

Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council



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

Present: Mr W Pipe, Mr Jim Bird, Mr H Brightwell, Cllr Elaine Bryce, Cllr Colin Hedgley, Mrs Kate Lindsay, Mr David Lugo and Mrs Pauline Procter.

1. **Chairman's welcome and apologies:** Mr Pipe welcomed everyone, no apologies.
2. **To receive declaration of interest:** Mr Pipe, re item 7.
3. **Public participation:** A member of public spoke about a recent car collision in a 30mph zone where a vehicle was travelling at 70mph. The resident referred to this incident to stress the importance of speed limit enforcement to prevent future collisions. Cllr Bryce stated that she will make every effort to address the issue and seek answers and results.
4. **Minutes of the 2nd July 2024:** Approved.
5. **Reports of County Council and District Council representatives**

Cllr Colin Hedgley's full report available on:

<https://tuddenhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/assets/Minutes/District-Cllrs-Report-to-Tuddenham-PC-Sept-2024.pdf>

Cllr Elaine Bryce spoke about 'community flood plan' and the importance of encouraging residents to apply for 'flood resilience grants', particularly during the autumn season.

6. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:**
 - A. **Village hall amplification:** It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Bird would discuss with the village hall committee the possibility of consulting a professional company to explore the best option. Cllr Hedgley offered from district council resources for the project.
 - B. It was unanimously agreed to send a formal letter to the owner of The Old Stores outlining the Parish Council's plans and responsibility to ensure that the land in question is used in the best interests of the community.
 - C. **The asset register:** Cllrs Bird, Lugo and Chairman Pipe are in the process of reviewing the register and will make final decision at the next meeting.

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D. Highway matter:

D1. Following recent conversation with Mr White from Highways, the council is still within the 12-week period awaiting the commencement of the works.

D2. Cllr Bryce expressed her full support for implementing a 30mph speed limit on Clopton Road. It was suggested that the Manor Farm planning application could facilitate the process of this request. Cllr Bryce noted that a 'traffic regulation order' is usually required to establish speed limit changes, but also stated that she would discuss the matter with cabinet members and do her best to advance it.

D3. Following discussions with Mrs D. Adams, the chairman suggested using the same contractor previously employed to improve the condition of The Back Lane (such as levelling the path through cutting and filling etc.). It was also proposed to seek volunteers from the village to assist with the works, to minimise expenses. However, there remains a question regarding the availability of funding for this project and, if available how much can be allocated.

7. Planning matters:

❖ Mr Pipe left the hall at 20:41, Mr Brightwell chaired the meeting.

Keightley Way: There have been no updates from Cllr Colin Hedgley beyond those already covered in his report, noting that the planning officer's death has caused some delays in the process, but every effort was made by the head of planning to provide updates/news. The clerk was instructed to write a letter to Cllr Elaine Bryce, requesting her assistance in representing the Parish Council's objections to the proposed development, (emphasising highway issues, and safety measures) It was also agreed that other reasons for objection which have been outlined by a resident, would be sent to Cllr Elaine Bryce along with the letter.

❖ Mr Pipe re-joined the meeting and took the chair at 21:17.

8. Finance: All payments made since the previous meeting (7th May 2024) were approved. Clerk's access to Parish Council accounts was discussed, and the process is currently ongoing with the bank. The review of Model Financial Regulations for Local Councils has been deferred to the next Parish Council meeting.

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9. Clerk's report and correspondence: The clerk's communication and representation of documents regarding The Old Stores and Mr. White, in connection with the installation of warning signs, was discussed.

10. Items for consideration/inclusion on the next agenda:

- The review of Model Financial Regulations for Local Councils.
- Village hall amplification.
- Management of the Parish Council land (The Old Stores).
- Setting the precept for 2025/2026.

11. Date of next meeting: 3rd December 2024

The meeting concluded at 21:37