

TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES FOR TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 17th JULY 2025 @ 7PM
TUDDENHAM ST MARY VILLAGE HALL, MAIN HALL**

Attendees

- Parish Councillors: Mark Dunnett, Jo Keeble, Malcolm Keeble, Angela Davidson, Gunnar Staaf, James Phillips (arrived 19:10h)
- 6 members of the Public
- In attendance: Alan Melton (Temporary Clerk)

210725/1. Apologies for Absence

None

210725/2: Appointment of Locum Clerk/RFO.

Members agreed to appoint Alan Melton as temporary Clerk/RFO

210725/3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations

None.

210725/4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 19th June 2025

Received and approved

210725/5. Matters Arising

None.

210725/6. Councillor Reports

- District Councillor, Cllr David Taylor, gave a report to the council. He highlighted the following:
 1. Local Government Reorganisation: Suffolk County Council were proposing a one size fits all council, whereas the Districts were proposing a 3 unitary solution consisting of West Suffolk, East Suffolk and Greater Ipswich.

2. Cllr Taylor highlighted the discussions regarding the A11 corridor which is having an increasingly negative effect upon Tuddenham St. Mary as more and more traffic is using the village as a “rat run”. Cllr Taylor emphasised the role of the parish council in the discussions regarding the Five-Ways roundabout which urgently needs upgrading. The current layout causes severe congestion, which will only worsen given plans for major housing and commercial developments.
3. Cllr Taylor reported that he still had funds available in the community pot.
4. Cllr Taylor reported that the West Suffolk Local Plan had been approved.

210725/7. Public Forum The following issues were raised:

- Recommendation that the parish council support a roundabout flyover;
- Complaint against the 24-hour working at Barton Mills;
- Bookings of the Village Hall;
- More transparent identification of planning applications.

The Chairman stated that all comments would be considered by the council

190625/8. Planning

- **Application SCC/0069/25F:** The Chairman reported that the council were now logged as a consultee.

210725/9. Finance: Cllr Staaf gave an update of the council’s finances.

Cllr Davidson presented the items for payment. Members gave authority for all payments to be made.

Councillor Davidson reported that the Clerk/RFO would be asked to authorise the payments.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Ref	Supplier	Reason	Net	VAT	Gross	Due Date
Payroll			Clerk Wages	97.07			30/06/25
30/06/25	INV 1532	Tilbrooks	Grass Cutting	57.85	11.57	69.42	31/07/25
01/04/25	INV 3007	SALC	Membership	230.31		230.31	31/04/25
17/07/25	TVH-2024-210	Village Hall	Room Hire	15.00		15.00	
17/07/25	TVH-2024-209	Village Hall	Room Hire	30.00		30.00	
17/07/25	TVH-2024-208	Village Hall	Room Hire	60.00		60.00	
17/07/25	TVH-2024-207	Village Hall	Room Hire	50.00		50.00	
17/07/25	TVH-2024-206	Village Hall	Room Hire	30.00		30.00	

210725/10: AGAR. Alan Melton Temporary Clerk/RFO presented the Annual Accounting and Governance Statement (AGAR). He stated that he had applied to PKF Littlejohn (External Auditors) for an extension of time in submitting the AGAR, and that this had been granted.

The accounts were now closed and signed off by the Chairman and could now be submitted to the Internal Auditor w/b 21st July 2025. The documents for audit would be uploaded to the Internal Auditors file.

21072025/11. Governance: It was noted that the updating and the changeover of the Website was progressing, and that the Facebook page would be reviewed.

210725/12. Asset List Update: Members received the draft asset list. Members revised the values where necessary for the Asset List to be valued appropriately for insurance purposes.

210725/13. Flags and Memorials: Members reviewed the Village Flag Policy. The Chairman agreed to procure the relevant flags and wreaths.

210725/14: Highways: There was no current speed data available for review.

Members agreed to support a 20mph speed limit in the village.

There were ongoing complaints regarding the Quarry workings and associated vehicle movements.

210725/15: Fibre Broadband: It was reported that fibre broadband was still unavailable in parts of the village, and that the likelihood of 100% connection would not take place until 2026.

210725/16: Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

210725/17: Clerk Employment: The Chairman reported that an advertisement had been published.

210725/18: Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 18th September 2025

210725/18. End of Meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 21:15.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Dunnett', written in a cursive style.

Chairman of the Council: Cllr. Mark Dunnett

Date: 16 October 2025