



Minutes of the Tilney All Saints Annual Parish Meeting Held on Thursday 14th May 2026 at 6.30pm in the village hall.

Light refreshments had been available prior to the meeting from 6.15pm.

	Present: Cllr A. Laughton – Chair, Neil Watson Parish Clerk and nine residents. County Councillor Oliva Morris and immediate past County Councillor Julian Kirk joined the meeting
1.	Welcome and to Receive Apologies for Absence. Cllr Laughton welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Apologies had been received from Parish Councillor Giles.
2.	Introduction to Parish Councillors. The residents present who serve as Parish Councillors introduced themselves.
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2025. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record. Minutes signed by Cllr. Laughton.
4.	Report on the Work of the Parish Council Over the Past Year. Cllr Laughton started his report by welcoming Cllr Olivia Morris, who joined us as one of her first public engagements as our newly elected County Councillor. He then, as Chair of the Parish Council, gave his report on the work of the Parish Council over the past twelve months. (attached) Cllr. Laughton expressed his thanks to all Councillors, the Parish Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer for all their work for the parish during the year. Thanks were also given to Cllr Bearshaw and Cllr Kirk for acting as excellent representatives for the parish and for their continued help, support and guidance.
5	Presentation of the Tilney All Saints Community Awards for 2025. The recipient of the Tilney All Saints Community Award for 2025 had been agreed as being Cllr Julian Kirk for his support and advice over many years. The Tilney All Saints Junior Community Award was awarded to Zoe Barley for her commitment to community work. Zoe accompanies her father (our Vice

	Chairman) on his parish inspections and odd jobs and is an enthusiastic litter picker! Framed certificates were presented on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllr Laughton.
6	Report and Update from the Village Hall Committee. The Chair of the Village Hall Committee (VHC), Mr Robert Sloan, presented his report. (attached)
7	Report from the Village Speed Watch Team. This had been covered under item 4.
8	To Discuss Future Events and Projects for the Village. This had been covered under item 4.
9	To Discuss the Parish Council Biodiversity Plan & Projects. The Clerk gave a resume of the Parish Biodiversity Policy (available on request)
10	Presentations & Reports from Local Groups and Organisations A report (attached) From Tilney All Saints Memories Group was received.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Residents were invited to stay for the Parish Council meeting which was to follow.

Annual Public Parish Council Meeting - May 14th 6:30pm

Chairman's Report

Welcome

Introductions

2025.2026 has been the most difficult year in my tenure as Chair of the Parish Council, so I'm breaking precedent and am going to start by thanking a number of people for their considerable help and support, without whom things, - and my mental health would have almost definitely fallen apart, and I would be rocking backwards and forwards and snivelling into a damp handkerchief.

1st Stella Kaye who stepped in as Locum Clerk at very short notice in September.

2nd Cllr. Kirk who provided £2000 from his Councillor's budget to fund the Survey of the School Road drains to identify the very serious weaknesses arising and has provided consistent support for the Parish over the years.

3rd Cllr Bearshaw who has provided advice and support with our enduring complaint against the Planning Departments inability to enforce it's own planning conditions or provide a meaningful resolution to the ensuing problems, and has otherwise been a "good egg".

4th Robert Sloan similarly, especially in clerking the Drainage meetings, and WiFi.

5th Neil Watson, our new Parish Council Clerk.

6th Janet Fuller our RFO

7th The Vice Chair and other Parish Councillors and their families who have contributed time and patience for the community.

8th Speedwatch volunteers – especially Peter Lukasik.

Nonetheless the Parish Council has struggled on,

- We've installed a further surveillance camera on the Millennium Green car park,
- New street nameplates have been replaced the old beaten up and damaged ones.
- Weak and rotting fencing has been replaced in the Millennium Green car park.
- Made some limited progress in dealing with the Planning Authority and difficult drainage issues along School Road. Drainage level survey is in the process of completion by the WMLA.
- Removed Graffiti on the Eau Brink bus shelter.
- Maintained the Community Speedwatch group, although interest has dwindled.
- Replaced the Parish Council notice board outside the Village Hall.
- In the process of installing a picnic table with wheel chair access on the Millennium Green.
- Our new clerk managed to get Highways England to put "unsuitable for diverted traffic" signs up on the A17 exit and at the entrance to Church Lane.

Issues that still need addressing

- Phone box renovation
 - Community Speedwatch volunteers.
 - A new Parish Councillor
- Andy Laughton

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Thank you

- Yourselfs - continuing support
- Users – regular and ad hoc
 - without whom there would be no point or need for a Village Hall!!!!
 - NB - Neighbourhood Plan states that the Village hall one of only two Community Assets in TAS.....School
- Last but not least – Trustees / Volunteers
 - Keep me “Legal, Decent, Honest & Truthful”
 - Welcome Anne Savage to the team

Ongoing Goals

- Combat Hall's Modernisation – creating damp
 - Air Source heating; doubles glazing; cavity wall installation; drop ceiling; metal doors, etc.
 - Possibly install Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery system (MVHR) – not necessary!!
- Recruit more Trustees and Volunteers
 - Anybody interested talk to me afterwards
- Increase Community Involvement
 - Wrong people v Right people

What's On in 2026

- Warm Hub => Coffee Mornings
 - weekly on Wednesday 10:30 'til 12:30
- Easter Fayre ✓?X
- Xmas Fayre
- Possible Tea Party July
- Possible Quiz night late autumn

Warm Hub

- Proud – 4 years....since inception
- Highlights:
 - bacon & sausage butties
 - plus: cakes, snacks, crisps, teas, coffees, etc.
- Many thanks to:
 - NCF crowdfunding (i.e. Joe Public), Home Instead Charity, Cllrs Bearshaw and Kirk for the funding
 - the committee members and volunteers who manned the Hub

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Future Projects

- Computer Equipment – inc Wi-Fi
- Upgrading Toilets
- Mirrored Windows – combat damp!!
- Outside Notice Board – Village Hall only
- Fridge / Freezer
- Kitchen heater and extractor fan
- Kitchen stools / ~~chairs~~ ✓✓
- Small Tables

£10,000

- Unknown Donation – November 2025
- An unrestricted contribution towards our charitable work
 - Car Park
 - Extension – meeting room
 - Fund our Future Projects

Support us

- West Norfolk Wins – BCKLWN lottery
- Easyfundraising - shopping
- Clothes & Shoes Bank – corner car park

Report from Tilney All Saints Memories Group

The Memories Group meet monthly, usually the first Thursday of the month but this is subject to change with notice.

There are usually around 12 members with all meetings lasting two hours with refreshments served. The group is open to any interested party and need not be a resident of the village.

The group concentrate on 'Living Memories' meaning that the recordings of the group are those of the memories of the villagers who have lived here for most of their lives, that are prompted by questions, photographs, documents and current events. This informs newer residents of the geography and purpose of the village in the recent past and broadens their knowledge of the place they call home.

The group compares life in the last 70+ years to current times, records village characteristics and characters and the small details that make history fascinating.

In the last year the group took part in Tilney All Saints School 180th Anniversary. We compiled a Memory Book with memories and photographs of National and Local events for the current cohort of children.

The group is currently working on documents purchased from Kew Record Office, with the funding kindly donated from Tilney All Saints Village Charity, of the farms and owners that contributed to the feeding of the population during World War II.

The group greatly appreciate the warm surroundings of The Village Hall and look forward to another productive and enjoyable year.