



TILNEY ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall

ATTENDANCE:

Andy Laughton – Chair	Parish Councillor	Present
Chris Barley – Vice Chair	Parish Councillor	Present
Brian Giles	Parish Councillor	Present
Val Grange	Parish Councillor	Present
Peter Hodgson	Parish Councillor	Apologies
Philip Mole	Parish Councillor	Apologies
John Pitt	Parish Councillor	Absent
Damian McCarthy	Parish Clerk	Present
Janet Fuller	Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)	Apologies

County Councillor Julian Kirk was in attendance.

Borough Councillor Steve Bearshaw apologised and joined the meeting late.

One member of the public was present.

1/ Apologies: To receive and consider Councillors' apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mole and Cllr Hodgson.

Apology had also been received from J. Fuller (RFO).

Cllr Pitt was absent with no apologies received.

Cllr Grange opened the meeting with a statement regarding Councillor email addresses.

Councillors agreed she would continue to use her gmail address.

2/ Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.

School Road drainage was to be mentioned, which was of interest to councillors living in School Road.

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

None received.

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

Dispensations for Councillors Laughton and Giles to participate in discussion re School Road Drainage were granted.

3/ Public Participation Session

Member of the public present reported that the Church Road pavement has narrowed, due to an overgrowth of grass and weeds.

Also, a reminder that the hedge opposite No. 57 Church Road was significantly overgrown and dangerous. County Council have been contacted for remediation.

A dead oak tree was reported on the Millennium Green. Cllr Barley volunteered to take care of this, as well as act as the liaison for the verge works to be completed on Church Lane. Councillors agreed and accepted Cllr Barley's offer to act as detailed above.

4/ Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2025 were unanimously approved as a true and accurate record.

Approved minutes signed by Cllr. Laughton.

5/ Finances:

The RFO had supplied details of account balances and transactions prior to the meeting.

No questions were raised.

The payments list was approved by Councillors and signed by Cllr Laughton.

Agreement of bank reconciliation for June 2025 was carried forward to the next meeting.

6/ Reports:

Chairman's Report - verbal.

160 sessions of Speedwatch had been carried out since February 2024. 600 drivers had been reported to the police.

Drainage – A further meeting is to be held on 31/7/25 in the Village Hall with regard to the culvert in School Road, and management of the land surrounding the Oak Gardens area. Apparently, Enforcement procedures had not been followed by the Planning Department.

It was hoped some of these issues could be resolved at the next meeting.

Cllr Laughton stated gratitude to Cllr. Pitt for his excellent work re-painting the village gateway signs.

Clerk's Written Report.

Written report had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting.

Clerk was attempting to find a solution to the long-running CCTV issues.

Handyman to relocate dog waste bin shortly, once the very warm weather had cooled down.

Willow tree on Millennium Green car park – school contractors due to cut it back on 18th July.

Work to the Millennium Green fencing and derelict dogwood bush on Millennium Green were due to be completed mid-July.

Play area inspections had been undertaken, and no significant issues were found.

Village gateway signs on Shepherdsgate Road and Church Road had been repainted in June by Cllr Pitt.

Website accessibility review to begin once payment made.

School fencing has been referred to Highways to investigate replacement.

Parish Council Summer newsletter was now available.

<https://tinyurl.com/5n9akww3>

Cllrs were reminded of the importance of internet and password security.

A WhatsApp group for councilors had been set up by the Clerk for easier information sharing.

Facebook was to have more updates added over the summer although there were few followers.

Serco had been requested to clean the litter from along Shepherdsgate Road.

A replacement noticeboard was needed for the Village Hall. Cllr Laughton proposed. Cllr Barley seconded a replacement was needed.

Police Patrols had increased, but no congregations had been broken up so far.

Three bus stop signs for Tilney All Saints and Eau Brink had been ordered by the Clerk via the Highway Maintenance Contract.

Reports from Borough and County Councillors.

Cllr Kirk provided a verbal update on Norfolk County Council matters.

Cllr Bearshaw provided a verbal update on Borough Council matters.

7/ Planning

No new applications or decisions received.

8/ Play Area and Goal Post Inspections:

Regular inspections had been undertaken by Cllr Barley

Gravel and grass from strimmer activity had been removed from inside Lily's Play Area on the Millennium Green.

9/ Reglaze Village Hall Phone Box: It was unlikely this work would be completed this summer, as planned, due to difficulties organising a date.

10/ Extra funding: To discuss possibilities for parish improvements.

A request has been raised with Highways for replacement street name plates for Lynn Road, School Road x 2, and Shepherdsgate Road. An email had been sent to Jason Moore and Andrew Wallace for an update on the request for replacement street name plates for Glebe Estate and Church Lane which were ordered several months back.

Parishioners to be encouraged to offer ideas for parish improvements.

11/ School Road / Oak Gardens Culvert: Further meeting to be arranged between residents of School Road and Oak Gardens to discuss the culvert, once funding has been agreed. This would probably happen after September. Cllr Kirk will look into funding for the works.

12/ Discretionary payments: To discuss whether invoices/payments under £100 can be approved by the Chair or Vice Chair, rather than waiting until next Parish Council Meeting. Chair and Vice Chair to both approve any such payments in the future. Cllr Giles proposed. Cllr Grange seconded.

13/ Co-opt New Councillor: To discuss whether an advertisement could be put up on the noticeboard/elsewhere in Eau Brink to get a resident to represent their local interests. Councillors felt there were too few houses in Eau Brink for this to be likely, but would welcome any interest, nonetheless.

14/ Correspondence: To discuss matters arising from the Correspondence Lists.
No items raised.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 11th September 2025.