

# TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr L. Pincher (Chair), Cllrs R. McClenning (Vice-chair), K. Darrell,  
B. Gulliver and J. Hooper.  
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham  
1 member of the public.

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| 1. <b>To consider approving apologies for absence.</b><br>Apologies were received from Cllrs Taylor and Gowing. The Council <b>Resolved</b> to approve these apologies.   | 22/052               |
| 2. <b>To receive declarations of interest on any items to be discussed.</b><br>None were received.  | 22/053               |
| 3. <b>Public Participation.</b><br>a) None.<br>b) The Media and Communications Working Group will draft a letter to thank Cllr Barry Duffin for his assistance resolving the issue of overgrown trees at McKee Drive.<br>Cllr Hooper reported that Tacolneston Parish Church is at risk of closure – this item will be added to the next agenda for discussion.   | 22/054               |
| 4. <b>To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.</b><br>Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr Darrell, seconded by Cllr Gulliver, and agreed by all that the minutes were approved as a correct record.   | 22/055               |
| 5. <b>To receive the minutes of the recent Media and Communications Working Group meeting.</b><br>The recent meeting had been a single-issue meeting, to draft the Council's response to the National Grid pylons proposal consultation, which has been published on the Council's website.   | 22/056               |
| 6. <b>To consider supporting an anti-pylon pressure group.</b><br>The Council <b>Resolved</b> to support the 'Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons' group as a means of remaining updated on this topic and adding weight to the campaign. Cllr Gulliver suggested forming a working group to monitor pylon-related developments, and this idea received unanimous support. A member of the public present at the meeting volunteered to join the working group and promote it on social media. Cllr Hooper volunteered to support the group. | 22/057               |

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Cllr Darrell suggested offering the village hall free of charge for meetings of the working group.

7. **To discuss any action required in relation to the Parish Council land in McKee Drive.** 22/058  
Following a discussion of the parking issues in McKee Drive, it was **Resolved** that the Media and Communications Working Group would draft a letter to the residents, informing them that the designated parking area should now be used for parking and not the green space. The Council would be considering erecting a low fence around the amenity area.
8. **To consider making a bid under the Parish Partnership Scheme.** 22/059  
Councillors and interested members of the public were asked to bring any firm ideas, together with calculated costings, to the next meeting. The deadline for submitting bids is December 2022. The Clerk noted that there is currently £3,000 in the budget for future projects.
9. **To discuss the role of the Footpath Warden and adopt the Footpath Warden Policy.** 22/060  
After a short discussion of the role of the Footpath Warden the Council **Resolved** to adopt the Policy. The Media and Communication Working Group will draft articles to publicise the appointment of a new Footpath Warden, and the Countryside Code, in the Tacolneston Times.
10. **Tacolneston and Forncett Recreation Association (TAFRA) and Recreation Centre Committee (RCC) matters.** 22/061  
a) Cllr Pincher reported that he is the only TAFRA signatory with online banking access. Cllr Gulliver offered to become a TAFRA signatory.  
b) The anticipated resignation of the RCC chairperson, and the ensuing operational difficulties for the village hall, were discussed. The Media and Communications Working Group will draft an article for the Tacolneston Times, explaining the situation, and seeking volunteers. The Clerk will also publish the article on the Council's website.  
c) Cllr Pincher, on behalf of TAFRA, requested the Council make a donation to allow TAFRA to purchase a new digital keylock for the village hall. Following a discussion of the need for a new lock, and a donation to pay for one, the Council **Resolved** to donate £20 towards the purchase.
11. **Financial matters.** 22/062  
a) The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.  
b) Following receipt of the relevant invoices these payments were approved:

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Payee	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross
D Wickham	Clerk's Expenses May & June	£90.10		£90.10
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary July	£274.95		£274.95
HMRC	PAYE July	£68.80		£68.80
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary August	£274.95		£274.95
HMRC	PAYE August	£68.80		£68.80
Cllr Hooper	Footpath Warden Fuel & Oil	£22.70	£4.54	£27.24
Westcotec	Install 2x Dog Bin Posts	£88.00	£17.60	£105.60
BHIB Insurance	Insurance Policy	£570.27		£570.27

The Clerk's salary has increased by one salary point following completion of the CiLCA course.

12. **Any planning matters.** 22/063  
There were none.
13. **Public Participation.** 22/064  
It was reported that footpath 4 required attention as it had become overgrown. Cllr Gulliver will notify the Footpath Warden.
14. **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm.** 22/65  
Agreed

The meeting ended at 8pm.

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