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Minutes of Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council meeting, held on 3rd December 2024 commencing at 7:30 pm at the village hall, chaired by Mr W Pipe.

Present: Mr Pipe, Mr Bird, and Mrs Procter.

1. **Chairman's welcome and apologies:** Mr Pipe welcomed everyone, apologies approved for: Mr Brightwell, Cllr Bryce, Cllr Hedgley, Mr Lugo and Mrs Lindsay.
2. The co-option of Mr. Beckett was agreed, and he joined the meeting as a new councillor.
3. **Public participation:** Present members of the public showed appreciation for the Parish Council's efforts, especially in relation to 'Stop the quarry campaign'.
4. **Minutes of the 3rd September 2024:** Approved.
5. **Opportunity to discuss any other matters arising from the previous minutes which are not covered in the agenda.** There were none
6. **Reports of County and District Councillors**
7. **Clerk's report, including financial matters, correspondence and items not covered in the agenda:**
 - The clerk's request to attend 'financial training' with SALC was approved.
 - All transactions since the last meeting reviewed.
 - **Matters arising including:**
8. **Village hall amplification:** No further updates/progress to report.
9. **Management of the Parish Council land (The Old Stores):** A letter regarding The Old Stores was received by Mrs Symmons, but no response has been received. It was agreed that another letter will be sent to address the issue of the Parish Council boundaries, which will include a deadline for her response.

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10. Planning matters, including updates on Westerfield scoping operation proposal:

Work is ongoing with 'Stop the quarry' campaign, it was agreed that there is need for more people with variety of skills to get involved in the campaign. It was also proposed to order additional banners to promote the campaign, however, the question of funding a bulk purchase of banners was raised but not pursued. It was also emphasised that clarity and accurate information is needed regarding the number of lorry movements for the scoping operation.

11. Community policing: No reports/updates.

12. Highway reports: The work for the speed signage has been completed. However, there are still issues with HGVs meeting on the S-bend in the village. Also the inappropriate use of Westerfield lane by HGVs as a short cut was mentioned. Mrs Proctor will provide an update to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

13. Setting of precept for the financial year 2025-2026:

- Having reviewed potential expenditure for the financial year 2025/2026, approved precept request of £ 6,750.00, this being a 5% increase.

14. Revised Financial Standing Orders were approved.

15. Items to include for the next meeting:

- It was suggested to provide training for using defibrillators to increase community awareness and confidence. Also to consider installing a defibrillator at the bus shelter if a power supply is available, and if not, to explore options for a site elsewhere.
- A village clean-up was suggested for the spring.
- Repairs to the playground were also proposed.

16. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7:30pm.

The meeting concluded at 21:10

Tilly Rampley – Parish clerk

19th December 2024