

Minutes of the Meeting of
East Tuddenham Parish Council on
Wednesday 16th March 2011

Present: Mrs. Hickling Chairman, Mrs. Shrimpling Vice Chairman, the full Council, District Councillor Mr. P. Claussen, three members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: There were no apologies.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk and after one alteration were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: It was noted that the holes in Hall Lane had been repaired.

Finance: The clerk reported that there was £5818.82 in the bank account and cheques were signed for £15.00 for NRCC membership, £276.29 clerk's salary and expenses for the quarter ended March 2011, and cheques totalling £520.24 for the notice board.

Planning: The application for the replacement caravan on land off Rotten Row had been withdrawn and Mr. Claussen said that he had spoken to the applicant and had advised him that this would not be granted as the permission for the caravan had ceased on the death of the previous owner. The Council had no objection to an extension at 3 Bull Close, or the proposed application for an earth-bunded dwelling in Common Road.

Low Cost Housing: The Chairman reported on the topping out ceremony and said that the houses should be completed by the summer. The allocation of these would be in the hands of Breckland Council and Flagship Housing and a number of people attended the afternoon session to see the final plans and also to ask questions. A Councillor had spoken to the builder who confirmed that the houses had been sited closer to the road than originally planned.

Forthcoming Elections: The Chairman said that she would not be seeking re-election to the Council as did Mrs. Fane. The clerk handed out nomination papers to the remaining Councillors and also to two members of the public.

Town and Parish Forum: The Chairman gave a short report on this meeting that she and the clerk attended which covered various subjects including waste disposal and environmental issues. The new waste recycling centre in Dereham will open in the autumn and leaflets are available on both these subjects. Sarita Presland also spoke about the work of the NALC.

Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM: This would be held on 16th May and it was suggested that a representative of the Highways Department at Norfolk County Council be asked to attend due to the ongoing problem of speeding in the village and also C.C. Bill Borrett.

Any other business: Miss Leaney reported that she had been in touch with the Highways Department and the police with regard to the accidents occurring in the village and also the speeding. It was decided to ask for another 30 m.p.h. sign to be placed east of the Church especially as the new houses are, at the moment, outside the speed limit. The clerk reported that she had contacted the relevant department and had asked for some form of control near the bend but had been told that this was not a possibility at this time. It was decided to persist with the Highways Dept. regarding this and as noted under the Parish Assembly to ask for representation at this event.

It was brought to the notice of the Council that kerb stones in Tilney Road had been dislodged due to the large refuse lorries trying to negotiate the narrow road and Serco and the County Council would be asked to look into this.

Dog fouling was still a problem and the Councillors were asked by the Chairman if a donation could be made to the Village Hall Committee to pay for a fence to surround the playground. The public footpaths were also being soiled and various suggestions were put forward to try to combat this.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 13th April