

Minutes of Tuddenham St Martin Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026

Present: Chairman William Pipe, Councillor Kate Lindsey, Councillor David Lugo, Councillor Jim Bird, Councillor Pauline Procter, Councillor Hayden Beckett, Sophia Charalambous (Clerk & RFO)
District Councillor Colin Hedgley, County Councillor Elaine Bryce and 4 members of the public.

1. Chairman's welcome, apologies and approvals of absence
Apologies from Councillor Harry Brightwell, this was pre-approved.
2. To approve the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 6th May 2025
Approved.
3. Matters arising
None.
4. [Chairman's Report](#)
Councillor William Pipe's report was distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. It was displayed and acknowledged by the councillors and members of the public during the meeting.
5. Report of [County Council](#) and [District Council](#) Representatives
County Councillor Elaine Bryce discussed her report and spoke of her recent achievement of delivering a HGV weight restriction scheme on Westerfield Lane, linking Tuddenham and Westerfield which has been approved.
Elaine continues to support the 'Stop the Quarry' campaign and is working alongside Parish Councils in Westerfield, Swilland and Winesham.
An Economic Impact Assessment needs to be conducted by the applicant and Suffolk County Council have commissioned an independent assessment costing in excess of £50,000.
With the local Government review underway, Elaine noted that the majority of parishes are against the 'One Suffolk' approach.
Councillor Elaine Bryce's full report can be viewed online [here](#).
District Councillor Colin Hedgley discussed his report and noted that the quarry application is not likely to be reviewed before June 2026.
He stated that he is disappointed with the outcome of the 'One Suffolk' Government reorganisation.
Colin noted there are some changes happening within the planning team, in order to speed up the process of delivering new homes. The figures for new built homes across East Suffolk have increased from 905 – 1660. This has encouraged the 'Call for Sites' applications which have now completed the first phase and the 2nd phase is well underway.

The new waste and recycling plans are going ahead this year 2026, with bins being distributed to households in East Suffolk.

Colin spoke of new funding opportunities available to help fund good causes and projects, including the 'Thriving Places' fund, also noting the previous support he has given to Tuddenham St Martin. Including a laptop and projector for the village hall, refurbishment and maintenance of the playing field and garden area, as well as funding towards the village defibrillator.

Anti-social behaviour was mentioned and can be reported on the East Suffolk Council website or by calling the customer services team.

Councillor Colin Hedgley's full report can be viewed online [here](#).

6. Presentation of Accounts to 31st March 2026

The accounts were presented to the councillors and they were acknowledged. They can be seen online [here](#).

7. [Report from Village Hall Committee](#)

The village hall report was distributed to the councillors prior to the meeting and was acknowledged.

8. [Report from Parochial Church Council](#)

The Parochial Church report was distributed to councillors prior to the meeting.

Councillor Jim Bird, also one of the churchwardens, informed the Parish Council of the cost to maintain the churchyard which is a total of £1020 per year. This amount would be substantially higher; however, a number of volunteers help to maintain the grounds.

Tuddenham St Marting Parish Council donate a sum of £330 annually to help fund this.

The Church Council are requesting the Parish Council to consider increasing the donation amount in future meetings.

9. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 4th May 2027

Meeting closed at 7:32pm

Sophia Charalambous
Clerk & RFO