

Tendring Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tendring Parish Council held on Thursday 30th May 2024 at 7:30pm at the Tendring Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Appleby, Cauvain, Harris, Rippon. Cllr Conner joined at 7.50pm.
Chairman Cllr Jill Brattan
Clerk to the Council Mrs Marie Snell.
Members of the public - 1. A second member of the public joined at 7.38pm

Minutes

- 5.30.01 Election of Chairman (sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office)**
RESOLVED to elect Cllr Jill Brattan as Chairman for the 2024-2025 municipal year.
- 5.30.02 Election of Vice Chairman**
RESOLVED to elect Cllr Nick Rippon as Vice Chairman for the 2024-2025 municipal year.
- 5.30.03 Confirmation of Election of Councillors (sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office)**
and to confirm consent for sending of council summons and agenda electronically.
The clerk advised the chairman that owing to the last municipal year being an election year there is no need to re-sign another Declaration of Acceptance of Office, this being a four-year term of office. **RESOLVED** to continue to send council summons and correspondence via electronic means.
- 5.30.04 Welcome and apologies for absence**
Apologies received from Cllr Richard Cronin. Cllr Guglielmi was absent.
- 5.30.05 Declaration of Members interests**
None
- 5.30.06 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (22nd April 2024)**
RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd April 2024 (previously circulated) be approved by the committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 5.03.07 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**
Guest Speaker: Dave Sexton
The meeting was informed that the guest speaker was unable to attend and therefore this agenda item will be deferred until another meeting.
- 5.30.08 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**
Local resident made reference to being lots of interest in the Bicycle Triangle and believes this area to be problematic for road users. Queried the area opposite being made for wildlife, rather than the triangle itself. Cllr Cauvain stated there are also other problematic areas and road safety is important.

5.30.09 Action points from last meeting

	Ongoing	
1	Cllr Brattan	Update provided regarding banking details and informed members the switch has been carried out and internet banking is now in place moving forwards for the parish council.
2	Cllr Brattan	Essex Village of Year Competition is to be submitted and members were happy with the content. Owing to maximum of 500 words, Cllr Rippon offered to help maximise the word count.
3	Cllr Rippon/Cllr Harris	Update on pollution at top of Village following sewage leakage. The smell is less around the area, with pumps being used at the site. Cllr Harris updated that Tendring District Council approached landowners, that the builders are responsible for the area, they were advised to attend the site and clear the area and should maintain this on a regular basis. Satisfied that a contract is in place for the maintenance of this area and Cllr Harris believes it is up to parish council to update TDC ongoing, and this is for continued monitoring.
4	Cllr Brattan	Scarecrow event update was provided with a £200 profit made and the prize money to be paid out imminently, together with the room hire following a £50 donation. Thanks to the generosity of the local residents, profit was made on the event. Cllr Rippon expressed his winnings will be donated to Haven Hedgehog Home Farm, and Cllr Harris pledged to donate winning money to UK Homes for Heroes.

5.30.10 District Councillor Report

Cllr Harris (Tendring District Councillor) reported a current quieter time owing to pre-election period.

Sitting on Overview and Scrutiny committee will be able to report there is a huge overspend in this area and this is being explored at district level.

Cllr Harris made reference to the 2022 Local Plan, with new houses being built, whilst the plan is in place until 2033, there is a responsibility to begin to reviewing process so the new plan takes over in due course. The amount houses to be built in Tendring is said to be 1200 and this is in discussions and will have implications with concerns over boundaries. Tendring is represented within the TDC Planning Committee and protection of the village way of life and green fields is being sought. Parish council will likely be approached regarding this in years to come and to have their say for future generations.

Cllr Harris also informed the meeting that following on from Member Referral request and contacts made at Tendring District Council to refer TPOs in the parish, local campaigning of the proposal made to Full Council, stating District Council members should be able to refer TPOs, the constitutional working party and portfolio holder for planning was said to be against this and could overload the planning committee. This matter is due to be returned to Full Council at TDC for further discussion in due course.

5.30.11 Finance

The payments for May were read to the meeting and members **RESOLVED** to approve payments in accordance with the Budget and statements.

