

**TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF TUDDENHAM ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 at 7PM**

1. Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Nouch and Cllrs J & M Keeble advised of late attendance.
3. Minutes of the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting were approved.  
Action: Approved minutes to be published on the website – Cllr Phillips
4. Reports from local groups;
  - **Rachel Brittain – Friends of Tuddenham St Mary Church** – supports PCC for care of the church and churchyard. Current projects; sound system with hearing loop to be installed this year, plan to rehouse bells in a lower chamber on a steel structure but subject to funding and ongoing fundraising as c £45k required. £600 raised at the Book Sale. Membership forms to join the Friends society are available in the church. Tilbrooks provide two cuts per year. Close cutting carried out by volunteers.
  - **Andrew Garnett – Playing Field Committee** – great working relationship with the Parish Council. Air Con installed with grants from Cllrs Taylor/Noble. Seeking permission from Parish Council to install a bore hole for pitch irrigation. Jack Davey Cup on 24 May won by Tuddenham. Need to repair current tractor but ultimately replace. There will be another Sports Festival on 10<sup>th</sup> July.
  - **Chris Flack – Bowls Committee** – number of playing members has increased. Playing in various leagues up to county level. Won two cups. Have received donations from sponsors, Lord of the Manor and the Parish Council to upgrade equipment. Wish to look at installing a remote watering system at c £3k and will approach PC for funding support. The club would welcome any new members.
  - **Rob Gray – Umbrella** – seeking funding for cost of a replacement printer from Cllr Taylor's locality budget.
  - **Rob Gray – Village Hall** – bookings are healthy. Always open to welcome new younger trustees to ensure the future running of the Hall.
  - **Kathryn Parker – Cockerton Trust** – income is from land rents and investments. Aim to provide funding for the benefit of young people of the village up to and including age 24. Funding awarded for education support, to sports pavilion changing rooms for young girls/ladies and to the cricket club practice pitch. The Trust has CIO status.

- **Kathryn Parker – PCC** – Annual church meeting on 18 May. 6 meetings per year. Family events run throughout the year. The church has had new hymn books and there is a book swap at the rear of the church.

5. Public forum;

- Councillors were introduced to new meeting attendees.
- A resident asked if the benches on the Green will be returned. It was advised that they are going through refurbishment.
- A resident asked how funding from the locality budget can be applied for? Cllr Taylor advised to approach the Parish Council in the first instance.

6. Date of the next Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 21 May 2027

7. Meeting closed at 1948

**Approved: Mark Dunnett (Chairman, Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council)**

**Signed:** 

**Date: XXXX May 2026**