

# Tendring Parish Council

## Annual Parish meeting 2024

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm in Tendring Village Hall

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

#### 2.. Apologies.

Received and noted from Cllr Conner and Cllr Cronin

#### 3 Minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting.

These were agreed by all and signed.

#### 4. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

#### 5. Report from the Chair, Cllr Jill Brattan.

This year has been an eventful year for the Parish Council. We have made many improvements to the village to include a trim trail and new noticeboard at Goose Green as well as the tree commemorating the reign of Queen Elizabeth with its memorial stone. There is now new signage for Goose Green, The Heath, and The Green, ensuring that accurate mapping allows emergency vehicles and deliveries to those areas without delay.

The Council has been active in supporting and championing the environment. The campaign to save the Oaktree on Stones Green Road involved communication with the board of Directors of NFU insurance company and many meetings with the District Councillors and the

Tendring District Tree Officer. We achieved a successful outcome where felling of the tree was avoided and a reduction in the crown and a root barrier sought to migrate the damage to nearby foundations. We have joined the Essex Wilder Villages and Town scheme to ensure that our work in protecting our environment benefits from their expertise and funding streams. The Council continues to maintain the memorial gardens for the enjoyment of the village community. There have also been two litter picks for the Village which ensure that the village looks at its best and wildlife is not compromised by litter.

This year has seen a number of changes amongst the Councillors who serve the community. Cllr Penny Baker retired after serving many years on the parish Council. Her contributions to Goose Green play area, as an ex-chair, and along with the maintenance of the Memorial gardens are much appreciated and will leave a legacy for others to follow. Cllr Ted Edwards who served as Chair of the Council also chose to relinquish his role as did the Clerk, Rachel Edwards. They have been replaced by Cllr Michelle Appleby, Cllr Simon Conner, and Clerk Karen Mackintosh, all of which have proved to be an asset to the Council.

We have continued with the consultations with both North Falls and Five Estuaries to try and mitigate the effects on both the environment and Village life of their plan to site onshore power cabling to bring wind powered electricity to substations in the area. At this present time, improvements in operation and maintenance roadways have been agreed with Five Estuaries and is ongoing with North Falls. The consultation period continues, and we will work to achieve the best possible outcome for Tendring.

The Council has also managed to secure a fully funded bus shelter to serve the employees of Elysium Healthcare and villagers who are resident at the Heath. The plans have been passed and we await the construction of the shelter. The fencing around Tendring Meadows Care home has been refused and is presently under appeal. We will continue to try and avoid building and environmental applications that seek to undermine our rural community. During the last year we have discussed and reviewed 43 planning applications and actively spoken to Planning and Enforcement departments as well as representing your views at Planning Committees. The issue of flooding in the village have continued to take up some of our time but we are determined to ensure that the Highways Agency do take action on these issues.

We are currently organising the second Scarecrow Trail throughout the village for the enjoyment of both young and old. The previous trail was very successful and along with cream teas and pottery painting brought the celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles III to the village. The event at Christmas. A Christmas Carol narrated by Anthony Roberts and accompanied by James Cunliffe was a resounding success also and was enjoyed by all who attended. This event, along with the events of the Coronation weekend, raised nearly £1000 for local causes which included Thorpe and Walton foodbanks, TYGERS (Tendring Youth Group) and UK Homes 4 heroes.

Lastly, I would like to pay tribute to your local Councillors, Nick Rippon, Michelle Appleby, Richard Cronin, Vicky Cauvain, Peter Harris, and Simon Conner who have given selflessly of their time to improve our community.

## 6. Reports for local organisations.

### St Edmunds the Martyr Church, Tendring:

#### St Edmund King & Martyr Church

Over the last year, the Church has had a second Rural Missioner join the clergy.

Revd John Saxon was licensed at a service in Tendring in October 2023 and with Revd Phillip Young, leads the 9 churches in the Group. This is helped by other non-stipend clergy such as the Revd Laura Garnham, whose home church is Wrabness.

Services are taking place monthly on the second Sunday, with the additional service at festival times. For example, an extra service was held yesterday – for Palm Sunday. This service involved the Tigers youth group who recited the passion readings and made the palm crosses.

The church continues to have a small congregation, averaging around 12 at each service. However, at special services, such as Remembrance Day, Christmas Carols and Easter, the congregation can reach around 50.

The event in December last year - the recital of the Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens was also very well attended, and we would be interested in hosting similar in the future.

The small regular congregation means that revenue is challenging. But in 2023 revenue was boosted by a wedding, funerals and a coffee and cake fundraiser. The next coffee morning Fundraiser is on 13<sup>th</sup> April. The church now has its own Wi-Fi, so online payment can be made, which is helpful for events and fundraising activities.

