

Meeting Minutes of Tittleshall Parish Council
Tuesday 7th January 2025 7.30pm held at the Tittleshall Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: Kay Gingell (Chairperson), Barry Bowyer, James Garner, Olli Munday, Mary Osborne and Peter Moore

Also, present Donna Secker (Parish Clerk), 4 members of the public and District Cllr Hunter-Clarke

Cllr Kay Gingell welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year

1. To receive apologies for absence

County Cllr Kiddle-Morris sent his apologies

2. To receive declarations of interest on items in the agenda

No declarations received

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2024

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Garner joined the meeting

4. To co-opt a new Councillor to the Council

The Council received two applications for the current Cllr vacancy. Each parishioner was given the opportunity to share their experience and the skills they can bring to the Council. A written vote took place and the Council welcomed James Pattison to join Tittleshall Parish Council and the acceptance of office was signed.

5. To receive any brief updates from County and District Councillor

County Cllr Kiddle-Morris full report can be found on the website.

District Cllr Hunter-Clarke reported that on Thursday 9th January, there will be a vote to decide on the Devolution deal. This is the government's mission for economic growth and wants every area to have the opportunity to benefit from new powers. If the vote is successful then the elections will be delayed for up to 2 years. If the vote is against then everything will remain the same. Cllr Hunter-Clarke informed the Council that Breckland is the only District currently not in debt but if the deal goes ahead, then this will undo all the good work of Breckland's finances and a large increase might hit the Council Tax charges.

Breckland's draft budget was submitted to the cabinet and the proposal will see an increase of £4.95 for a band D property per month. This will be approved in the full council meeting in February.

6. Open Forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public (15 min max)

Cllr Munday updated the Council/Public and was reporting on behalf of Thompson Farms. Wellingham Road and Heath Lane have been damaged and covered in mud due to the newly built dairy and the highest rainfall this winter on record. A highways sweeper visited the site today and spent over 6 hours on site. The highways team have been involved throughout the process and will continue to work with the farm to repair the damaged road. As part of the planning process, Thompsons Farm will be responsible for widening the crossroads and laying a new tarmac road surface. This will involve a road closure in January which is currently is waiting for highway approval.

A parishioner reported that the Litter picking equipment will be delivered this week and it was confirmed that the equipment will be stored in the phone box. Unfortunately, there is an issue with insurance coverage and this needs to be checked and addressed.

A parishioner reported that the recycling centre booking system has not been received well and the centre is not busy. The future worry will be an increase in fly-tipping in laybys. The Clerk will inform the County Cllr about the lack of take-up of the new booking system.

7. To update the Council on the new defibrillator location

The Council have purchased a new defib which will be sited at Godwick Barn. This is waiting to be fitted and once ready for use, it will be noted on the emergency circuit and made available to the public.

8. Highway matters

It was reported that Trods are overgrowing and will need siting out again in Wellingham Road. Fakenham Road has patches of road crumbling mainly at the roadside. The Clerk will report this. The repairs along Health Lane last year are already crumbling and turning to potholes.

9. Planning Applications

9.1 To receive planning applications by Breckland District Council

PL/2024/0992/HOU- 2, Peakhall Road, Tittleshall, PE32 2QE-single storey extension – The Council will be submitting comments with concerns on the use of the materials especially on the front

9.2 To receive an update on application decisions taken by Breckland District Council

10. To discuss and update the Council

10.1 To discuss the grant and plans for 80th Commemoration

The Council are planning to put an event on for the 80th commemoration on 8th May 2025. They will be looking at holding the event at Godwick Hall. The Parish Council has applied for £500 grant and will hear in March if they are successful

10.2 To discuss the allotment hedges

Cllr Bowyer reported that the allotment hedges need attention, especially by the roadside. The Clerk will arrange for these to be cut back.

10.3 To discuss the SAM2 results and the option of purchasing a further sign

The SAM2 sign data has been downloaded and reviewed. The results recorded in November Max speed at 65mph and in December Max 75mph. The average speeder is travelling at 40mph.

The full results will be added to the website for review.

The Council discussed relocating the SAM2 to other areas in the village and gaining further data.

Due to these results, it was then suggested to set up another speedwatch team. Volunteers will be requested by the resident's Facebook page and the Church and village.

10.4 To update the Council on the grit bins

The Council was promised a new grit bin from NCC who unfortunately failed to keep to this. The Council was advised to contact County Cllr Kiddle-Morris to request monies for a new bin. The Clerk will arrange this.

11. To update the Council on

11.1 The Emergency Plan

The plan will need to be updated in March and the coordinator will action this. No emergency was reported.

11.2 Update on the Asset Checklist

The asset checklist was circulated. A bench was reported broken and the Council agreed for this bench to be repaired under the value of £100. Cllr Bowyer will investigate the repairs.

12. To receive reports

12.1 To receive reports on pathways

Unfortunately, no pathway report was submitted. The Council noted that a new bridge and new handrails have been replaced recently on the Footpath from Church Road leading into the field by the Church.

13. Finance

13.1 To approve the list of payments for January 2025

The payments listed below were approved and authorised by the Council.

13.2 To discuss and agree on the projected budget for 2025-26

The Council discussed a few changes to the budget and the Clerk will make the amendments and will forward the final budget sheet to the Councils for approval.

13.3 To discuss the precept for 2025-25

The present precept is £13,750 and the Council agreed to increase the precept to £14,300

14. To receive items for the next meeting agenda Tuesday 4th March 2025

80th commemoration, War memorial fence and Barton's Lane fence maintenance, internal auditor

Meeting Closed 21.32

Trans	D.K.Secker	Wages Nov & Dec	£837.20
Trans	Village Hall	Hall Hire- Sept & Nov	£30.00
Trans	Cokesford Farm	Bottle Bank hire	£5.00