

TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF TUDDENHAM ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2026

280526/1 Chairman – Cllr Dunnett was proposed and seconded as Chair. Cllr Dunnett unanimously elected as Chair.

280526/2 Vice-Chair – Cllr Davidson was proposed and seconded as Vice Chair. Cllr Davidson unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

280526/3 Apologies for Absence - Apologies were received from Cllr Nouch and Cllr M Keeble.

280526/4 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations – None.

280526/5 Minutes of Previous Meeting - Minutes were approved unanimously.
Action: Publish on the website – Cllr Phillips.

280526/6 Matters Arising - None

280526/7 Councillor Reports

- Report from District Cllr David Taylor
 - Better recycling begins from 1 June. Food waste will go to an anaerobic digester.
 - Free parking introduced in Newmarket, BSE and Haverhill.
 - Consider requests for locality budget funding.
 - Call for land has finished – not aware of any implications for Tuddenham.
 - Elections for 3 unitary authorities in 2027 and election for joint Norfolk/Suffolk Mayor.
 - Mildenhall bus station to be redeveloped as banking hub/part post office.
 - Pursuing recycling centre in Newmarket.
 - Encourage ongoing engagement re Cavenham Quarry and associated traffic and seek views from Cllr Waldron on funding for a new road to divert traffic.
 - Suffolk Waste Partnership can host visits on how waste is recycled and can help to arrange.
- County Cllr Don Waldron was invited but no response/report received.

280526/8 Public Forum

- Recycling: Will residents be fined if card has tape and labels on? Cllr Taylor advised that different parts of the country have different recycling equipment, so rules may vary across councils.
- Vegetation is blocking visibility of 30 mph signs coming into the village from Mildenhall side.
Action: Cllr Staaf to raise with SCC.
- Can speed limits be changed on the Mill side of the village where it goes from 30 mph to 60 mph on a bad bend and is an accident blackspot. Cllr Taylor advised to raise with County Councillor.

- Concerns re HGV traffic over and above quarry lorries as Tuddenham used as a link between A11 and A14 and risk of damage to properties.
- A resident proposed supporting a link road and not a Tuddenham bypass so that quarry traffic would miss 7 villages.
- Action: Invite Cabinet Member for Planning Frank Stennett (Cllr Taylor will contact him), Nick Timothy MP and County Councillor Waldron to a Parish Council meeting.
- Who will fund banking hub in Mildenhall and why not rent a ready-made building such as the existing Barclays building? Cllr Taylor advised that the bus station building is a council asset.

280526/9 Planning Updates

- a. SCC/0069/25F/Art27c20 - Cavenham Quarry – two places have been requested on the liaison committee with Cavenham and SRC. Awaiting feedback from Cllr Rutter at Suffolk CC.
- b. DC/26/0292/CLE - Land at 3 High Street, Tuddenham – the original review deadline was extended to 21 May which has passed. An update has been requested but not received.

280526/10 2025-2026 Audit Update

- a. Letter of engagement and fees for the internal audit to be provided by SALC – this was approved unanimously.
- b. Confirmation of Audit Date – 22 to 28 June 2026. Documentation to be uploaded two weeks in advance. Action: Working group to meet to go through the checklist and upload requirements.
- c. External Audit Report – Action: Chair to check with PKF Littlejohn if one was issued for year 25/26.
- d. Website has been updated with required documents.

280526/11 Finance

- a. Financial reports were approved unanimously.
- b. May Schedule of Payments – approved for payment.
- c. VAT Claim – Chair to sign and submit immediately.
- d. Current bank balances; Community Account £30,696.13 and Instant Account £2,930.28. Precept received. It was proposed to move £25k to the instant account. Unanimously agreed.
- e. It was proposed to cancel the old website hosting service. Unanimously agreed. Action: Cllr Phillips

280526/12 Governance

- a. To adopt revisions to Standing Orders – proposal to adopt the NALC template 2025 and edit accordingly to reflect meeting frequency. Unanimously agreed.
- b. To adopt revisions to Policies – proposal to adopt the latest NALC financial regulations template. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Taylor advised to have a safeguarding policy in place. Action: Implement a Safeguarding Policy.

280526/13 Highways

- a. SIDs (Speed indicator devices) discussion to be added to the next agenda.
- b. SIDs Funding – Action: email Cllr Taylor and Cllr Waldron with a request for funding.
- c. Speedwatch – Rob Gray to resign. No new volunteers have come forward.
- d. Action: request in next Umbrella, put a post on Facebook. If no further interest consider stopping. Thanks given to Rob for his support in running Speedwatch to date.
- e. A11 Fiveways roundabout – a resident suggested that a plan for a flyover should be supported by the Parish as it would be preferable to a bypass which could bring more industrial development closer to the village. It was suggested that the views of the village would need to be sought. Invite Barton Mills Councillor Luis Busutti to discussions if appropriate.

280526/14 Parish Council Administration

- a. Correspondence
 - Grass cutting – no mow May observed. Normal service to resume in June.
 - WSC Civic Service on 28 June - Invited extended to Councillors.
 - Red Lodge resident complaint re Red Lodge development and impact on Tuddenham WWRC
 - Chair has signed off SLA for the annual play inspection.
- b. Review of outstanding actions from previous meetings – review at next meeting.
- c. Quotes for work
 - a. Chair looking into quotes for memorial restoration.
 - b. Quote of £200 received for repairs in the play area – Cllr Phillips to review work required.

280526/15 Councillors to note the date of the next annual meeting – 21 May 2027

280526/16 Chairman closed the meeting at 2133

Signed:



Name: Mark Dunnett

Appointment: Chair and Acting Proper Officer of Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council

Dated: 18 June 2026