

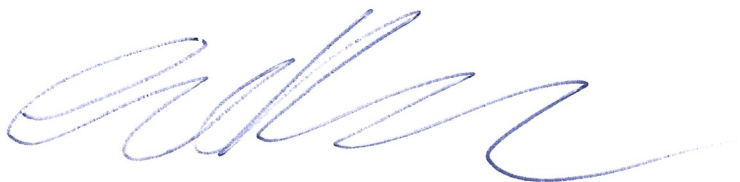
TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs L. Pincher (Chair), K. Darrell, S. Langley, B. Spratt, P. Butcher
and D. Hayward.
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham
District Councillor K. Carsok, County Councillor C Rowett & 1 member
of the public.

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| 1. To consider approving any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Gulliver due to work commitments. The
Council Resolved to approve these apologies. | 23/067 |
| 2. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any
items to be discussed.
Cllr Spratt declared an interest in item 5 and would not participate in any
discussion. | 23/068 |
| 3. Public Participation.
a) District Cllr Carsok reported that the outreach vehicle, which would operate
as a help hub on wheels, was almost operational. The issues surrounding
'nutrient neutrality' were still ongoing, with a House of Lords decision due
imminently. In the meantime the future position was unclear. It was confirmed
that the Flexibus service was still in operation.
County Cllr Rowett's report had been circulated to the Council prior to the
meeting. Norfolk County Council (NCC) had responded to the National Grid
pylon proposals consultation proposing an offshore network in place of the
onshore pylons. The County Councillor's personal grant could possibly be used
towards improvements to the bus shelter. The ditch running alongside the
B1113 was probably owned by NCC, but any enquiries should be forwarded to
the Highways Engineer.
b) The Tree Warden reported that a £5,000 grant was available to purchase
trees and asked anybody who was interested to contact him. | 23/069 |
| 4. To approve and sign the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting
held on 12th July 2023.
Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, it was proposed by
Cllr Darrell, seconded by Cllr Butcher, and agreed by all that the minutes were
approved as a correct record. | 23/070 |

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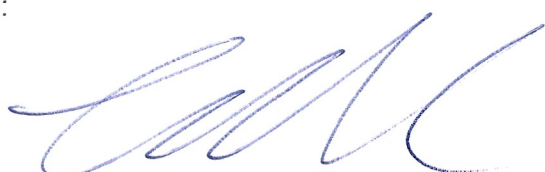
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5. **To consider any planning matters:** 23/071
2023/2234 Land At Hill Top Farm, Norwich Road, Tacolneston. Proposal: Proposed Development of 29 affordable dwellings, access, provision of open space, soft landscaping, hardstanding, vehicle and cycle parking and associated infrastructure.
 Following a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed development the Council **Resolved** to object to the planning application due to (1) the overbearing nature of the development, (2) the density of the proposed buildings, (3) access/highways issues, (4) public visual amenity concerns, (5) the potential risk of flooding, (6) serious safety issues, and (7) the impact of increased traffic on the village. The Council also noted that 23 separate documents were not accessible on the South Norfolk Council planning website.
6. **To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.** 23/072
 Cllr Darrell reported that the working group had responded to the National Grid pylon proposals consultation highlighting the need for an offshore network.
7. **To receive any updates from the Pylons Working Group.** 23/073
 Cllr Langley reported that support had now been received from Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council in respect of the pylon proposals.
8. **To adopt the 2023 Internal Control Policy.** 23/074
 Cllr Darrell proposed the policy be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Butcher and **Resolved** by the Council.
9. **Financial matters.** 23/075
 a) The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.
 b) Following receipt of the relevant invoices these payments were approved:

Payee	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross
D Wickham	July & August Expenses	£250.50	£30.07	£280.57
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary September	£300.30		£300.30
HMRC	PAYE September	£75.20		£75.20
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary October	£300.50		£300.50
HMRC	PAYE October	£75.00		£75.00
South Norfolk Council	Dog Bins Annual Fee 2023/24	£867.09	£173.42	£1040.51
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator Electrodes	£46.95	£9.39	£56.34
Play Inspections	Annual Inspection	£72.95	£14.59	£87.54

Cllr Spratt voiced his concern regarding the cost of the dog bins annual fee, but Cllr Pincher noted the provision of such bins had been a response to specific requests from local residents.

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10. **To discuss parking issues outside the school.** 23/076
Cllr Hayward offered to contact the Highways Engineer to discuss how the proposed development discussed at item 5 above would impact parking/traffic issues in the village. He would also look into getting the school warning signs back into operation and draft a letter to the Head Teacher to follow-up the one sent prior to the end of the last school year. Cllr Langley had spoken to The Woodland Club, who may allow their car park to be used during school drop-off and pick-up times. It was noted that cars were parking on the designated tree surrounds in front of the school which was endangering the trees.
11. **To consider how to spend the £220 Litter Pick Prize.** 23/077
It was agreed that Cllr Darrell would purchase litter grabbers and hi-vis vests for future litter picks. The Council would consider how to spend the balance before discussion at the next meeting.
12. **To discuss Parish Councillors' domain-based email addresses.** 23/078
Following a proposal from Cllr Pincher the Council agreed that individual Councillors should decide whether to use separate email addresses for Parish Council business.
13. **To discuss the removal of two Sallow trees in McKee Drive.** 23/079
Following a complaint from a local resident, and an inspection by the Tree Warden, the Council **Resolved** to remove the two trees. The Council's grounds contractor would be asked to carry out the work, subject to a satisfactory quote.
14. **To consider any action to be taken in respect of the bus shelter.** 23/080
Following a discussion of the future of the bus shelter, the Council **Resolved** to seek volunteers to maintain it, rather than commit any financial resources to an ornamental structure.
15. **To discuss any Pride in Place Grant bids.** 23/081
It was hoped this grant could assist with the provision of accessible toilets in the village hall and a path at the recreation ground. Cllr Butcher will look into this and liaise with District Cllr Carsok.
16. **Public Participation.** 23/082
There was none.
17. **To confirm the date of the next ordinary Parish Council meeting as 8th November 2023 at 7pm.** 23/083
Agreed

The meeting ended at 8.37pm

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