

# TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr L. Pincher (Chair), Cllrs R. McClenning (Vice-chair), K. Darrell,  
J. Hooper and B. Gulliver.  
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham  
District/County Councillor B. Duffin & 5 members of the public.

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| 1. <b>To consider approving any apologies for absence.</b><br>Apologies were received from Cllrs Taylor and Gowing. The Council <b>Resolved</b> to accept these apologies.  | 23/015               |
| 2. <b>To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any items to be discussed.</b><br>None were received.  | 23/016               |
| 3. <b>Public Participation.</b><br>a) District/County Cllr Duffin announced that he would not be standing for re-election to South Norfolk Council (SNC) at the local elections in May. The SNC precept for 2023-24 would be frozen at the previous year's rate. Voters in the 2023 local elections would be reminded that they would need to provide identification at the polling station in order to cast their vote.<br>Norfolk County Council's element of the council tax was increasing by 4.99%. The consultation period for 'A County Deal for Norfolk' lasts until 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. £11.4 million was being spent on electric buses in Norwich and an additional £29 million was available for Highways. Anybody with information relating to the next-of-kin of Paul Homer, who had passed away recently, were asked to contact the coroner: 01603 774773 or coroner.referral@norfolk.gov.uk<br>Cllr Hooper thanked Norfolk County Council Highways for their assistance with an issue in McKee Drive recently.<br><br>b) Members of the public raised concerns in relation to the development at 59 Norwich Road. A cargo container was now shown on the plans which had not been mentioned in any planning applications. This container would be visible from neighbouring properties. A drainage ditch had also been filled-in to provide access, and this was causing standing water on the bend in the road, which would be dangerous in the current freezing conditions. A number of trees had also been removed and it was thought this may be in contravention of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). Cllr Darrell will ask the Tree Warden to investigate. (Cllr Gulliver arrived at 7.15pm.) Cllr Gulliver reported that at a recent meeting the developer had stated that residents of the care home would have neurological rather than behavioral issues. There were also concerns that the village was in danger of losing its character as a result of the appearance of | 23/017               |

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the development from the roadside. Members of the public asked the Parish Council to conduct a site visit, and Cllr Duffin suggested engaging with the Planning Enforcement Officer from SNC, to check conformity with the approved plans.

4. **To approve and sign the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.** 23/018

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.

5. **To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.** 23/019

A response to the SNC Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan had been submitted by the Parish Council. SNC had replied, requesting further information, which the working group would address at its next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

6. **To receive any updates from the Pylons Working Group.** 23/020

Having been circulated to the council prior to the meeting, a report from the working group was read to the meeting by the Clerk. Cllr Darrell would ask the Tree Warden whether two ancient oak trees impacted by the pylon proposals could be made the subject of TPOs. Cllr Gulliver suggested the Tacolneston Environmental Group becomes involved with the working group due to the environmental impact of the proposals. Cllr Pincher urged members of the public to join the working group.

7. **To adopt the 2023 Asset Register, Information Audit and Standing Orders.** 23/021

Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr Pincher, seconded by Cllr Gulliver, and unanimously **Resolved** that these three documents should be adopted, with a sole amendment relating to the date of acquisition of the war memorial on the asset register.

8. **Financial matters.** 23/022

- 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 | Clerk's Expenses Jan & Feb  | £100.62 | £3.52   | £104.14 |
| D Wickham | Clerk's Salary March        | £294.95 |         | £294.95 |
| HMRC      | Clerk's PAYE March          | £73.80  |         | £73.80  |
| D Wickham | Clerk's Salary & PAYE April | £368.75 |         | £368.75 |
| NPTS      | Annual Subscription         | £180.00 |         | £180.00 |
| SNC       | Annual Dog Bin Charge       | £774.20 | £154.84 | £929.04 |

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9. **Any planning matters.**

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- 2023/0441

*Location: Land At 59 Norwich Road, Tacolneston.*

*Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of 2014/0559 - Change from carports to enclosed domestic storage.*

*Application Type: Removal/Variation of Condition (S73 / S19).*

(Discussed at item 3b above.) The Council was concerned about the constant changes to, and deviations from, previous plans and planning applications, and questioned where cars would park if the carports were replaced with domestic storage. Cllr Pincher proposed the formation of a working group, consisting of Parish Councillors and local residents, to liaise with the developer and the planning department of SNC with a view to resolve issues relating to this site. This was seconded by Cllr Hooper and the Council unanimously **Resolved** the formation of this working group. Cllrs Darrell and Hooper would be the Council representatives on the working group.

10. **Public Participation.**

23/024

There was none.

11. **To confirm the date of the Annual Parish Council meeting as 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7pm.**

23/025

This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Pincher urged local residents to consider standing as Parish Councillors at the upcoming local elections. The deadline for nominations was 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Cllr Gulliver thanked the organisers of the warm room that had been run in the village hall over the winter. This had been a successful and valuable village asset. Cllr Hooper reported that a similar initiative was being planned for next winter.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

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