

Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting of Tuddenham St Martin on Tuesday 16th June 2026.

Present: Cllr Bill Pipe, Cllr Pauline Proctar, Cllr Jim Bird, Cllr David Lugo, Cllr Harry Brightwell and 5 members of the public.

The meeting started at 7:30pm

1. Chairman's welcome and apologies.
Apologies sent from Cllr Kate Lindsay, Cllr Hayden Beckett and District Cllr Colin Hedgley.
2. To receive any declarations of interest
None.
3. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on [5th May 2026](#)
The minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting and were approved by the Councillors.
4. Public participation
 1. A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for the SID on Keightley Way. In the first week of data, it showed three times as much traffic coming in and out of Keightley Way compared with prior to the Sunny Farm plans beginning.
The updated data now available, can be used for future reference to inform Suffolk Highways.
 2. Recent water testing results carried out by volunteers at Deben Climate Centre, show high levels of E-Coli in Playford, Tuddenham and Witnesham. The waste water which is being tested is from 292 properties, however the high levels show this could be incorrect.
 3. It was requested that the member of the public be made aware of who is on the Keightley Way sub-committee. It was noted that Cllr Kate Lidsay, Martin Williams, Cllr Hayden Beckett and 2 members of Bennet Homes staff are on the committee.
5. Matters arising
None.
6. Planning, including any updates on outstanding applications
 - a) [SCC/0093/25SC](#) - Extraction and processing of sand and gravel with restoration to original ground levels, erection of associated infrastructure, solar photovoltaics and access to the public highway. Expiry date 22nd June 2026.
The Parish Councillors reviewed the new consultation online prior to the meeting, and Cllr Bill Pipe attended the 'Stop The Quarry' meeting on the 15th June 2026 in Witnesham village hall.
It was clearly stated that the Parish Councillors and members of the public have the same view of the proposed plans, and will continue with their objections.
The Parish Councillors noted that the proposed plans have failed to comply with the Minerals Plan, and that the 85 proposed HGV lorries passing through each week will impact the rural environment.

The Parish Councillors are uncertain of the statistics in which the planning applicator, Tru7 are using to justify the need for the quarry. The calculations which are being provided are based on how many property developments will be built between 2017 – 2036, as a number of properties have already been built from 2017 until now in 2026. Therefore, the demand for the quarry is substantially reduced.

It was noted by Cllr Bill Pipe that the quarry would have a significant impact on the bordering Fynn Valley Golf Club, which is holding back on an approved plan for a £2M development project. This would offer more jobs to local community members, during and after the development, as well as creating a positive impact on the village and community.

It was decided by a unanimous vote that Tuddenham Parish Council objects to the new consultation for the proposed quarry plans, using the previous objection reasons, reinforcing this with the above noted comments.

ACTION – Clerk to submit an objection to the planning application by the expiry date of 22nd June 2026

b) Manor Farm [DC/26/1012/FUL](#)

This planning application is still awaiting a decision. It was acknowledged by the Parish Councillors.

c) Larks Hill [DC/26/1106/FUL](#)

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d) Sunny Farm [DC/26/1517/P3Q](#), DC/26/1518/P3Q, DC/26/1519/P3Q, DC/26/1520/P3Q, DC/26/1521/P3Q

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Westerfield Parish Council have sent a letter to the planning officer Natalie Hiskey stating their concerns for the proposed plans.

The Parish Councillors wanted to thank Richard Ward, Barbara Robinson and the other community members for their great online objections for these planning applications.

7. Matters for the next meeting

The Granaries Highway concern

8. Date of forthcoming meetings: Tuesday 7th July, Tuesday 1st September, Tuesday 3rd November 2026. All at 7:30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8:24pm

Sophia Charalambous – Parish clerk