A great amount of work has been carried out on the fabric of the church and the graveyard during 2023, as required in the architect's Quinquennial report. This has been managed by David Grayston who continues to dedicate a huge amount of his time to keeping the church and grounds in excellent order.

Thanks also go to the regular grass cutters across the village.

The future of the organ is a pressing problem as the repairer has advised that no further investment should be made in keeping the existing one going. We are currently seeking an alternative organ and various routes are being investigated.

Bell ringing, led by Gina Brown as Tower Captain continues to be carried out regularly before most services and new members are being trained.

The church flower rota is being run extremely well by Rosie Lumb and her band of willing volunteers.

The church PCC currently has a membership of just 3, plus some co-opted support. More volunteers and involvement from the village community would be extremely helpful to support the organisation of services, events and the maintenance of the church and grounds.

### Tendring Cricket Club:

#### **Tendring Cricket Club**

##### **2023 summary**

Tendring Cricket Club provides recreational cricket for all abilities and we aim to foster and promote the sport of amateur cricket at all levels within the community and within the sport, providing inclusive opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.

The club is run solely by volunteers, and we would welcome new supporters, players and spectators.

2023 was a mixed season of results for the Saturday Adult 1st team, which saw them maintain their position in Division 7 of the Two Counties League finishing 9th overall.

Friendly games took place throughout the season on Sunday's, although nearly half of these had to be cancelled due to the wet weather

Games were also played by the T30 development team on Sunday's in the North Essex Cricket League (NECL). The purpose of this league is as an additional stepping stone for older junior players into adult cricket. The team had a great season and won 6 of their 7 games, finishing 2nd overall in the league.

Adult training took place on Friday evenings, with Junior training taking place on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. There were good levels of participation over the year with over 100 children taking part in various junior activities.

Under 11 and Under 13 hardball games took place against local teams. The U11 team achieved a good result during the season, finishing 2nd in the North East Essex league and the U13 team finished 3rd in the league. Girls and Boys from age 6 participated in soft ball Kwik Cricket tournaments on Friday's hosted at local clubs throughout the county.

Tendring also hosted our own Kwik Cricket Tournament with over 200 visitors attending the festival which took place on Friday 24th June.

The club hosted the schools Girls Dynamo's final with local schools visiting and competing.

The club also held a number of social events during the year including Quiz nights and family BBQ's.

The club scarecrow, Joe 'Barley' Root was at the end of the drive, welcoming players and visitors to the club during the season and may well get called back into the team and see a return in 2024!

The 2023 outdoor season culminated with an awards dinner and trophies for Junior and Adult player achievements.

2023 also saw the introduction of a Women's team with training and fitness on Mondays at the club and then moving to Manningtree Sports Centre during the autumn and winter. There were also Indoor games over the winter at the Northern Gateway Sports Park for the Women's team.

Winter training took place at Manningtree Sports Centre on Thursdays for Junior players and Indoor games over the winter at the Northern Gateway Sports Park on Sunday's for Under 12 and Under 14 age groups.

The 2024 outdoor seasons kicks off in a few weeks with the Adult 2nd Team's first game at Home on Sunday 14th April against Kirby CC followed by Junior training and games for the 1st and 2nd teams on 20th and 21st April.

Hopefully it will stay dry!

## TYGers:

### TYGers report

As we draw closer to the end of our first year as TYGers it's a pleasure to share some of our successes. Originally set up to provide a vital opportunity for local children to be together in one place at one time.

It was clear that local children needed an affordable option for entertainment but also to support in undoing some of the damage caused by several years of isolation due to covid and extended periods of segregation within schools. Coupling this with a raft of research celebrating the benefits of being outdoors on the holistic development of a child we formed a 'forest school' based youth group.

We have had the upmost pleasure to see children aged from 4 to 16 learn and play together. We focus heavily on life skills: cooking, lighting fires, construction (in its many forms) understanding other cultures whilst being outside in the natural environment. Seeing the children create their own community has been our greatest achievement. Each and every one of the children join in with one another, look after one another and help the younger ones as and when required.

Part of creating a community group is being a part of the community. We have been fortunate to have benefited so heavily from the generosity of all members of Tendring Primary Recycling Scheme, especially Ellie, who has also sourced furniture, instruments, science equipment and games but also through the generous donation of old items from the school (the netball post that Jo remembers from the 70's being just one example). We have been welcomed with open arms by the church, who, when the weather got truly miserable just before Christmas gave us a much warmer venue to meet in where the children got the opportunity to learn to bell ring with Richard and Gina. Roger and Penny, the charismatic chemists joined us for chemistry night which was a blast conducting flame tests on a camp fire!

The children have enjoyed serving refreshments (as well as baking them) for a TPRS event in the village hall, manned a craft stall before Christmas where they sold their, self-foraged and self-made wreaths to raise funds for our insurance. The children proudly curated a display for Remembrance Day, identifying where the men on the memorial lived and died. We finished 2023 by joining the church for their carol service which has paved the way for some magical memories of Christmas. We've decorated the Christmas tree in the church, had a joint Christmas party with the toddler group in the village hall and hosted a family friendly kids quiz in the February half term.

We have successfully now raised sufficient funds to pay for next year's insurance but there is an ongoing cost for consumables. In every session we always cook. This is a central activity in our sessions, a vital opportunity for children to try and taste new foods, develop their fine motor skills, and promotes a familial bond. We've got an incredible vegetable patch so we can grow our own vegetables, some for nibbling and some possibly to sell on for pennies in the pocket.

We have plans to create several scarecrows for the parish council's scarecrow trail and will be working on some water safety skills with the canal and river trust. We're also looking into hosting a sleepover camp out during the summer. The best thing is being able to share these experiences with the families, further cementing the community aspect we hold in high regard.

## Tendring Primary School:

During the Autumn term we reflected on the SATS success of our outgoing year 6 class and prepared for the year ahead. Starting with House Captain elections, the children apply by giving a speech. Every year the staff are struck by the fondness with which the children speak of the school, and the role.

One of our first events is Harvest. For the past few years, we have supported the work of Walton foodbank and once again, the school community showed their generosity. Remembrance is always a moving time with our older children leading the school. Each class lays a poppy wreath. Several of our children also took part in Remembrance Services in the local community. Next year we plan to invite those children who belong to uniformed organisations. I.E Beavers, to wear their uniforms to school for Remembrance. Shortly after, it was the turn of Children in Need, which is always joyful with its blend of Pudsey costumes, games and bake sale organised by our Pupil Council.

Lots of our children go out and about in the Autumn term. Year 6 headed off for our annual residential trip to Fellowship Afloat in Tollesbury. The children get to stay in cabins in a lightship anchored in the saltmarsh. Over the week they sail, kayak, tackle the high ropes course and lots more besides, but the most important aim of the week is for them to pull together as a team ready for the challenges that lay ahead.

Year 5 took part in the Tendring Junior Ambassador project where children learn about different cultures. They learned about hate crime, Chinese calligraphy, African singing and storytelling and the Ukrainian culture as well as having an author and artist visit too. When it came to the celebration event, at Princes Theatre, they performed a Bollywood dance, which was a huge success with even other schools and the audience joining in.

Year 3 enjoyed a Stone Age day and Year 2 explored Colchester Castle.

We ended the term with our extensive Christmas celebrations: Reception Nativity, KS1 pageant and KS2 Carols on the playground. We were also able to support the 500 Smiles project at St Johns Church in Colchester, sending 49 Christmas shoeboxes to Apalina in Romania.

The Spring term is typically a little quieter; highlights being our while school mental health walk (which is becoming an annual tradition), class assemblies, World Book Day and the Tendring Vocal Festival. This was our second year taking part in the Tendring Vocal Festival. Year 6 performed two songs as a choir and a Matilda medley as part of the ensemble to a packed Princes Theatre.

Mrs Dann and Mr Bolton, along with Mr Roxby-Clarke head up our sporting calendar. The aim is to widen the offer of competitive sport as much as possible,

but this can be a challenge in a small school. So far this year we have taken part in the girls and boys football leagues; SEND multi-sports; indoor athletics where we came second and went on to the district event at Essex University, and an amazing 44 children took part in the cross-country event. The children put in an outstanding effort, and several will be going later this week to Southend for the County finals including our Year 3 team. It was their first taste of school competition.

Easter is just round the corner, which will mark a year since the handover of our new build. The new classrooms and studio give us the room to flourish as a 210 school. In September we shall hopefully reach this target which enables Tendring to be a more sustainable school for the future.

The summer term will be packed with learning, more sports events (where we hope to defend our athletics title), educational visits, and, if it is like any other year, it will fly by!

### Tendring Village Hall:

#### **Tendring Village Hall Management Committee**

#### **Report 2023**

2023 has been a fairly straight forward year for the hall compared to the previous years when there was refurbishment work and then Covid closures. The number of hirers continues to grow with most weekdays now being taken up with regular activities ranging from yoga and fitness to patchwork and history groups. Additionally, the hall is now getting regular bookings from corporate organisations with seminars and public information events now happening on a regular basis. Finally, the hall continues to provide a warm welcoming venue for club meetings and other local interest groups to meet.

Whilst the main purpose of the hall is to provide local facilities for the Tendring community it is important that we get the most utilisation out of it and generate as much money as possible in order to continue to invest in its maintenance and upkeep. In order to do this Information about the hall now appears on the Rural Community Council of Essex website and the Parish Council website resulting in more enquiries from organisations further afield.

The building had its five yearly Quinquennial inspection back in April which resulted in a number of areas requiring attention. Those have now been attended to however as with all old buildings further work is always looming specifically the carpark where the tarmac is cracking badly and will need repairing. A storage shed has now been purchased and located in the old



heating oil compound to house the toddler group toys. This has freed up storage area in the hall for new hirers.

Financially the hall continues to be well founded with another small surplus being generated in the year to add to the reserves. Whilst the reserves will cover any routine maintenance and repairs any major investment in updating or structural repairs will have to be funded by grants.

Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has worked to support the hall whether they be committee members or just volunteers who turn up regularly whenever called upon. Finally, a massive thank you as ever to Sue Graham for dealing with all the bookings, invoicing, email queries, cleaning, replenishing of stocks, putting out and bringing in of the waste bins and all the rest of the general day to day issues of running the hall. Sue will be moving away from the village in the summer, so a replacement volunteer is currently being looked for.

David Cosby

Chairman Tendring Village Hall Management Committee

26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Tendring Primary Recycle Scheme:

#### Tendring Primary Recycle Scheme

TPRS began in 2012 by a mum at the primary school who discovered that they could recycle empty baby wipes packets to earn money for the school. The scheme then expanded to accept biscuit wrappers and a few other select items via schemes run by Terracycle, who specialise in getting big brand sponsorship to recycle the hard to recycle.

The scheme earned very small amounts, typically 1p per packet, but helped keep the rubbish from landfill and earned enough to buy a few small classroom resources.

Over the years, more schemes have become available and TPRS became more than just about raising money for school. We now have over 40 different waste streams for either rehoming, repurposing, or recycling. The items sent to Terracycle for recycling earn funds that are gifted to the school to fund environmentally friendly initiatives and improvements. Over £22,000 has been earned and gifted since the scheme began.

In addition to the funds raised for school, the scheme accepts items that are passed to other charities or groups. We support local wildlife rescues, Clacton lions, dog rescues, youth groups, local hygiene projects, churches, community schemes and more.

The scheme is so big now that it is necessary to have a dedicated indoor location for sorting, boxing, and storing. After a turbulent few years of having to move location and having nothing to call home, we are now delighted to have a permanent hub with a cabin based by the back gate of the primary school. The area is fenced off from the rest of the school field, enabling independent access for volunteers and visitors. We are extremely grateful for the school donating us this space and to the general public for helping with our fundraising to cover the costs for the hub development and maintenance.

The gate to the hub area is open during school hours and accessible via a combination padlock outside of those hours. Anyone wanting to drop their sorted recycling for the scheme can utilise the public drop off bins by the hub, or additional bins are placed to the left of the front school gates. The code for the hub gate can be obtained by emailing [tpsrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:tpsrecycling@gmail.com). In addition to the hub, we have over twenty volunteer drop off points across the Tendring district. Over 35,000 kg of waste has been saved from landfill utilising the Terracycle schemes alone. That's the weight of over 515 adults. TPRS is also a litter picking hub for CleanUp UK. We have 15 sets of litter pickers, hoops, high vis vests, and gloves available to hire for free, to help encourage others to take pride in the area.

We are developing a small hub garden to grow wildflowers, herbs, and vegetables. This is accessible to anyone that would like to get involved, including the local youth group and the general public. TPRS are working with the school to introduce more flowers, bushes and trees around the school field borders. The aim is to work towards creating a haven for birds, bees, and butterflies, and to help improve the air health for everyone. This year we hope to create a beautiful display of sunflowers, hollyhocks, buddleia, lesser calendine and other wildflowers too. If anyone would like to help get involved with this project, then help would be greatly appreciated.

TPRS has a Facebook group with over 21,000 group members who are encouraged

to take part in the recycling scheme and also to embrace gifting items that they would ordinarily throw away. Every day, hundreds of items are gifted and requested.

Such a variety of items are exchanged, anything from empty toilet roll tubes to TVs,

furniture to plant pots and everything in between.

TPRS are very keen to hear from anyone that would like to get involved with the scheme and to hear any ideas on how their project could be enhanced to help people

further reduce waste.

## 7. Public Questions

None.

## 8. Close of meeting

Chair Brattan thanked all those who attended and thanked the groups for the incredible effort and care that everyone involved puts into the community; stating how proud she is to be a resident.

Meeting closed at 19.58.