

Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council

Minutes of Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council meeting, held on 2 September 2025 commencing at 7:30 pm at the village hall, chaired by Mr W Pipe.

Present: Messrs. Pipe, Bird, Lugo, Brightwell and Beckett, Mses. Procter and Lindsay. Cllr Bryce (left the meeting at 20:10) and Cllr Hedgley

1. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence.

Apology from the Parish Clerk who is unwell.

2. Declarations of interest (Declarations can be made at any time during the meeting when a relevant matter arises).

None received.

3. Public Forum – For a short interval, residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chairman.

Parking on High Street – cars continue to park on the pavement, which is stopping wheelie bins being put out by residents and reports of bins not being collected. Colin Hedgley – reminded resident that you can contact East Suffolk Council if bins are not collected and reassured residents that you can use this phone number even if poor parking was the cause of the bins not being collected. See Cllr Hedgley report for contact details. It was also noted that bin collections are now coming later and causing issues re. traffic **ACTION** – PC to letter drop the village, reminding villagers to park considerately.

Keightley Way – investigative works have started. Interested to get views of PC regarding noise and timings. To be covered later in meeting.

4. Approval of minutes from the meeting on 1st July 2025.

Approved.

5. Matters arising not covered by agenda items.

None

6. Reports of County and District Councillors.

Elaine Bryce – report not received so will resend to PC chair to share with PC members.

7. a. Submission of objections to the Westerfield quarry application.

Ms. Procter has drafted a response for the PC to consider, centring on the following points:

1. Failure to comply with GP3 of the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan ("SMWLP").
2. Lack of demonstrated need for additional Aggregate materials.
3. Highway safety and the Road Network
4. Adverse Health Risks
5. Consultation and Community engagement
6. Westerfield Neighbourhood plan

7. Negative Impact on local Businesses and local environment
8. Impact on our rural environment
9. Water supply and drainage

Cllr Bryce commended Ms Proctor for her efforts.

Deadline of 14 Sept to provide an objection / support for the proposal.

PC members supported the draft objection response. Ms Proctor and Mr Bird to finalise and submit on behalf of Parish Council.

Concern raised regarding the involvement of Tuddenham Residents, and the lack of attendance at the public meeting. Do Tuddenham residents fully understand the impact that the quarry will have on the village? Agreed that PC will letter drop the village encouraging residents to comment on the development. Offer of support for letter dropping received from PC members and residents.

Approval from PC for payment of up to £50 to cover costs of leaflet printing.

7. b. Consider possible additional contribution towards the Westerfield Quarry Campaign, specifically to help cover the costs of legal advice or action if required.

Approval from PC to contribute a further £1,000 to the Westerfield Quarry campaign. The money to be held available for transfer when required.

8. Appointment of subcommittee to meet with Bennett Homes to discuss proposed management plan for the development.

Ms Lindsay (PC member), Mr Beckett (PC member) and Mr Williams (resident) happy to be on the sub-committee to discuss proposed management plan for the development with Bennetts Homes.

Mr Bird happy to meet prior to the meeting to discuss the proposed management plan with Ms Lindsay, Mr Beckett and Mr Williams.

ACTION – Mr Pipe to email Bennetts Homes to provide Ms Lindsay contact details, so sub-committee can be organised.

9. To consider any current planning applications, new and outstanding including application DC/25/1723/FUL.

Declarations of interest received from Mr Beckett.

No further comments to be given by Parish Council.

10. Clerk's report including financial update, approvals, and correspondence.

- i. Payments made since the last meeting approved:
 - £219.85 on 11/07/2025, SALC payment
 - £540.37 on 11/07/2025, PC Clerk salary
 - £8.15 on 15/07/2025, postal charges
 - £52.00 on 15/07/2025, payment to Information Commissioner
 - £599.08 on 31/08/2025, PC Clerk salary

- ii. Community account balance (on 2 September 2025): £599.96 Business premium account balance (on 2 September 2025): £24,168.74. These were approved.
- iii. The Annual Governance Statement was agreed and approved unanimously.
- iv. The Final accounts and Accounting statements for the year 2024-2025 were approved.
- v. It was agreed and resolved that the Parish Council met the criteria to be an exempt authority and approved the completion of a Certificate of Exemption from a Limited Assurance Review for 2024-2025.

11. To note clerk's resignation and appointment of subcommittee to recruit replacement.

Discussion regarding subcommittee – agreement for Mr Pipe and Ms Lindsay, with approval to co-opt additional member if required.

12. Playground/playing field report if any.

Mr Bird indicated that there was nothing currently to report. However, he took the opportunity to explain the current situation on the road drainage through the village.

13. Community policing report if any.

No report submitted. Recommendation to use chat function.

14. Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.

Usual items.

15. Date of next meeting: 2nd December 2025.