

**Minutes of East Tuddenham Parish Council meeting Wednesday 2nd
July 2025 at 7.30pm East Tuddenham Village Hall**

Councillors present: Kathryn Horton (Chair), Chris Rose, David Cator, Lynsey Barrett.

Also present: (Clerk) and thirteen members of the public.

25/40 To receive apologies for absence

An apology was received from Alexandra Leaney. Proposed by Cllr. Barrett and seconded by Cllr. Rose. All in agreement.

25/41 To receive declarations of interest in agenda items and consider any dispensation requests

None declared.

25/42 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2025.

The minutes of 10th June were proposed as correct by Cllr. Rose and seconded by Cllr. Barrett. All in agreement.

25/43 To report progress on items from the last meeting, not on the agenda (information only).

The Clerk raised the issue of the outstanding payment due to the Village Hall from 2024-5. Cllr. Barrett said she would make enquiries with the Village Hall.

25/44 No questions asked.

25/45 Planning Applications

25/44.1 To receive an update on any application decisions made by Breckland District Council since the last meeting.

None received.

25/44.2 To consider any new planning applications.

None received.

25/46 Finance

25/46.1 To note the bank reconciliation as of 31st May 2025.

This was noted.

25/46.2 To approve the payment list.

The amended payment list, was approved. Proposed by Cllr. Barrett and seconded by Cllr. Rose. All in agreement.

25/47 To note the internal auditors report for 2024/5.

This was noted.

25/48 To agree a response to the recently published 'Call for sites' document from Breckland District Council.

Cllr. Horton gave an introduction to the process and clarified that at present, this is only a call for sites and nothing has gone to the planning stage.

Cllr. Horton then explained she had attended meetings of Hockering Parish Council where they also discussed plans for their parish, as well as Breckland District Council.

Cllr. Horton stated that she believed there were a number of issues with the proposed development – first that of social mobility – the necessary transport networks don't exist. There are also issue with infrastructure including water and sewage which haven't been addressed in the village yet and will be ignored if a new development is planned. Local businesses will clearly be affected. A smart response is required rather than one based upon emotion. Members of the public present then expressed their views. One resident highlighted concerns over the environment impact upon the Sandy Lane area and the potential loss of woodland. Another mentioned noise issue from the existing businesses in the area. The loss of good agricultural land was also raised as a concern. Concerns regarding transport links were also raised without the western link road being built. The issue of compensation needs consideration.

Cllr. Horton stated that the Parish Council was working on their response and she was seeking some additional assistance with the draft before it is submitted by 16th July. No decisions are expected until Christmas and residents will be kept updated with any developments.

25/49 To receive an update on the co-option process for the two vacant parish Councillor positions.

The Clerk explained that the notices of vacancy had been published and he was now waiting for confirmation from Breckland Council that the next stage i.e. co-option could take place. The notice asking for applications should be published soon.

25/50 To consider the progress to date of the following village projects -

25/50.1 The bus shelter.

It was agreed a site visit would be made at 7pm on Monday coming, to agree jointly with representatives from the village hall, where exactly the bus shelter would be sited.

25/50.2 Village Gateway signs

Cllr. Cator said he would sent the Clerk the exact dimensions and plan for the signs as agreed with Highways.

25/51 To consider any action required regarding local public footpaths.

It was agreed that following some recent work, no further action was required at this stage.

25/52 To note that the Parish Partnership Scheme for 2026/7 has been launched.

This was noted.

25/53 To receive an update on the provision of an extra dog waste bin for the vicinity of the village hall.

The Clerk stated that following a discussion with Serco, they agreed to empty a bin free of charge that was situated at the end of Tilney Road, where the path leads onto the village hall site. The Clerk would bring back quotes for a new bin to the September

25/54 To receive an update on the move to .gov email addresses.

The Clerk stated that all Councillors should have now received instructions explaining how to set up their new .gov email address. All communication of official council business should now be done using the new email addresses.

25/55 To receive items for the next agenda

Bus shelter

Village gateways

Sites response.

The meeting ended at 20.55 hrs.

East Tuddenham Parish Council				
Payment list for approval				
Payee	Description	Total	Net	VAT
Clerk	June salary	216.75	216.75	
HMRC	June income tax	144.00	144.00	
Clerk	Expenses – stamps	3.45	3.45	
Robin Goreham	Internal audit fees	75.00	75.00	
Tom Bland	Grant for Parish Pump newsletter	185.00	185.00	
Parish Online	‘gov email addresses	144.00	120.00	24.00
Total payments to approve		786.20	762.20	24.00

