

TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs L. Pincher (Chair), B. Spratt, and D. Hayward.
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham
2 members of the public.

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| 1. To consider approving any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllrs Gulliver, Darrell, Langley and Butcher. The Council Resolved to approve these. | 24/054 |
| 2. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any items to be discussed.
None were received. | 24/055 |
| 3. Public Participation.
a) A report from County Cllr Rowett had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.
b) The Council confirmed that it had not received any new information or planning applications in relation to the site at Hilltop Farm.
Cllr Spratt reported that the broadband provider who recently carried out groundworks in the village had blocked a ditch, and that a hedge/tree that Norfolk County Council (NCC) was responsible for needed attention. Cllr Pincher offered to report these issues to NCC. | 24/056 |
| 4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8th May 2024.
Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr Pincher, seconded by Cllr Spratt, and agreed by all that the minutes were approved as a correct record. | 24/057 |
| 5. To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.
There were none. | 24/058 |
| 6. To receive any updates from the Pylons Working Group.
Cllr Spratt noted that a local MP was asking for a pause to the pylon proposals while alternatives could be considered properly. | 24/059 |
| 7. To adopt the 2024 Safeguarding Policy, Risk Management Policy and Financial Regulations.
Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, it was unanimously Resolved to adopt these three documents. | 24/060 |

Signed:



Date:

11/07/24

8. **Financial matters.**

24/061

- a) The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.
 b) Following receipt of the relevant invoices the following payments were approved:

Payee	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross
D Wickham	Clerk's Expenses May and June	£81.00		£81.00
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary July	£325.90		£325.90
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE July	£81.60		£81.60
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary August	£326.10		£326.10
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE August	£81.40		£81.40
Ribbonsdale Nurseries	Grounds Maintenance	£432.14	£86.42	£518.56
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Play Inspection	Annual Inspection	82.50	16.50	99.00

Cllr Spratt noted the Council's General Reserves were currently £22,037.14. Cllr Pincher responded by noting that the Council had spent the past few years building a healthy level of reserves and that the issue could be revisited when the budget for 2025-26 was being set.

Cllr Spratt thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the church for funding the churchyard grounds maintenance, which was carried out to a high standard, and was often commended by members of the public.

9. **To discuss school parking issues, including the flashing school lights and a possible land lease.** 24/062

Cllr Langley had previously offered to visit the school to assist in the search for the flashing school light controls. The Council **Resolved** to support this approach before deciding the best way forward. Following a discussion of the possible benefits of a future lease of the church land adjacent to the school the Council **Resolved** not to proceed with this initiative.

10. **To consider paying the cost of the annual play inspections.** 24/063

The Council **Resolved** to pay the invoice for the recent annual play area inspection, and future annual inspections, on behalf of Tacolneston and Fornett Recreation Association (TAFRA).

11. **To consider any planning applications received since the publication of this agenda.** 24/064

There were none.

12. **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 11th September 2024 at 7pm.** 24/065

Agreed

The meeting ended at 7.48pm

Signed:



Date: 11/09/24