

TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs L. Pincher (Chair), B. Gulliver (Vice-chair), K. Darrell,
S. Langley, B. Spratt, P. Butcher and D. Hayward.
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham
District Councillor K. Carsok, County Councillor C. Rowett & no members of
the public.

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| 1. To consider approving any apologies for absence.
None were received. | 24/066 |
| 2. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any items to be discussed.
Cllr Spratt declared an interest in item 11 below. | 24/067 |
| 3. Public Participation.
a) A report from County Cllr Rowett had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. It was not known if the government would require new homes to be fitted with solar panels. Conflicting road closures sometimes occurred, due to the large number of organisations able to apply for the closure, with emergency works taking precedence. Cllr Gulliver asked for villages affected by the proposed new pylons to benefit from lower bills to soften the blow. District Cllr Carsok noted that there was not much to report, as the summer had been quiet, as is usually the case. A Community Action Fund grant of £11,000 had been awarded toward the cost of the disabled toilets project at Tacolneston Village Hall.
b) Cllr Spratt reported that he had responded to a complaint from a member of the public concerning dog-fouling on the playing field.
Cllr Gulliver announced her intention to resign from the Parish Council, with effect from 1 st December 2024, due to her decision to move out of the area. The Council was sorry to see her leave and thanked her for her invaluable service over the years. | 24/068 |
| 4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2024.
Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, it was unanimously Resolved that the minutes were approved as a correct record. | 24/069 |
| 5. To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.
A response to the National Grid pylons proposals had been drafted in accordance with the views of the Council and submitted prior to the deadline. | 24/070 |

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Date: 12/9/24

6. **To receive any updates from the Pylons Working Group.** 24/071
The local model aircraft airfield appeared to be having an impact on the location of the proposed pylons which would benefit Tacolneston. It was **Resolved** that the two working groups would liaise to draft a letter to the gentleman who was mediating between the affected landowners and National Grid.
7. **To adopt the 2024 Biodiversity Policy.** 24/072
Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting it was unanimously **Resolved** that the policy should be adopted.
8. **Financial matters:** 24/073
a) The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.
b) Following receipt of the relevant invoices these payments were approved:

Payee	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross
D Wickham	Clerk's Expenses July & August	£192.19	£20.07	£212.26
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary September	£325.90		£325.90
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE September	£81.60		£81.60
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary October	£326.10		£326.10
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE October	£81.40		£81.40
South Norfolk Council	Dog Bin – Annual Charge 24-25	£945.00	£189.00	£1,134.00
Ribbonsdale Nurseries	Grounds Maintenance	£432.14	£86.42	£518.56
TAFRA	Village Hall Hire	£32.00		£32.00
TAFRA	Disabled Toilet Donation	£8,000.00		£8,000.00
TAFRA	Hedge Planting and Gate	£300.00		£300.00
TAFRA	50/50 SNC Grant	£500.00		£500.00
Ribbonsdale Nurseries	Grounds Maintenance	£542.14	£108.42	£650.56
B Gulliver	Remembrance Wreath	£24.49		£24.49

9. **To discuss the purchase of a Remembrance Day Wreath.** 24/074
Following a brief discussion the Council unanimously **Resolved** to purchase a wreath. Cllr Gulliver would place the order with The Royal British Legion.
10. **To consider a request from TAFRA for £500 in respect of a 50/50 grant from South Norfolk Council to renovate the covered play area.** 24/075
Cllr Butcher reported that TAFRA hoped to renovate the covered play area and had received a quote of £1,000. District Cllr Carsok had offered to fund 50% of this cost if TAFRA paid the balance. The Council unanimously **Resolved** to reimburse TAFRA for this cost.

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- 11 **To consider any planning applications:** 24/076
2023/2234: Land At Hill Top Farm, Norwich Road, Tacolneston - Proposed development of 29 affordable dwellings, access, provision of open space, soft landscaping, hardstanding, vehicle and cycle parking and associated infrastructure.
The Council was concerned that the new plan appeared to show the unnecessary removal of two trees, one on either side of the entrance (it was later clarified by the Tree Warden that one of these trees, an Ash, was already dead). The Council would like to see the provision of affordable housing for existing local residents. The Council would also welcome the ability to address the Planning Committee in relation to this application during the consideration process. The Parish Clerk would notify the Planning Officer of these comments.
The Council also identified the following projects which would benefit from developer funding:
The installation of a trod footpath from the car park to the play area to enable greater access; and
The purchase of some additional play equipment, and the refurbishment of the existing equipment, as the play area is currently outdated and smaller than required.
- 12 **To discuss school road safety issues.** 24/077
Cllr Langley had visited the school and had been informed by the school secretary that the school's flashing warning lights had not worked properly for over 15 years and that it was thought they were operated by a missing remote control. The Council **Resolved** to ask County Cllr Rowett to raise this road safety issue with NCC Highways as a matter of urgency.
- 13 **Public Participation.** 24/078
There was none.
- 14 **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 13th November 2024 at 7pm.** 24/079
Agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

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