Payments for May 2024

Payable to:	Amount/£	Reference
J Brattan	8.00	Straw for scarecrow event (Owing to lack of receipt, this will not be paid until proof of payment can be provided)
Previous Clerk	52.15	Expenses
Locum Clerk	607.20	Salary and expenses
Silverton	213.60 current price (20/5/24)	Aggregate for Goose Green
Insurance for Goose Green	653.07	Insurance
Tendring Village Hall	18.00	Interview expenses

5.30.12 Council noted previously authorised payments and direct debits

Direct debits

Payable to :	Agreed (minute ref) :	Paid on	Amount/£
H3GDD	5.22.1722	15/05/24	9.60
Bank charges	-	01/06/24	6.00

5.30.13 Scarecrow Event

Cllr Brattan stated it was a very successful event, reports from local residents that this should be an annual event. Cllr Rippon mentioned it made lots of comments of the area about the event and that it promoted cohesion in the area. Cllr Cauvain noted different people had different roles. Cllr Brattan suggested the next event had signs at ends of the village to alert road users of the event. Cllr Cauvain advised numbers for scarecrows can be enlarged to be seen easier which members agreed is a good idea.

Cllr Brattan thanked Cllr Cauvain for all the work with the TYGers group around this work who stated whilst there is interest in the event there is no reason not to carry this out annually. Cllr Rippon suggested inviting other surrounding villages to be involved and this could be considered in the future as their own organized event. Cllr Brattan will update members following a debrief with the Scarecrow Committee and members **RESOLVED** for this to be an annual event.

5.30.14 Social media Policy

Members discussed the adoption of a social media policy following regular issues around the Facebook page. Proposal to utilise the website and parish council Facebook page more, to advise users to contact the Parish Council or the Clerk directly.

Members of the council felt this needs further exploration and the clerk advised she would make further investigations into a policy suitable for the parish council. Members **RESOLVED** to defer until next meeting.

5.30.15 Essex Village of the Year

Update provided in 5.30.09.

5.30.16 Planning (since last full Council Meeting)

RESOLVED: To submit comments on the following applications to Tendring District Council.

26/00662/WTPO – Oaktree Manor, Heath Road, Tendring, (Elysium Health Care Ltd) – works related to TPO (10/00040/TPO)

Applications determined:

None

Appeals (still awaiting decision)

Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting:

22/01591/FUL - Glebe Farm, The Green, Tendring – proposed change of use land extension of existing stables to a self-build/self-custom residential dwelling.

Decision: Refuse

5.30.17 Goose Green

Members discussed the necessary maintenance works required at the site and **RESOLVED** to spend £213.60 on aggregate for the Car Park.

Proposal for additional allocation of keys for the barrier at Goose Green for ease of access. Cllr Cauvain suggested the use of a combination lock and share selectively of the code, to be changed 6monthly. Members **RESOLVED** to purchase two combination locks.

Proposal for maintenance programme and equipment for Goose Green . Cllr Appleby explained the inspection report and a recent walk around with Cllr Rippon. Inspection Packages are an option with investigations being carried out as to any contracts or agreements with the current contractor and other options.

Cllr Harris queried whether there is a statutory requirement within insurance policy to regularly inspect play equipment, with liability for the area being held by the parish council. **RESOLVED** to make further enquiries and investigate alternative options and defer until next meeting.

5.30.18 Maintenance of Bicycle Triangle

Members discussed the matter at length, members explored the differences in opinion for the use of the area. Cllr Brattan has volunteers to cut the area down to ensure safety for road users. Considerations made of the conservation of the area but that road safety is of most importance. Cllr Harris (as District Councillor) has had complaints from residents about the safety of the area. Points accepted at the discretion of the Chair to welcome members of the public present to discuss their views on the maintenance of this area.

Cllr Brattan explained reports in February and May to Essex Highways and they have declared they do not maintain the area and therefore options to be explored as to ownership and responsibility. Cllr Rippon expressed an agreement with the meeting consensus, but that public safety is of upper most importance. **RESOLVED** that the area be mown at earliest opportunity and kept mown until with a view to discussing the future of this area, using volunteers to carry out work.

5.30.19 Parish Councillor reports

Cllr Cauvain – Nothing to report.

Cllr Harris – Speed Watch still waiting on Control for Essex to update regarding equipment and training dates.

Cllr Rippon – Dunnock View has gone quiet, and is making enquiries about the proposed bus stop.

Cllr Appleby – Goose Green update already provided in 5.30.17.

Cllr Conner– nothing to report.

Cllr Brattan - new Clerk has been appointed, and gave thanks to Cllr Appleby and Rippon for help on recruitment. The Annual Audit is complete. Essex Highways have been reported regarding potholes.

5.30.20 Information Exchange and items for the next agenda

None

5.30.21 Issues to be included for discussion in the next agenda

- Council Phone
- Goosegreen Maintenance programme
- Audit report for 2023-2024 Financial Year
- Social media policy

5.30.22 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th June 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.12pm

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: