP should liaise with TG and AH to amend/produce the paperwork so that the mandate allowed any two of these three councillors to sign cheques in the future.

- *a cheque value £255.51 was paid to the clerk leaving a cashbook balance of £8,613.06.*

Planning

- *there were no planning applications for review*

Correspondence

- *a lengthy discussion ensued over the request that fencing is erected around the children's play area on the playing field to avoid dog fouling in that area. IP advised that he had discussed the proposal with the Village Hall chairperson and had agreed to obtain quotes for the work although ultimately it was the Village Hall responsibility. He said he would review the siting of the fencing with the contractor responsible for cutting the grass on the playing field so that it did not impinge on the contractors work. After reviewing the quotes Councillors will debate with the Village Hall committee what level of funding might be available from Parish Council funds.*
- *a letter re the Local Government Boundary Review was discussed briefly. PC explained that primarily it is proposed to rationalise the areas so that each area has roughly the same headcount of population.*
- *a letter was reviewed re Counsellor's Code of Conduct. It was agreed that it may be easier to adopt the 'code of conduct' adopted by Breckland rather than trying to draft one from scratch. TE was asked to contact Breckland to ascertain whether there were likely to be any pitfalls in this approach*
- *a letter re the Local Policing Plan for 2012/15 was briefly reviewed. TE was asked to keep a copy on file for future reference*

Any other business

- *PC advised that cost of Central Government services were all being reviewed and it is inevitable that grants/pots of money previously available may well be reduced as a result of less money being around.*

Date for next meeting

- *due to many holiday commitments during August the next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on 10th September 2012*

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.



*Ian Payter
Chairperson*

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Date