

TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON

Monday 27th July 2026 @ 7PM

TUDDENHAM ST MARY VILLAGE HALL, MEETING ROOM

Attendees: Cllr M Dunnett, Cllr A Davidson, Cllr R Nouch, Cllr J Phillips, Cllr J Keeble, Cllr M Keeble, Cllr G Staaf, Cllr D Waldron

Residents: 4

270726/1. Apologies for Absence – none.

270726/2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations – none.

270726/3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of meetings held on 19th March 2026 and 17th June 2026 were approved.

270726/4. Matters Arising - None

270726/5. Councillor Reports –

Cllr D Taylor – District Councillor - no report

Cllr D Waldron – County Councillor;

- County are looking to save money so not supporting DEI activities and have removed political officers.
- SCC are requesting a judicial review of the devolution process
- Chair asked what the impact on Parish Councils would be if there was no County Council and only Unitary Authorities, and expressed concern over lack of resources for the PC to take on additional responsibilities. With a small precept there is a cap to what can be paid to a clerk. Cllr Phillips asked if there could be centrally contracted clerks assigned to Parish Councils. Cllr Waldron advised that there had been an attempt to create an apprenticeship scheme but there was no take up.
- Cllr Waldron was asked to add Tuddenham PC to the Row Heath parishes listing.
- Chair asked what the County locality budget will be. Cllr Waldron was not aware at this stage.
- Action: send meeting dates to Cllr Waldron.

270726/6. Public Forum

- A resident suggested constructing a third lane on the A11 at the Tuddenham junction to facilitate safer maneuvering when turning right to cross the dual carriageway by the Bull pub.
- A resident asked if Suffolk Country Council will support proposals for Barton Mills island improvements.
- Suggestion to set up a meeting with Mildenhall, Barton Mills and Frederick Hiam Ltd. to create a collaborative approach to road safety improvements.
- A resident asked about the Parish Council's view on the proposed Higham development. The Parish Council were generally concerned about the proposal.

- A resident reported that the playground needed attention. Action: arrange inspection and follow up action as required.
- A resident asked if the village could have allotments. Cllr Nouch advised that PCs have the power to establish and manage allotments, however there is considerable legislation and complexity involved, and the Parish Council may not be able to support the administration.

270726/7. Internal Audit

- Significant improvement on previous year's audit.
- Action: Councillors to review the action tracker circulated by Cllr Staaf.
- Action: Working group to meet in August on a date to be agreed to progress actions.
- Consideration to be given to appoint a Councillor as RFO, with segregation of duties.
- Action: Create a policy tracker to manage review periods.

270726/8. Playing Field

- Bore Hole – fundraising ongoing and grants being applied for to provide water for irrigation. Formal request for the Parish Council to approve installation. Unanimously agreed.
- Sponsor Signage – Cricket Club would like to put up sponsor signs to be visible during playing season only. Unanimously agreed based on not being intrusive. Playing Field to present a formal proposal.

270726/9. Finance

- Community Account £5173.73
- Commercial Account £27946.01
- Financial report was unanimously approved.
- Allocated reserves should be excluded from the Reserves calculation.
- Funding request from Bowls Club to Cllr Taylor Locality Budget – Action: application form to be completed by Bowls Club and returned to Cllr Davidson for submission.
- Proposal to submit a locality budget request for SID funding unanimously agreed. Action: to be forwarded to Cllr Taylor.

270726/10. Governance

- The draft Safeguarding Policy was unanimously agreed. Action: policy to be finalised and published on the website.

270726/11. Highways & Road Safety

- Speedwatch – no volunteers. Action: Police to be informed they can collect the equipment.
- Cllr Waldron advised that Cavenham are pursuing the High Street being dropped to 20 mph and setting up Speedwatch.
- Proposals for data recording SIDs on all entrances to the village;
 - proposal to install a solar SID on a new post at the start of the High Street (hotel end)
 - use a different post further back on Higham Road with a mains SID,
 - install a mains SID on a different post on Cavenham Road
 - Higham Road and High Street proposed as the priorities. Unanimously agreed.
- Action: write to Cllr Waldron to propose review of speed limits coming into the village from Barton Mills as it is 60 mph to 30 mph to amend to match Higham Road which has a 40 mph buffer speed zone before entering the village.

- Action: pursue installation of a vehicle traffic counter (cable across the road) at a later date depending on data from SID collection.

270726/12. Village Matters

- Bin Collections – Action: Use Facebook to ask residents for feedback.
- Community Engagement – Action: investigate contact form on the website emailing direct to the Clerk. Action: prepare and issue a survey asking residents for their key topics for the Parish Council and allow more in-depth discussion of priority topics at future village meetings.
- Telephone Box – Chair proposed to install a telephone box on the Green. It was not agreed due to cost.
- Post Box – an official report was submitted re a replacement on the High Street or move Cavenham Road box to a more central location. Response awaited.
- Setting up a Residents Forum with the MP – Nick Timothy has agreed to attend another forum. Once a date is agreed, details will be advertised.

270726/13. Parish Council Administration

Correspondence

- The Quarry liaison group, which is a Condition of the planning approval, has been formed and the first meeting will be held in August. The Chair has been invited.

Administrative Ways of Working

- Action: Update advert Clerk/RFO re essential experience required.
- Chair will be responsible for policy review supported by Cllr Nouch.

Outstanding Actions –

- War Memorial – Chair to obtain quotes
- Website Photos – Action: Cllrs to provide outstanding photos

270726/14. Councillors to note the date of the next meeting as follows:

Thursday 17th September 2026

270726/15. Chairman closed the meeting at 21:34.

Signed:



Name: Mark Dunnett

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

Dated: 3 August 2026