

Minutes of the Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council meeting held on 21st June 2022 commencing at 7.30pm at the village hall.

Present: Mr W Pipe, Mr R Blake, Mr D Lugo, Mr J Bird, Ms P Procter and Mrs C Frost (Clerk). Mrs Hollier would arrive a short time later in the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies Mr Pipe welcomed everyone present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mrs Ellinor and Mr Brightwell (Parish Councillors), Mr Hedgley and Mr Fryatt (District Councillors). Apologies were also received from Mrs Hollier, who would arrive a short time later.

2. Public Forum There were no members of the public present.

3. To receive declarations of interest Ms Procter in respect of Items 6 a) and 6 b).

4. To consider the upgrade of Parish Council owned streetlighting to LEDs In answer to a question from Mr Bird, the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council owned street lights followed the County Council part night lighting system. Comparisons of the quotes received for the upgrade, the different types of lamps in the village lights, and the proposed change of the bracketry to the Grundisburgh Rd light (by the river bridge in the Conservation Area) by Suffolk County Council were discussed. The Parish Council had been informed that the energy provision for the Parish Council lights would not continue through the County Council if the maintenance contract was not also continued with the County Council.

Mrs Hollier arrived at the meeting.

There was further discussion about the quotes, and the possible work and expense involved for future maintenance and energy costs if the County Council maintenance contract was finished. It was commented that it was good to explore alternative options to the County Council upgrade proposal and that it was a shame that the bracketry on the Grundisburgh Rd light (in the Conservation Area) had not been identified as a heritage fitting. The visual perspective of this specific light was discussed. After much consideration Mr Pipe put forward a proposal which was the approval of the County Council quote but prior to going ahead there should also be a query raised about the bracketry for Column 1 (Ipswich side of river bridge) as this lamp is in the Conservation Area of the village and there was concern as to whether the replacement post top mounted standard lantern will be appropriate for that location. An extra provisional cost of up to £200 was proposed for an alternative more suitable lantern. This was seconded by Mr Bird and unanimously approved. The Clerk would draft an email to make enquiries with the County Council and this would be approved by Mr Pipe before being sent.

5. Planning Matters including:

a) DC/22/2199/FUL – First floor side extension. Main Road. There were no objections raised.

6. Highway Matters including

a) Consideration of a requested annual donation of £50 to SAVID Ms Procter gave background information about SAVID and how the donation from member villages would enable the scheme to move forward. Ms Procter had already declared an interest in this Item and did not take part in the vote. There was unanimous approval to agree the annual donation request.

b) Consideration of the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device with a grant from and on behalf of SAVID member villages Ms Procter gave background information on the grant received by SAVID which was equal to the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). The Clerk had emailed Parish Councillors prior to the meeting with the information received from NALC via SALC, the Parish Council insurers, and the Parish Council revenue and expenditure implications in the event of the SID purchase. A brief overview of this information was:

- there is a route for the purchase, but this would require Highways Authority to delegate the function to purchase the SID

- the proposed purchase is estimated to result in an annual expenditure in excess of £25,000 which would have a cost implication for a Limited Assurance Review.
- It is possible for the SID to be included on the Parish Council insurance, with additional advice received from the insurers if the purchase went ahead.

Ms Procter had already declared an interest in this Item and did not take part in further discussion or the vote. Mr Pipe proposed that the Parish Council did not approve the SID purchase this year due to the cost implications, and that another SAVID member village may be able to go ahead with the purchase instead. This was seconded by Mrs Hollier and unanimously approved.

c) Consideration of parking issues Parking concerns had been raised to some Parish Councillors about different locations in the village. Key areas were the bus stop opposite The Fountain, The Street, Keightley Way and Fynn Lane. Comments included

- There was a problem with parking on pavements and verges
- Work vehicles were causing temporary obstructions on the footway in The Street
- Various parking problems were creeping back as an issue
- Concern at number of vehicles trying to fit into limited areas of parking which had sometimes resulted in some vehicles protruding onto a more major carriageway.
- Is there anything the Parish Council could do?
- Understand concerns but there are limited parking spaces in the village and the number of cars per household seems to be increasing

The discussion about the various parking issues continued, including the number of cars to a household and the problems experienced by visitors to the village. There was a reminder that it was possible for villagers to rent a parking space at the village hall car park. One suggestion was the removal of timber posts on the Fynn Lane verge to allow more parked vehicles.

Mr Pipe proposed that Mrs Hollier and Mr Bird work on a draft flyer to be distributed to households to give a gentle reminder about considerate parking. The draft would be put forward to the Parish Council prior to the July meeting for approval. This was agreed.

7. An update on additional All ability play-equipment The Clerk reported that there had been a delay submitting the order form for the play equipment due to a misunderstanding. Mr Bird, Mr Lugo and Mr Blake agreed that there was nothing outstanding to stop the form being submitted. The Clerk would report this to Mrs Ellinor, after the meeting, who would carry out the task on behalf of the Parish Council. The delivery location for the equipment was discussed and agreed, and Mr Bird agreed to be the contact for the delivery. A phone call 24 hours before delivery was needed as it was important to ensure that someone would be on hand for the delivery to oversee it. Preparations would be made to the play area prior to delivery, when the delivery date is known, so that the equipment can be installed as soon as possible after it is delivered.

8. Items for next agenda

- Parking issues
- An update on the Quiet Lane scheme – Wave 4
- Other Items to be agreed.

9. Date of next meeting. 5th July 2022.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Mrs C Frost - Parish Clerk. Tuddenham St Martin