

TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs K. Darrell, S. Langley, B. Spratt, P. Butcher and D. Hayward.
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham
District Councillor K. Carsok and 2 members of the public.

Cllr Darrell was unanimously elected Chairperson of the meeting.

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| 1. To consider approving any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllrs Pincher (ill) and Gulliver (away) and duly approved by the Council. | 23/049 |
| 2. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any items to be discussed.
None were received. | 23/050 |
| 3. Public Participation.
a) District Cllr Carsok reported that South Norfolk Council (SNC) had now moved to the Horizon Building and the old building, Swan House, was in the process of being sold. There would be a community bus service, but the details were unknown at this time – the Council will be updated in due course. SNC had recently issued a press release setting out its position in relation to the National Grid pylons proposals.
b) The issues of missing footpath signs and increased traffic through the village were raised by members of the public. It was agreed that these would be referred to the local County Councillor once elected. | 23/051 |
| 4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2023.
Having been circulated to the council prior to the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr Darrell, seconded by Cllr Spratt, and AGREED by all that the minutes were approved as a correct record. | 23/052 |
| 5. To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.
There were none. | 23/053 |
| 6. To receive any updates from the Pylons Working Group.
Cllr Langley reported that leaflets had been distributed throughout the village. The deadline for responding to the ongoing non-statutory public consultation was 21 st August 2023. The local consultation events had been well-attended and all of the residents who attended seemed to oppose the proposals. The Council unanimously AGREED that the offshore alternative was the only viable option. The Media and Communication Working Group would respond to the consultation on that basis. | 23/054 |

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7. **To adopt the 2023 Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations and Risk Management Policy.** 23/055

Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting the Council unanimously **AGREED** to adopt the documents.

8. **Financial Matters.** 23/056

- a) The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.
b) Following receipt of the relevant invoices the following payments were approved:

Payee	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross
D Wickham	Clerk's Expenses May & June	£89.80		£89.80
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary July	£300.30		£300.30
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE July	£75.20		£75.20
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary August	£300.50		£300.50
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE August	£75.00		£75.00
NPTS	Training Courses	£276.00		£276.00
J Darrell	Fruit Trees for Recreation Ground	£102.40		£102.40

9. **To consider any planning matters.** 23/057

There were no current planning applications to be considered by the Council.

10. **To appoint a representative to join the Recreation Centre Committee.** 23/058
Cllr Butcher volunteered, and his appointment was unanimously **AGREED**.

11. **To appoint the Internal Control Officer.** 23/059
Cllr Hayward volunteered, and his appointment was unanimously **AGREED**.

12. **To discuss the removal of the two Sallow trees in McKee Drive.** 23/060
This item was adjourned to the next meeting.

13. **To discuss items raised by Cllr Spratt:** 23/061

- a) Cllr Spratt reported that the need for a car-sharing initiative to assist the elderly had been identified.
b) The issue of the Flexibus had been discussed at item 3a above.
c) Cllr Spratt highlighted the need to do something with the bus shelter as it was looking untidy and served no purpose. Cllr Darrell pointed out the land the shelter was situated on was owned by Norfolk County Council (NCC). This item was adjourned to the next meeting. In the meantime, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to NCC to ask if they would take action to clear the surrounding area.

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14. **To receive an update on Highways matters from Cllr Hayward.** 23/062
Cllr Hayward had met with the NCC Highway Engineer on 11th July in the vicinity of the school during the morning drop-off. He reported the observations from this meeting and a discussion followed. The installation of a pedestrian crossing was not possible as the road was too restrictive (60 metres clearance would be required). It was **AGREED** that the Council would write to the head teacher to open a dialogue surrounding the parking issues outside the school. Cllr Langley would also contact the Woodland Club to ask if they would permit parking on their land during school drop-off and pick-up times.
15. **To receive an update on Pride in Place Grants from Cllr Butcher.** 23/063
Cllr Butcher had attended a recent online briefing and reported that the scheme was part of the Government's 'levelling-up' agenda and aimed to promote community pride. SNC would have £199,000 available for this purpose next year, with bidding for the next tranche opening in the Autumn of 2023. Councillors were urged to begin considering possible bids and pass any ideas to the Clerk in advance of the next meeting.
16. **To consider the purchase of hi-vis vests and grabbers for litter picking.** 23/064
Cllr Darrell reported that the Council would be receiving a payment of £20 from SNC in relation to this year's litter pick, with the possibility of a further £200 from the prize draw, and suggested the Council uses some of this money to buy its own vests and grabbers rather than borrowing them from SNC each year. The Council unanimously **AGREED** to this suggestion so Cllr Darrell will arrange for their purchase.
17. **Public Participation.** 23/065
There was none.
18. **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 13th September 2023 at 7pm.** 23/066
This was confirmed.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

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