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MINUTES OF THE TUDDENHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON
Thursday 17th September 2026 @ 7PM
TUDDENHAM ST MARY VILLAGE HALL, MEETING ROOM

Attendees:
- Cllr Dunnett, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Staaf, Cllr Nouch, Cllr M Keeble
- 5 Members of the public
- Cllr David Taylor
- Damian Penfold and David Hussell from Save Higham Group

170926/1. Apologies for Absence
Received from Cllr J Keeble - accepted

170926/2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations –
Cllr Keeble declared an expense claim – Cllr Keeble not to sign the schedule of payments.

170926/3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2026 were accepted.

170926/4. Matters Arising - None

170926/5. Higham Development Proposal
- Land has been offered to the Local Plan for consideration to build a new town consisting of thousands of houses. Planning to review the applications for suitability.
- The boundary of the land in the plan reaches to the Tuddenham St Mary parish boundary.
- Aim to prevent the site being accepted due to its unsuitability.
- A Facebook group has been set up called “Save Higham” and there is an emailing list that can be joined.
- Higham Parish Meeting have a meeting on Tuesday 22nd September at 7 pm in the Church after which they will share a document with points that can be raised by anyone who wishes to write to Councillors.
- Organisations such as CPRE have been contacted.

170926/6. Councillor Reports
No report received from Councillor Waldron.

Report from Councillor David Taylor;
- 85000 new caddies and green lid bins delivered. Some bins may not get collected due to road closures.
- It is recognised that some households are struggling with the blue bin capacity and solutions are being urgently sought.
- 100 tons of food waste weekly collected and sent to the anaerobic digester.
- Change to Unitary plans. Elections will be held in May 2027.
- Traveller site planning application submitted in Worlington.
- New Mayor anticipated in next couple of years for Norfolk and Suffolk.
- Mildenhall bus station being developed as a banking hub.

- Chemist at Mildenhall will accept sharps for disposal.

170926/7. Public Forum

- Re Higham Plan - Suggestion to identify brownfield sites that should be considered for housing before building on agricultural land.
- Suggestion to erect a sign at the entrance of the access road to the playing field with a width restriction due to the number of incidents where the wall has been damaged. This would need approval from the landowner.
- Request to raise concerns over the A11 crossings. Action: Cllr Phillips to raise with Nick Timothy MP.
- Suggestion to liaise with Frederick Hiam's farms who are impacted by crossing the A11.

170926/8. 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'Loghlen, Ceres Property.

Notification received that the application has been withdrawn.

170926/9. Internal Audit Update

- Cllr Nouch is updating policies for review at the November meeting.
- Website updated with required documents.
- Appointment of interim RFO – Chair proposed Cllr M Keeble. Unanimously agreed.

170926/10. Playing Field Update

- Damaged wall has been repaired.
- Grants to be pursued for installation of a bore hole. Maybe possible from ECB to cover cricket square but not all of the playing field.
- Football pitch needs re-seeding as it did not recover after the hot weather. Funding request to be made to Parish Council to assist with bringing the pitch back into useable order. Chair proposed to accept in principle. Unanimously agreed.
- Committee to raise an invoice for annual maintenance £500 grant for September payment.

170926/11. Finance

- Bank Balances - £1644.42 Community a/c £26279.83 Commercial a/c.
- Schedule of Payments agreed.
- YTD spend and forecast – precept received. £5757 YTD including SID upgrades. VAT to be claimed back. RFO approved the forecasts.
- Requests for Funding – SID funding approved. Playing field to submit a request for grass works. Bowls Club request submitted to Cllr Taylor for £1000. Bowls Club to submit a request for matched funding.
- 26/27 Budget Planning Process and Timetable – working group of Cllr M Keeble, Cllr J Keeble and Cllr Staaf to prepare a proposal for recommendation to the November meeting.
- Insurance Renewal - 20 Oct 26 – competitive quote from Zurich Insurance. Chair proposed to renew with Zurich. Unanimously agreed.

170926/12. Highways & Road Safety

- SIDs Update – new SID and post installed at Mill end of the village. Next installation will be on Higham Road by the Old Rectory. Cavenham Road unit to be considered for replacement with a solar-powered units.
- Traffic monitoring surveys have been installed in several locations in the vicinity. Action: Chair to contact Chair of Cavenham Parish Meeting to discuss.

- 60 40 30 speed limit proposal leading up to the Mill entrance to the village sent to Cllr Waldron on 7 August – no response. Action: raise with Suffolk Highways. Raise with Nick Timothy depending on response from Suffolk Highways.
- Speedwatch equipment has been returned to Suffolk Police.
- Quarry Liaison Group Feedback – Chair attended the meeting on 18th August. Good indication of wanting to be a good neighbour. Driving standards reinforced at toolbox talks. Have agreed to sweeping the village roads. Concern expressed over the condition of the pavements. Actions: Chair to approach SRC to see if they will help. Proposal raised for a road to bypass the villages across to the Higham Road by the water recycling plant. Final minutes to be circulated once issued.

170926/13. Village Matters

- Bin Collections – Feedback given to Cllr Taylor.
- Community Engagement – draft survey agreed. Action: Cllr Davidson to issue.
- Post Box – no feedback received. Cllr Davidson continues to chase.
- Residents Forum being planned with Nick Timothy MP – no date received. Cllr Davidson chasing.
- WSC Grass Cutting Update – service reinstated after being stopped during the summer.
- Remembrance Service and Wreaths – Action: Chair to approach Rev Childs. Council agreed to purchase of two wreaths.
- Christmas Lights Switch On – 29th November. Actions: Cllr M Keeble to play Santa. Cllr Davidson to prepare gifts. Cllr Nouch proposed a budget of £300. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Dunnett to arrange tree. Electrical upgrade work to be completed. Dead Christmas tree to be removed.
- Play area Update – new bark has been laid. Loose bolts on swing have been tightened up.
- Bench Repairs – one bench has been repaired and returned. Plaque to be painted. Second bench being worked on and needs more slats replaced.

170926/14. Parish Council Administration

- Review of outstanding actions from previous meetings; two key actions to be addressed are War Memorials and the playing field ditch.
- Councillors to note any items for inclusion in a future meeting; Budget Proposal, 2027 Elections Process.

170926/15. Councillors to note the date of the next meeting as follows: Thursday 19th November 2026. 2027 schedule to continue as is – 3rd Thursday of the month January, March, May, July, September, November.

170926/16. Chairman closed the meeting at 21:28

Signed: 
Name: **Mark Dunnett**
Appointment: **Chairman of Tuddenham St Mary Parish Council**
Dated: **26 October 2026**