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YOUR GRAPEVINE

We have recently had the Annual Parish Meeting. This is not a council meeting: it is a meeting of all parishioners to receive reports from village organisations. There is also an open forum for parishioners to say what is on their minds. It is usually held, as it was this year, prior to the May council meeting. To try to make a social occasion of it, we served coffee and cakes in an interval between the two meetings. We presume this was a success as we have now had requests for cakes at all council meetings!

We will be publishing all the reports, but even edited and abbreviated versions are too much all at once, and they will be spread over three issues: we start with those from the Parish Council, the Tivetshall Action Group, and the Rainbows. All the reports are available in full on the Parish Council web site (TivetshallPC.NorfolkParishes.gov.uk).

Enjoy your Grapevine!

PLANNING MATTERS

Solar Farm for Tivetshall?

A company called RenEnergy are proposing to install 300,000 solar panels on land north and east of Fernleigh Farm on Station Road. Details of the development can be found on South Norfolk Council's web site by searching for reference 2013/0600 on the planning page. Individuals can leave their comments on the proposal via the web site. A representative from RenEnergy will be attending the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, 11 June 2013, to explain the development and answer questions from council and members of the public.

Turbines at Upper Vaunces Farm

TCI Renewables have submitted a revised planning application for three turbines just across the A140 on land East of Semere Green Road. Your Parish Council asked for an extension to the time allowed to submit a decision on the application in order for it to be discussed at the June meeting. (Tuesday 11 June) Parishioners, as always, are welcome to attend to make their comments on this application or to submit their own comments directly to SNDC by visiting their Planning page and entering reference 2013/0725.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, MAY 2013.

The big event of the past year has to have been the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee: a wonderful sunny June day with entertainment for all. Our thanks go to the small group of parishioners, led by David Evans, who put it all together. Not flotillas or fireworks but an appropriate village event to mark a special occasion.

The festivities were, sadly, followed by tragedy. Councillor Paul Vincent, Vince as he was known, was unfortunately killed in a motorcycle accident. His partner, Maria, was also seriously injured but after some months in hospital, and the enormous kindness shown by Doreen Gray in caring for her, she is slowly recovering.

Regrettably, this year has seen several resignations from the council. Being a councillor is a significant commitment and people do find it difficult to fit in with personal lives. I would like to personally thank all of those who have served this year, without whom there probably would not have been a council at all.

Whilst not wishing to dwell on them, no report on the year can ignore our failures. There have been differences of opinion, differences of perception, and differing recollections of what has happened at council meetings. It is a matter of some regret that this has led to bitterness amongst councillors and parishioners. Your councillors will be working hard to avoid similar issues arising in the future.

This year has, to some extent, been occupied with mundane matters, catching up with legislative changes. Politics being what it is, there will undoubtedly be more changes and your council will take whatever action is necessary. The council wish, however, to focus their attention on the maintenance and improvement of facilities.

There has been discussion throughout the year based on ideas from councillors and suggestions from parishioners. Maintenance of the playground is overdue, and upgrading of the pavilion has been considered. Your council has been investigating safety concerns for pedestrians in the village centre, and for vehicles exiting Hales Street. We hope to be able to obtain funding from Norfolk County Council, and maybe elsewhere, for some improvements in one or both of these areas. We also hope to be able to provide a light for pedestrians crossing the A140 by the bus stop.

Love it or loathe it, renewable energy is changing our rural landscape. In a saga to rival Beowulf, the planning application for giant turbines on the Patten Lane site has been withdrawn whilst a new application for the Semere Green site in Pulham has

been submitted. So called micro-turbines are popping up all around the local area, and there are now plans in the wind, so to speak, for a hundred-acre solar farm north of Station Road. In all these developments your council will continue to represent your views to the appropriate authorities.

More immediate, and somewhat smaller in scale, is the expected building of four new houses on The Street. Work on this is expected to be completed this year.

Village finances have taken a bit of a hit this year with the Jubilee celebrations but such relatively rare events are part of the glue that holds us together and celebrating them is the right thing to do: we hope you agree that this was a good use of what was, ultimately, your money.

To finish on a personal note, I have not been a councillor long, and finding myself in the Chair has been a surprise. I have much to learn and I hope that you will bear with me while I do this, and endeavour to do my best for the villages and for you. I have been very heartened by the many kind words I have received to date.

Tony Jollans, May 2013.

For full report, see the web-site: bit.ly/10AiY1A

COUNCIL CONTACTS

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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 11 June 2013, 7:30 p.m., at the Village Hall

Your District Councillor: Martin Wilby (☎ 01379 741504)

Your County Councillor: Beverley Spratt (☎ 01508 489746)

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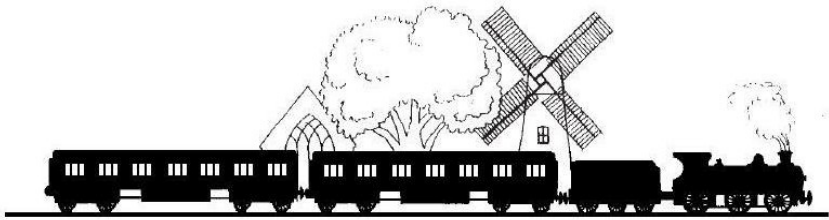
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THE TIVETSHALLS

St. Mary & St. Margaret

TIVETSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 March 2013 at 7.30 pm in
Tivetshall Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Doreen Grey (Chair) Bev Spratt, County Cllr.
 Cllr. Carol Paterson Alex Pullen, Clerk
 Cllr. Tony Jollans
 Cllr. Lynn Jollans 4 members of the public
Apologies: Cllr. Val Warren

1. **Co-option.** Mrs Claire Kirby volunteered and was unanimously accepted.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the February council meeting were agreed with some minor changes, and signed by the Chair.
3. **Public participation:**
 - 3.1. Cllr. Spratt reported to the meeting.
 - 3.2. Cllr. Wilby reported to the meeting.
4. **Chair's report.** Council were told that Cllr. Lithman had resigned.
5. **Clerk's update and outstanding actions.**
 - 5.1. Poor visibility was reported at Simpson's Maltings. A response is awaited.
 - 5.2. Authorisation approved for the replacement zip wire. Fitting is awaited
6. **Planning applications.** None.
7. **Refund to advertiser.** It was unanimously agreed to refund Paul Lovett £6.66 because his telephone number had been incorrectly printed in The Grapevine.
8. **Plaque for Village Sign.** Clerk to obtain costs.

9. **Renewal of SLCC membership.** It was explained that this was a council membership, for the benefit of the clerk. Unanimously agreed at a cost of £145.
10. **Review of Standing Orders.** Carried forward. Clerk to check why Heelis & Lodge had suggested they were inadequate.
11. **Inspections of Play Area.** Cllr T. Jollans to carry out monthly inspections to ensure compliance with insurance conditions. The clerk is awaiting a checklist from the manufacturer for this purpose.
12. **Bus shelter(s).** The clerk has obtained a licence to erect one on the A140 and will apply for one to erect one on Moulton Road near the railway crossing.
13. **Finance.** Payments of £976.22 were unanimously approved as follows:
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| 13.1. | A. Pullen | £186.79 | March Salary |
| 13.2. | A. Pullen | £44.28 | March Expenses |
| 13.3. | HMRC | £140.20 | PAYE Q4 |
| 13.4. | Tivetshall CCS | £23.24 | Community Car Scheme |
| 13.5. | FOTS | £200.00 | Donation for Football Kit |
| 13.6. | St Margaret's PCC | £250.00 | Churchyard Maintenance |
| 13.7. | SNDC | £142.75 | Dog Bin Emptying |
14. **Correspondence Received.** The following were noted and circulated:
- 14.1. A letter regarding dog waste outside the school and a request for signage was received in January. Cllr. L Jollans responded to the complaint.
- 14.2. The Chair requested that the Information File was circulated between councillors and returned the following meeting.
- 14.3. Standards regime training: three councillors and the clerk wished to attend this. The clerk was asked to respond to SNDC.
- 14.4. War memorial survey. Cllr. Kirby agreed to respond on behalf of council.
15. **Items from Parish Councillors.**
- 15.1. Cllr. T Jollans proposed future standards for computer use. He will meet with the clerk to discuss, and an item will be listed for the April meeting.
16. **Items for the next Agenda.**
- 16.1. To consider a request for traffic calming options.
17. **Date and time of next meeting.** 11 April 2013, 7:30 p.m.
- The meeting closed at 9:33 p.m.



1st Tivetshall Rainbows
Report for the Annual Parish Meeting
May 2013

We have had another fun packed and busy year. Over the past year our members have come from Tivetshall St Margaret and St Mary, Pulham Market and St Mary, Dickleburgh and Rushall and attended 3 different schools. This gives the girls excellent opportunities to make new friends away from the school environment.

We celebrated the Jubilee by making bunting for the village party and all sorts of sparkly crafts. The girls also celebrated 25 years of Rainbows by completing the Big Birthday Challenge and gained a Gingerbread Man Challenge badge for completing a range of different gingerbread related activities!

3 of our Rainbows have just 'graduated' to Brownies having reached the grand age of 7 and we wish them well with all they do. New girls are starting this term but we remain a small, friendly unit.

Rainbows (the youngest section of the Girl Guides) is for girls aged 5-7 and we meet on Thursdays after school in Tivetshall Village Hall. If you would like your daughter to join, would like more information or would like to help, please contact me.

