

Minutes of the Meeting of Burgh and Tuttington Parish Council held on
Wednesday 10/1/2024 in Burgh Reading Rooms at 7.30 p.m

PRESENT

Ian Kinghorn (Chair)	Jeremy Hickling
Simon Covey	Trevor Richards
Mike Gaffaney	

Sue Lake – Clerk

Four members of the public

1. Welcome

The chairman welcomed all in attendance.

2. Apologies:

All members in attendance

3. Declaration of interests:

None made.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held 8th November 2023 had been circulated previously. It was noted that the grant for the defibrillator was for its installation and was paid by an individual who would require imbursement.

The minutes were amended to reflect this and then **AGREED** and signed by the chairman

5. Information on Matters Arising

Nothing raised

6. Reports Police, County and District Councillors

Sue Catchpole attended the meeting and advised of the information supplied by the District Finance Officer. The District Council received less than was expected from central government and below the inflation rate, so the Council Tax increase is likely to be the maximum amount of £5 together with increases from the County and the Police.

The GNLP should be adopted shortly. The Nutrient Neutrality scheme should commence very shortly. There is also a push in planning regarding Bio Net Gain and together with the nutrient issue could lead to a reduction in affordable housing.

There is still money left in the Warm Spaces budget. The Broadland Help Hub now have an outreach vehicle.

7 To adjourn the Meeting for Members of the Public to Speak

The residents present all wished to speak about Tuttington Green. There is a mixed view on how the green should be managed but there was a consensus that the current arrangements were not consistent and a scheme needs to be in place that is

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adhered to. Residents are aware of the biodiversity issues of leaving grass in areas but feel the primary role of the green is to provide an area for public gathering.

8. Finance

a) To note balance of account

The current balance held on the accounts is £7,501.35

b) To receive an update on bank changes

These are still in progress.

c) To agree following payments

- £150.00 Refund of defibrillator installation

d) Request from ISP County Broadband re advertising

The clerk had received an e-mail regarding a county broadband provider wishing to advertise in any local magazines. There are no suitable publications and this will be communicated to the enquirer.

9. To Consider Planning Issues

The following plans had been received:

2023/3775/6

Installation of 15 PV panels on roof in inner courtyard

The Carriage House, 26 The Street, Burgh

There were no objections to these applications (planning and listed building)

10. Highway Issues

a) To receive update on purchases of SAM2

The SAM2 has been ordered and should be delivered in the next four weeks. Once delivery has been received the clerk will inform Simon Covey who will liaise with Highways to get the poles installed.

b) To note complaint and action to take re flooding on Wood Lane

The clerk had received a complaint from a resident regarding flooding on Wood Lane, this was reported to Highways but she was wondering if this was an annual event or a one-off. Councillors advised there had been flooding there before but not as bad as this and this was prior to the recent very heavy rains.

11. Tuttington Green

a) To receive and discuss a paper from Simon Covey

Simon Covey had prepared a paper on the green which was circulated with the agenda. This detailed the history of the green, its current usage and suggestions as to possible future actions.

b) To agree a way forward regarding management of The Green

It was considered that the green was too small for biodiversity experiments but there was a general consensus that it should be part short mown and part left for wildlife. The suggestion was 80/20 split but this has to be managed.

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The green was owned by a number of owners some with properties on the green but not all.

The following suggestions for management were proposed

1. The Parish Council plays a proactive role in the management
2. The view would be both medium and long term
3. The Parish Council to select a member to have a Village Green brief

These suggestions were agreed and Simon Covey agreed to start this. The clerk advised she had spoken to Matthew Yates at Broadland who is the officer responsible for these areas and he had shown interest in speaking with the Parish Council.

c) To consider application for Broadland 'Clean Up & Bloom' Grant

This is a simple application which can provide funding for either litter picks or planting. It was agreed to apply for this.

d) To consider the need for a biodiversity policy

It has for some years been necessary for Parish Council to consider biodiversity in their decisions but it is now a requirement that a policy will also be required. In view of the suggestions regarding the green this would be the ideal time to implement such a policy. The clerk will draft a policy for consideration at the next meeting.

12. River Bure Water Quality

Following the previous meeting Mike Gaffaney had contacted the Environment Agency asking details of the testing required i.e. location, frequency, method etc. Unfortunately the reply received was not clear on these matters and so this had not yet progressed. The letter will be forwarded to Simon Covey to see if he could gain information from it.

13. RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies and members believed that there had been vacancies for several years and it would be excellent if the Council was fully complete. Residents present at the meeting were asked to consider joining the council.

It was felt that if the council had a full complement of councillors then each could be given a brief to share the work.

14. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

It was reported that the church bridge may be replaced in the summer.

The clerk had brought along the old records she had found and it was agreed these could go to the Records Office for safe storage.

15. Date of Next Meeting

This was confirmed as the 13th March 2024 at 7.30pm at Burgh Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 8.40pm