



Tilney All Saints Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7:00pm
In the Village Hall

ATTENDANCE

Andy Laughton (Chair)	Parish Councillor	Present
Chris Barley (Vice Chair)	Parish Councillor	Present
Philip Mole	Parish Councillor	Present
Brian Giles	Parish Councillor	Present
Val Grange	Parish Councillor	Absent - Apology
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)	Present

County Councillor J Kirk was present.

One member of the public was present.

1.	Apologies for Absence (Minute reference 26/007) To receive and consider Councillor's apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllrs Grange, Hodgson and Pitt. Apologies accepted.
2.	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations (Minute reference 26/008)
2a	To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda None
2b	To Receive written Declarations of Interest from Councillors in Items on the Agenda: Cllrs Giles, Laughton, and Lukasik declared an interest in writing in Item 3.
2c	Dispensation for Cllrs Giles, Laughton and Lukasik 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. One member of the public was present. To receive an update on the drainage issues in School Road The Chair noted that little progress had been made this month, responses were awaited to previous correspondence. The site developer has confirmed that responsibility for drainage passed to the property owners on purchase and that a management company should be in place. Weekend closures of the A47 and the impact on the Parish. The Chair said he was grateful to parishioners for making their concerns and complaints known, although the Parish Council has no power over the works it allowed it to take forward complaints to National Highways backed by strength of feeling from the Parish. The MOP brought to the meeting photographs of damage and disrepair around Eau Brink, the Locum Clerk will refer these to County & National Highways. Councillors expressed general displeasure with the verge damage, excess traffic etc caused

	by the works. The Locum Clerk was thanked for arranging with National Highways for additional deterrent signage to be erected along Parish roads. Discussion ensued whether Church Lane could be completely closed at one end during closures to prevent traffic passing through.
4.	Minutes (Minute reference 26/009) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2026. Councillors unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes, and the confidential minutes, of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th January 2026 as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Laughton, seconded Cllr Barley The approved minutes were signed by Cllr Laughton.
5.	Finances
5a	To approve payments to be made. (Minute reference 26/010) Payments List for February 2026 had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors unanimously RESOLVED to approve payments as per the Payments Lists. Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Mole. 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 Lukasik, seconded Cllr Barley, all in favour
5c	To agree bank reconciliation for January 2026. Bank reconciliation for December 2025 had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. Bank Reconciliation for January 2026 had been checked by Cllr. Giles. No issues were raised. Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Laughton, all in favour
6.	Reports
6a	Chairman's Report - Verbal: Flooding issues and the A47 closures were covered under Item 3 The Chair has repaired a bolt on the pedestrian gate at the Millenium Field Cllrs Grange and Mole were thanked for their role in the Clerk appointment process.
6b	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: Cllr Lukasik and the Clerk visited the school and met with the Executive Headteacher to discuss the bat box project on Tuesday 13th January at 11am. We were warmly and enthusiastically welcomed, and the project will move forward as the better weather arrives. Cllr Lukasik has offered to provide seedlings for the pupils to plant out and grow on in their nature area.
6c	The CCTV upgrade and installation of SIM cards has been completed, the third camera cannot be fitted to the existing poles, so a quotation has been obtained to erect an additional pole in the sum of £1436.54. Approved by acclaim (Minute reference 26/011) The new picnic bench has arrived and is awaiting erection shortly.

	County Councillor Report. Cllr Kirk's written report was circulated; Cllr Kirk also mentioned: He encourages parishioners and Councillors in person to report Highways defects on-line as an item with multiple reports is likely to be taken more seriously than the Clerk's single report. Discussion continues at County Hall whether to seek deferral of the May elections. County Council budget meeting is next week, with the Borough meeting at the end of the month, both are likely to feature precept increases to the maximum allowed, along with increases to service charges to Parish Councils for items such as emptying of dog waste bins. The Guildhall project costed at £30m has received £800k in funding pledges so far. Improvements are planned to the Customs House
7.	Planning. 26/00218/LB – proposed window replacement at Old Hall – Councillors have NO OBJECTION to this application 26/00100/F – provision for wrap-round care at Tilney All Saints Primary School – Councillors welcome this proposal and have NO OBJECTION but asked the Clerk to seek clarity whether any car-park spaces will be lost through the proposal.
8.	Play Area and Goal Post Inspections: Cllr Barley handed the Clerk inspection reports for the past month. No issues except the broken spring on the playground gate. OnLine Playgrounds have quoted to repair that item and replace the swing chains in the sum of £410.10+VAT Approved by acclaim (Minute reference 26/012)
9.	Correspondence. Correspondence Lists had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. No questions were raised.
10.	Date of next meeting Thursday 12th March 2026 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.
11.	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. See separate confidential minute

Meeting closed at 8.00pm