

TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tacolneston Parish at The Woodland Club on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr B. Gulliver (Chairman), Cllrs R. McClenning (Vice-chair), K. Darrell,
T. Gowing, L. Pincher, J. Hooper and E. Taylor.
Parish Clerk & RFO: D. Wickham
District/County Councillor B. Duffin & 8 members of the public.

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1. **The Chairman will welcome members of the public.** 21/045
Members of the public were warmly welcomed by the Chairman.
2. **Report from the Parish Council Chairman.** 21/046
The Chairman presented her report to the meeting (attached). The councillors each introduced themselves.
3. **Reports from local clubs and organisations.** 21/047
Brian Lees, the editor of The Tacolneston Times, reported that he had been publishing it quarterly for the past ten years. He reminded everybody that it is a community asset there for all.

The Clerk read a report from Peter Jeffery, Charity administrator of Knipe Fuel Charity & Tacolneston Fuel Allotment Charity (attached).

John Hooper, Chair of Tacolneston Good Neighbours pointed-out that locally-based people are best placed to assist those in need within the community. He explained the role of Help Hubs and highlighted the need for more volunteers.

Chris Brown, from Tacolneston Bowls Club, advised that the club had just begun playing again, albeit with limited numbers. The club has 15-16 members and is COVID-compliant.

Chris Springall, from Tacolneston Football Club, reported that there had been a football club in the village since 1954! The club has systems in place to overcome COVID restrictions – Cllr Taylor was thanked for her input. A grant is being sought to assist with the club's finances, as the number of matches that have been played is far below pre-pandemic levels. The planning application for the container that had been previously agreed on is pending.

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4. **To discuss how the community would like to use the newly-adopted phone box.** 21/048

It was reported that the books currently in the phone box are used regularly, but the plastic boxes that they are stored in are not ideal. Shelves would be a better option, but the water ingress would cause problems.

Cllr Darrell suggested a seed-swap would be a good idea. A pop-up art gallery for school children was also suggested. Cllr Pincher thought it was a good idea for different groups to use the phone box for different purposes, but questioned who should be responsible for cleaning and tidying it. A question was raised over whether the phone box should be used for multi-purposes if it is already being successfully utilised for books. It was agreed that it was important to ensure the phone box is water-tight before any further progress is made.

5. **To invite suggestions from the community as to future use of the disused bus shelter opposite the Pelican P.H.** 21/049

Cllr Darrell said it was unclear who owns the bus shelter, as it stands on Highways land, but is not owned by them. Cllr Taylor explained that it is on the Parish Council's asset register and is owned by the community as custodians. Just re-thatching the roof would cost £5,000 - £7,000. A full refurbishment would cost approximately £10,000. Cllr Gulliver suggested a clear purpose for the shelter would be needed before spending those sums could be considered. Cllr Hooper added that the location of the shelter on a busy road creates Health & Safety concerns, and suggested it may be more prudent to remove it altogether, as it serves no purpose. There was opposition to removing the shelter altogether and a discussion ensued regarding the possibility of building a new shelter to benefit bus passengers and school children.

6. **To invite suggestions from the community regarding improvements to the village amenities.** 21/050

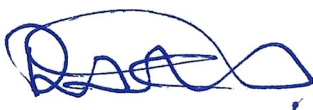
The installation of CCTV was discussed, as the recreation ground had been vandalised several times. Cllr Pincher noted that if free wi-fi were to become available inexpensive CCTV cameras could be installed on the Village Hall and recreation ground. Cllr Darrell was concerned that any CCTV cameras would be vandalised.

The introduction of further dog poo bins around the village was also proposed and it was agreed that this matter would be added to the agenda of the July Parish Council meeting.

7. **Set a date for the next Annual Parish Meeting.** 21/051
The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2022.

Meeting concluded at 8pm.

Signed:



Date: 11.5.22

From: Peter Jeffery
Sent: 08 June 2021 11:55
To: Parish Clerk
Subject: Re: Annual Tacolneston Parish Meeting

Hello Dan Wickham,

Thank you for your invitation. I regret that I shall be unable to attend.

Report.

Tacolneston's two oldest charities, Tacolneston Fuel Allotment and the Knipe Boileau Charity, both more than 200 years old, continue to serve the village. In recent years the trustees have concentrated on growing the value of the charities while continuing to meet their core aims. So once again towards the end of 2020 the trustees allocated funds for distribution while agreeing to continue their investment policies.

Please note that I have carried out the administration of the charities on a volunteer basis since December 1999 and I intend to resign at the end of the year. A volunteer to take over would be welcomed. The position involves conducting administration work of about six or seven hours per year.

Peter Jeffery

RAM, Clerk 11-5-22.
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