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- 5.2. Martin Wilby, District Cllr., advised of the Speed Awareness Machines, and the purchase of two new Street Sweepers. Also mentioned the Handyman Service, the Litter Pick, and the success of the SNC Jobs Clubs. Also a reminder of the SNC Show – Sunday 14 July 2013 in Long Stratton.
 - 5.3. Concerns were expressed following the recent resignation of the Chair, the clerk & two further councillors. Chair acknowledged ‘problems’ and could only promise to do his best; council acknowledged that teamwork was necessary to benefit parishioners. It was made clear that there would be no discussion regarding the clerk’s resignation, as this was a confidential employment issue.
 - 5.4. Concerns were raised regarding the increase in precept, which conflicted with previous information. Chair confirmed that there had been no mention of the grant in question, and nothing minuted, but it was a matter of some disagreement. It was advised that SNC have explanation and instruction on their website.
 - 5.5. A request was made that any further notifications about dog waste and fouling reiterate that this is an offence anywhere.
 6. **Planning applications.** None.
 7. **Correspondence Received.** The following were noted:
 - 7.1. Resignation of Clerk.
 - 7.2. Resignation of Chair.
 - 7.3. Resignation of councillors Paterson and Warren. Chair proposed that council write letters of thanks to each: all agreed.
 - 7.4. Resignation of Councillor Gray has been announced but not received.
 - 7.5. Renewal of NALC membership, £129.64. All agreed.
 - 7.6. Renewal of RCC membership. All agreed to upgrade to silver level: £50.
 - 7.7. Notification of SLCC AGM, 19 April 2013.
- Communications should, for the time being, be sent to Croft Barn or by e-mail to Parish.Clerk@Tivetshall.org.uk
8. **Appointment of Clerk.** Agreed to form a working party to look at employment terms & conditions and to discuss the recruitment process. Lynn Jollans to act as clerk (and Proper Officer) until such time as an appointment is made.

9. **Partnership Funding.** SNC have fund of £1m to offer 75% grants towards certain community projects; highway improvements, street lighting, flashing speed signage, bus shelter, 'trod' paths. LJ, TJ & CK attended presentation on these parish partnerships. Any such project needs community backing, & outline of project would need to be submitted by end April; to this end agreed to hold public meeting 7.30 p.m. Thursday 18th April. (Fliers out with Grapevine.)
10. **Finance.**
- 10.1. Agreed to form a working finance group. Lynn Jollans to take the role of Responsible Financial Officer for the time being.
 - 10.2. Current councillors are unable to sign cheques. Necessary paperwork to be acquired from the bank, completed as necessary, and returned.
 - 10.3. Outstanding payments (SNDC: £74.38, SLCC: £145.00, Paul Lovett: £6.66). to be carried forward.
 - 10.4. There is an outstanding amount due to clerk, ref. termination, holiday pay; this will require clarification/discussion at working party
11. **Councillors' comments / future agenda items:**
- 11.1. Concern regarding the annual return. Discuss at Finance Working Party.
 - 11.2. Village tidy up / litter pick. Mention at upcoming public meeting.
12. **Date and time of next meeting.**
- 12.1. Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday 21 May 2013, 7:00 p.m., to be followed by refreshments.
 - 12.2. Council meeting: Tuesday 21 May 2013, after the refreshments as above.
 - 12.3. Dates to be agreed between councillors for the working parties (finance, employment, standing orders) to meet over the next three weeks

The meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

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TIVETSHALL ACTION GROUP REPORT, ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, MAY 2013.

TAG Management Committee has continued to be active throughout the past year in their opposition to the proposal to develop the southern outskirts of Tivetshall St Mary, with three 140m high wind turbines together with associated development.

As at 13th February 2013 TCI had not arranged the removal of the test mast from land west of New Road. TAG lobbied SNDC but due to poor weather and land conditions, the removal was delayed, with SNDC's knowledge, and enforcement was deferred. Mast anchors were finally removed 13th February 2013; one month late.

Following confirmation of an objection by English Heritage arising from the impact of a turbine on the setting of Grade II* listed St Mary Church ruin, and further representations by TAG, a meeting was convened between SNDC, TCI and English Heritage in an attempt to resolve this objection. TAG is informed that this meeting could not agree mitigation measures and issues remained with English Heritage. This led to TCI formally withdrawing their application for planning permission as at 1st March 2013.

TAG has considered its on-going position and bearing in mind that TCI have returned to both Hempnall and Vaunces Farm with repeat applications following previous refusals by SNDC and the Planning Inspectorate, feel we should remain ready to oppose any further proposals that may be forthcoming in relation to this land development.

Eric Kirby, May 2013.

For full report, see the web site: bit.ly/117WFqn



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