



Minutes of the Tilney All Saints Annual Parish Meeting Held on Thursday 30th May 2024 at 7pm in the village hall.

	Present: Cllr A. Laughton – Chair, Cllr. P. Hodgson, Cllr. C. Barley, Cllr B Giles, Cllr. V. Grange, Cllr. J. Kirk, Cllr. S. Bearshaw, L. Delbecque (Parish Clerk) and three residents.
1.	Welcome by the Chairman, Tilney All Saints Parish Council Cllr Laughton welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Apologies had been received from Cllr Mole.
2.	Introduction to Parish Councillors and Report on the Work of the Parish Council over the Past Year. The Parish Councillors present introduced themselves. Cllr Laughton as Chair of the Parish Council then read out his report on the work of the Parish Council over the past twelve months. (See appendix 1) Cllr. Laughton expressed his thanks to all Councillors, the previous Parish Clerk (Stella Kaye) and the Responsible Finance Officer (Janet Fuller) for all their work for the parish during the year and welcoming the new Parish Clerk (Lisa Delbecque). Thanks, was also given to Cllr Bearshaw and Cllr Kirk for their continued support. Cllr Laughton asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were raised.
3.	Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th April 2023. Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th April 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by Cllr Laughton.
4.	Presentation of the Tilney All Saints Community Award for 2023. The recipient of the Tilney All Saints Community Award for 2023 had been agreed as The Village Hall Committee. Award was to recognise the work of the committee, especially in regard to the warm hub which began 3 years ago and has been a huge value to the village and something that has benefited residents greatly. Award was presented to The Chair of the Village Hall Committee on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllr Laughton.

5	Report and Update from the Village Hall Committee. The Chair of the Village Hall Committee (VHC) presented his report which contained the following updates. The village hall has good regular use and is also used by residents for celebrating special occasions. The village hall now benefits from solar panels recently installed along with a kitchen and carpark refurbishment. It was mentioned further refurbishments are due to be carried out in the kitchen, hall and toilets shortly. It was noted there is also a new clothes and shoe bank in the village hall carpark which was a great addition for local residents and also raised money for the village hall committee. The Chair reported on the success of the well-attended Warm Hub, which provided a wide range of food and refreshments to local residents and received £650 in donations for the village hall committee. This year the VHC confirmed installing solar panels on the hall roof and there may be considerations to installing electric car charging points in the car park in the future. It was noted that succession planning and encouraging younger residents with the right skills would benefit the committee. A 6-month probation for new volunteers has been introduced to ensure competence. The Village Hall Committee are organising an Autumn Fair for 14th September 2024 after the success of the previous event. The Chair offered his thanks to the Parish Council, Borough Council for donations and also to the volunteers and users of the village hall
6.	To Discuss the New Parish Newsletter The Parish Council launched a new electronic newsletter in March 2024 and would like to raise awareness of this so it can be accessed to local residents. This is available on the Tilney All Saints Parish Council website and the Parish Clerk hoped the next instalment would be ready in June 2024.
7.	Extending the Cold Caller Area Cllr Hodgson spoke about the cold caller zone and that it had been benefitting local residents for 8 years. It prevents scams and is an especially good deterrent to stop unwanted cold callers. Cllr Hodgeson would like to explore extending the cold caller zone in Tilney All Saints to benefit more people and it was suggested to add his contact number into the newsletter so if people were interested, they could contact him directly
8.	Biodiversity Plans & Projects The Biodiversity plan was discussed and key points within the plan were mentioned. The aim of the biodiversity plan is to ensure sustainability which benefits wildlife, the landscape and in turn the local area for residents.

9.	Presentations & Reports from Local Groups and Organisations None presented
10.	Any Other Business. It was discussed to arrange a local litter pick which finishes at the village hall with refreshments. This will be an agenda item on the Parish Council agenda in June 2024. Succession planning for the Parish Council membership and encouraging young people to become involved was discussed with some options discussed about ways to do this. Thanks was given to local speed watch volunteers for their time and efforts No other items were raised.

Everyone present was invited to stay for light refreshments.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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Appendix 1

Report from Chair of Tilney All Saints Parish Council

Parish Council Annual Report May 2024

Welcome

Introduction of Parish Councillors, Borough and County Councillors.

Chairman's Report

Stella Kaye, our previous Clerk who held the post for 10 years has retired – probably tired out and worn to a crisp. So I'm very happy to introduce Lisa Delbecque our new youthful and energetic administrator and clerk to her first Tilney All Saints Annual Parish Council Meeting.

I've read through Stella's monthly Clerk's reports to ensure I don't miss important work that has been done over the past year.

- a) The Village Coronation Picnic was well attended although other events were being held on the same weekend last May. There were stalls manned by various village organisations, games and amusements. A lot of work was done by individuals to make the event work well, and I understand the Village Celebration that is planned for August Bank Holiday will encourage further similar future events.
- b) A new bus shelter has been placed at Eau Brink, unbelievably it's only taken 9 years to raise the funding and get National Highways to approve the project.
- c) New road "Slow Down" and 30mph road markings have been placed on entrance and exits to the village, courtesy of Cllr Kirk.
- d) A 13 man Community Speedwatch Team have been annoying a minority of motorists since the 7th February. As far as I can tell from data released by the Norfolk organisers, we have carried out more sessions than any of the other teams from other communities in Norfolk. We have reported 133 motorists in 53 sessions totalling over 66 hours, the highest speed we've reported is 52mph along School Road. We reported 10 vehicles alone on 17th May between 5:00 and 7:00pm.
We get a mixture of responses ranging from thumbs up and friendly waves to other gestures and comments such as "get a life".

- e) Most of the members of the PC routinely and regularly work on maintenance issues, clearing rubbish and vegetation from dykes, regularly emptying bins, repairing fences, hinges, gate fastenings and checking play equipment. This work is not always seen by other members of the community but I want to mention and recognise this contribution here.
- f) Having looked through last year's Clerk's reports, I have to say that an enormous amount of time is spent by the Clerk on chasing up Highways issues in particular, such as potholes, footpath maintenance, road sign maintenance, hedge cutting and drainage. This is closely followed by Anglia Water who have to be chased up constantly about tree maintenance on the Glebe Estate playing field.
- g) We've spent hours of time trying to negotiate with the Police to improve their response to accidents on the A47 and A17, unfortunately with little success. There was a protocol set up around 2013 or earlier which meant that any local diversions were made along Moat Road. Norfolk Highways, the Drainage Board, and the Police have no record of this being agreed and are reluctant to implement anything like this despite the cost to communities such as ours, resulting from damage to verges, road signs and drainage channels.
- h) I'd like to see some younger members of the community joining us old fogeys on the Parish Council to rejuvenate us.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parish Councillors for their help and support, to thank Lisa for her contributions since joining us.

I also want to thank Cllr Julian Kirk and Cllr Steve Bearshaw very much for their patience, experience and help throughout the year.