



Tilney All Saints Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7:00pm

In the Village Hall

ATTENDANCE

Andy Laughton (Chair)	Parish Councillor	Present
Chris Barley (Vice Chair)	Parish Councillor	Absent - Apology
Philip Mole	Parish Councillor	Present
Brian Giles	Parish Councillor	Present
Val Grange	Parish Councillor	Present
Peter Hodgson	Parish Councillor	Absent - Apology
Peter Lukasik	Parish Councillor	Present
John Pitt	Parish Councillor	Absent - Apology
Neil Watson	Locum Parish Clerk	Present
Janet Fuller	Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)	Absent - Apology

Borough Councillor S. Bearshaw, County Councillor J Kirk was present from 8pm.

2 members of the public were present, who left after item 3.

1.	Apologies for Absence (Minute reference 260108/01) <i>To receive and consider Councillor's apologies for absence.</i> Apologies were received from Cllrs Barley, Hodgson and Pitt. Apologies accepted. Apologies were received from the RFO J. Fuller, and Cllr J Kirk that he had a prior meeting
2.	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations (Minute reference 260108/02)
2a	<i>To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda</i> None
2b	<i>To Receive written Declarations of Interest from Councillors in Items on the Agenda:</i> Cllrs Giles, Laughton, Lukasik & Pitt declared an interest in writing in Item 3.
2c	Dispensation for Cllrs Giles, Laughton, Lukasik & Pitt to participate in the discussion under item 3 was granted by councillors as this was in the interest of residents due to Councillors' knowledge of the situation.
3.	Public Participation Session. Two members of the public were present. To receive an update on the drainage issues in School Road The meeting with Planning went ahead on 12 December and an e-mail from the head of enforcement following the meeting has been circulated. The chair is frustrated by the lack of action on the complaint and is now including Councillor Moriarty the cabinet member for planning in his correspondence. It was mentioned that other parties may be directing rainwater into the dyke and further investigation may be required. It was noted that if residents of Oak Gardens deny responsibility there should still be recourse to riparian rights. Councillor Bearshaw feels that the best way forward might have to be for residents to fund the rectification works.

	The culvert under Lynn Rd is critical to the system
4.	Minutes (Minute reference 260108/03) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2025. Councillors unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes, and the confidential minutes, of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2025 as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Mole, seconded Cllr Grange The approved minutes were signed by Cllr Laughton.
5.	Finances
5a	To approve payments to be made. (Minute reference 260108/04) Payments List for January 2026 had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors unanimously RESOLVED to approve payments as per the Payments Lists. Proposed Cllr Barley, seconded Cllr Grange. Payments List signed by Cllr Laughton.
5b	To receive update on financial position. A copy of the monthly receipts and payments summaries had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. No queries were raised. Proposed Cllr Laughton, seconded Cllr Lukasik, all in favour
5c	To agree bank reconciliation for December 2025. Bank reconciliation for December 2025 had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. Bank Reconciliation for December 2025 had been agreed by Cllr. Giles. No issues were raised. Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Laughton, all in favour
6.	Updates on a new picnic bench for the Millenium Green (Minute reference 260108/05) Agreed to purchase a 'Waddington' picnic table from Glasdon (base cost £690.00) and accept the installation quotation from John Coombs in the sum of £1150. Locum Clerk to proceed with procurement. Proposed Cllr Laughton, seconded Cllr Giles, all in favour
7.	Update on a new Dog Waste Bin on School Road The Locum Clerk had contacted BCKLWN Clean-Up team which required consent from the occupant of the property where installation was planned on the frontage. That consent has not been forthcoming so this project cannot proceed.
8.	Reports
8a	Chairman's Report – Verbal: There have been fewer Speedwatch sessions than normal due to the weather. The SAM unit is now on School Road. Thanks were extended to Cllr Lukasik who assisted the Chair to rod the culvert under Lynn Road. The gate has been removed from the broken post at the Millenium Green, permanent repair to follow.
8b	Clerk's Report: Clerk's Report had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. No questions were raised. Clerk provided the following updates: An appointment has been made with the School Head to discuss the bat box project on Tuesday 13th January at 11am. Cllr Lukasik will attend.

8c	The CCTV upgrade and installation of SIM cards is now scheduled for 14th January 2026; the Locum Clerk and Chair will attend. Following repeated fly tipping on Church Lane, the Locum Clerk has contacted Cllr Bearshaw to see if a temporary surveillance camera can be fitted. Borough Councillor Report. Refuse collections are running late due to the weather. The area is still in a drought situation. The location of a new swimming pool for the Borough is not without difficulty. Councillor Bearshaw has made a £250 donation to Tilney All Saints Warm Hub The Borough Council budget setting is proving challenging. A 3G football pitch has been agreed at Lynn Academy The jobs fair was very successful. There will be multiple road works and closures on the A47 over the next year. County Councillor Report. Cllr Kirk's written report was circulated; Cllr Kirk spoke with passion about suggestions that the Council elections due this year might be postponed yet again.
9.	Planning. No items for consideration
10.	Play Area and Goal Post Inspections: No report
11.	Policy Reviews (Minute reference 260108/06) Copies of the Health & Safety, Home Working and Business Continuity policies had been circulated prior to the meeting, and were adopted as follows: Health & Safety Policy – prop Cllr Laughton, Sec Cllr Lukasik, all in favour Home Working Policy – prop Cllr Grange, Sec Cllr Mole, all in favour Business Continuity Policy – prop Cllr Giles, Sec Cllr Laughton, all in favour
12.	Correspondence. Correspondence Lists had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. No questions were raised.
13.	Date of next meeting Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.
14.	Confidential Item – Locum Clerk Terms & Conditions Exclusion of Public and Press: Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (2) any members of the public and press to be requested to leave the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm