

Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council

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

Present: Mr W Pipe (Chairman), Cllr Beckett, Cllr Procter, Cllr Lindsay, Cllr Bird, Cllr Mr D Lugo, Miss S Charalambous (Clerk & RFO).

1. Chairman's Welcome, apologies and approvals of absence

Apologies from Cllr Brightwell (Vice Chair)

2. To receive declarations of interest

None.

3. To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 28th October 2025

Approved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes, which are not covered in the agenda

i) At the last Parish Council meeting a request for a minute taker was made for the Keightley Way sub-committee meetings.

The councillors noted this request and agreed that a minute taker was not currently required, however this will be looked into again at a later date in future if necessary.

ii) The dismantled wooden pallets/fencing left in the back of the playing field have now been removed.

The Parish Councillors have acknowledged this.

iii) Oliver Pipe at Poplar Farm has agreed to meet with Bennett Homes to discuss a possible access route across their land.

Cllr Lindsey has emailed Bennett Homes for a meeting to be arranged between themselves.

5. Comments from members of the public on matters on the agenda

None.

6. Reports of County and District Councillors

Cllr Elaine Bryce, Cllr Dan Clery and Cllr Colin Hedgley's reports were distributed to councillors prior to the meeting.

A brief discussion was had between councillors regarding the proposed 'One Suffolk' and 'Three Suffolk' councils to provide feedback for the open consultation which was mentioned in the councillors reports.

This will be discussed further at a later date.

7. Planning matters

i) DC/25/3574/OUT: Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) 2 no. self-build dwellings and associated development.

A formal objection was submitted on 29th October 2025 by the clerk. This was acknowledged by the councillors.

ii) DC/25/4394/FUL: Construction and use of track south of Grundisburgh Road from Access Point 15 of East Anglia THREE Offshore Windfarm (EA THREE)

The Parish Councillors have no comments or objections for the continuation of use.

8. Financial matters including:

- Receipts & Payments since last meeting, approve payments due. Charitable donations.

The payments were approved and charitable donations agreed for 2025.

Payments since last meeting 28th October 2025

1/12/2025 S Charalambous Salary £476.06

Barclays Community Account	£ 1,329.58
Barclays Business Saver Account	£ 21,751.95
TOTAL:	£ 23,081.53

- Consideration of the 2026/27 Parish Council budget/precept
The Parish Councillors agreed the 2026/2027 budget and precept which can be viewed on the parish council website.
A 5% increase has been agreed by the councillors for the precept and an amount of £7,080.00 will be requested.

9. Highway matters

- The SID (Speed Indicator Device) will be attached to a new pole and the speed watch will continue through the village.
Cllr Procter will be attending the 20's Plenty online forum.
A joint meeting with Westerfield Parish Council is to be arranged regarding the weight and width restriction signs to prevent HGV lorries passing through the villages.
ACTION – Clerk to arrange the meeting with Westerfield Parish Council.
- It was noted that the hedges outside of The Old Stores are overgrown and are causing a blind spot for vehicles.
ACTION – Cllr Procter will report the overgrown hedges to highways.

10. Playground

- Ian and Catherine Watson purchased bark for the raised borders in the play area.
The Parish Councillors agreed to reimburse the sum of £27 for the cost of the bark.
- Three quotes for wooden posts to repair the 'fort' in the play area have been received and reviewed. The quotes were £700, £597.84 and £636.05 all including VAT.
Other items required to carry out the repairs in accordance with the ROSPA report include strapping, screws and post concrete + VAT.
The Parish Councillors agreed a budget of £700 to complete the repairs and ensure the safety of the play equipment, following the ROSPA report.
- Keightley Way sub-committee will discuss the safety for the playground during building works at a future date.

11. To note the date of forthcoming meetings

Tuesday 6th January, Tuesday 3rd March, Tuesday 5th May, Tuesday 7th July, Tuesday 1st September, Tuesday 3rd November 2026.

Signed:

Sophia Charalambous – Clerk & RFO Tuddenham St Martin

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th January 2026.



6th January 2026.