

TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 19TH March 2026 @ 7PM AT TUDDENHAM ST MARY VILLAGE HALL, MAIN HALL**

190326/1 Attendees

- Cllr Dunnett, Cllr Davidson, Cllr J Keeble, Cllr M Keeble, Cllr Nouch, Cllr Staaf, Cllr Phillips
- Cllr David Taylor
- 6 members of the public

190326/2 Apologies for Absence - None

190326/3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations - None

190326/4 Minutes of Previous Meeting - Minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

190326/5 Matters Arising - None

190326/6 Councillor Reports

- Cllr Noble – previous report had been circulated.
- Cllr Taylor;
 - Local plan has started. Call for land issued.
 - Locality budget – submit ideas via Parish Council
 - West Suffolk Council – have bought land next to the Ops Hub at BSE to provide staff car parking in preparation for new recycling arrangements. Part of the land will be leased back to the farmer. Issue of new bins starts June. Aim to improve on current 37% recycling figure. Defra will charge producers for packaging disposal costs.
 - Unitary Councils – Mayor elections delayed to 2028. County Elections on 7th May.
 - Budget – funds to implement free parking to boost footfall in Haverhill coming out of reserves. BSE 8-10 am Monday morning now free parking.

190326/7 Public Forum

- A resident queried a list of actions required; ie repairs in play area. Action: Council to inspect the play area
- A resident has queried need for footpath to be extended on Higham Road –.Action: Council to invite Highways to view the area to discuss potential solutions.

190326/8 Planning

DC/26/0292/CLE - Application for lawful development certificate for existing use or development - land and buildings for storage and distribution (class B8). Location: 3 Land at High Street, Tuddenham, Suffolk IP28 6SQ. Applicant: Dove Group C/O Dominic O'Loughlen, Ceres Property.

Residents expressed concerns that the application evidence is not factual and is a means to circumvent planning and that future use of the land could be detrimental to the village in terms of traffic and associated risks.

Motion from Chair to reject the application was agreed. Action: Cllr Nouch to finalise and circulate a draft response.

190326/9 Quarry Development

- Cavenham want to pursue whether the Anglian Water track or the Airsoft track could be used to bypass the villages.
- Following approval of the application, a residents' group has to be formed for dialogue with SRC.
- Ben Humphries from Cavenham has asked for a meeting with Tuddenham. Action: Chair to arrange.

190326/10 Playing Fields & Play Area

- Playing fields committee report – constitution has been updated to the Foundation model. Air and heat pump installed with funding from the locality budget.
- Play area update – maintenance and inspection required.
- Ditch - Andrew Garnett raised issue of the ditch flooding and has quotes to clear. Need to identify/cause of the blockage and whether Nr 14 has any responsibility. Action: Cllr Dunnett will approach Nr 14.

190326/11 Finance

- Bank Balances: £15295.77 Community Account / £2927.76 Instant Account
- Schedule of Payments to be made - approved
- YTD spend and forecast. Budget of £16275 vs £13528 forecast.
- Precept update – awaiting feedback from WSC
- Bench repair costs inc repainting of coat of arms on ends – Cllr M Keeble estimated £300 to repair both benches. Approved. Sign will be repaired next and estimate c. £1000 cost. Consider asking Lord of the Manor to assist with funding. Should review brick base in case any repointing is required.
- Funding Request from Moyes Museum in relation to ancient coin found on edge of Tuddenham. Council did not approve as does not criteria of benefitting the village.

190326/12 Parish Council Website

- Action: Councillors to provide bios and photos if outstanding.
- Action: Update Lord of the Manor content
- Old website is still running. Action: Cllr J Keeble to check if all content has been removed before it can be shut down.

190326/13 Highways

- Seasonal Traffic Regulation Order, Icklingham Road – no action to pursue on Tuddenham village side.
- SIDs (Speed indicator devices). Discussion took place about solar vs wired solutions and whether new poles would be required. Cllr Staaf pointed out that the significantly less expensive solar powered SID is purchased at risk as the quality of the unit is unknown. The Council understands this risk and at a price of £450 vs £4000 thought it was a risk worth taking.
 - Action: Cllr Staaf to apply to Cllr Noble and Cllr Taylor locality budgets.
 - Action: Cllr Staaf to arrange for Suffolk Street Lighting to visit and advise on placing SIDs with streetlights
 - Action: Cllr Staaf to purchase solar unit that does not collect data to be installed on post at Anchor Court due to high risk in the High Street where there are increased pedestrian movements.
- 20 mph Speed limit/zone – stringent conditions to achieve. Other calming measures usually required which are unlikely to be viable. Action: Continue to investigate.
- Condition of Icklingham Road (unadopted road) – can be a deterrent to vehicles. No action to be taken.
- Traffic/parking damage to The Green – Action: Speak to residents. Investigate official records of The Green.

190326/14 Parish Council Administration & Correspondence

- Review of outstanding actions from previous meetings – list to be compiled.
- Play Area – Action: Chair liaising with WSC as regards inspections schedule. Use annual inspection to seek advice on suitable materials to use instead of bark ie. Grass mats.
- Audit preparation: Review of 2025 Audit report. Action: Chair to send report to Cllr Nouch. Cllrs to take ownership of policy reviews. Action: Chair to contact SALC re booking an audit date.
- Action: Chair to call Alan Melton to obtain box of papers. Action: Finance working party to meeting in April to review prior to Audit.
- Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting – 21 May. Same format as previous year. Elections for Councillors. Action: Circulate 2025 meeting minutes which will need to be approved.
- Street Lighting – Cllr M Keeble inspected the lights to compare to the invoice as charges are variable.
- Tree Planting on the Village Green – gift from residents with request to plant – approved.
- Mobile Phone Signal – a resident raised concern at not being able to have a home alert system installed due to poor signal. Many residents are having to go outside of their house to make calls or rely on wi-fi calling. Concerns over safety and security. Action: Approach OfCom followed by local MP.
- Agenda items for May meeting – Action: Cllrs to submit requests.

190326/15 Staff Appointment

Action: Advertise with SLCC and Indeed.

190326/16 Councillors to note the date of the next meeting as follows:

Annual Village Meeting & Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Thursday 21st May 2026 (later revised to 28th May 2026)

190326/17 Chair closed the meeting at 2135

Signed: 

Name: Mark Dunnett

Appointment: Chairman: Acting Proper Officer of Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council

Dated: 27 July 2026