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Minutes of Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council meeting, held on 4th March 2025 commencing at 7:30 pm at the village hall, chaired by Mr W Pipe.

1. **Present:** Mr W Pipe, Mr Brightwell, Mr Lugo, Mrs Lindsay, Mr Beckett, Mrs Procter and Cllr Hedgley.
2. **Chairman's welcome and apologies:** Chairman welcomed everyone and apology accepted from Mr Bird and Cllr Bryce.
3. **To receive declaration of interest:** NA
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December 2024 and the 'extraordinary' meeting held on 7th January 2025 have been approved.**
5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda:** NA
6. **Reports of County and District councillors, found on:**

<https://tuddenhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/assets/News/District-Cllrs-Report-to-Tuddenham-PC-March-25-002.pdf>

7. **Clerk's report, including financial matters, correspondence and items not covered in the agenda:**

Payments made since the last meeting:

- Fund transferred to premium account £500, 16th December 2024
- Clerk's salary, £561.18, 16th December 2024
- Clerk's finance training £42.00, 8th January 2025
- Stop the Quarry campaign £1.000, 3rd February
- Clerk's salary £559.07, 23rd February
- Community account £266.69, on 3rd March 2025
- Premium account £20844.01, on 3rd March 2025

The clerk reported that she had contacted Mrs. Symmons the owner of The Old Stores (a letter sent on 21st January 2025), emphasised the Parish Council's responsibilities to manage and to protect the village assets, in the best interests of the community. Therefore, Mrs. Symmons was invited to respond to the letter by 20th February 2025, to engage in resolving

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the ongoing issue to the Parish Council's land. This was the second communication sent to Mrs. Symmons, following the first letter sent in September 2024, to which she had not responded.

8. Management of the Parish Council land (The Old Stores):

A reply to the letter (mentioned in item 7) was received just before the start of the Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council discussed the ongoing issue and agreed that a sub-committee meeting will aim to meet before the next Parish Council meeting to review the situation and discuss possible actions.

9. Planning matters, including Church Farm House, and updates on Westerfield quarry operation proposal:

- No objection to Church Farm House planning application.
- It was suggested that the Parish Council consider a tailored response to the proposed scoping operation, specifically highlighting the potential impacts on Tuddenham St Martin and its residents, in other words, addressing the issue in direct relation to the village.

10. Highway matters:

Following a resident's inquiry about HGV restrictions on the roads in Tuddenham, it was noted that currently there are no such restrictions in place. But the use of a 'slow down' sign could be considered as a possible measure.

11. To discuss the training for using defibrillators:

It was agreed that the village residents could benefit from receiving training on how to use defibrillators, and that the possibility of installing an additional defibrillator in the village should be explored. It was also suggested that the training may be more effective if delivered in partnership with the Village Hall.

12. To discuss any repairs/maintenance needed for the playground:

- It was discussed that the fort in the playground may need to be assessed (possibly being replaced). However, overall, the playground is in reasonable condition and good order.
- Following a resident's email to share concerns about dogs in the playground, it was suggested that signage should be installed to remind users that dogs are not permitted in the area.

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13. To discuss the village clean-up plans/suggestions for spring:

A few dates were suggested for cleaning up the village and possibly tidying The Back Lane with the help of volunteers.

14. Community policing: Nothing to report.

15. Items to include for the next meeting: Playground repairs, The Old Stores.

Meeting ended at 9:15 pm.