



Tilney All Saints Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 9th July 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	Present
Peter Hodgson	Parish Councillor	Present
Peter Lukasik	Parish Councillor	Present
Neil Watson	Parish Clerk	Present
Janet Fuller	Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)	Absent - Apology

County Councillor Olivia Morris and District Councillor Steve Bearshaw were present.

Three members of the public were present.

1.	Apologies for Absence <i>To receive and consider Councillor's apologies for absence.</i> None
2.	Consider an application for co-option to the Council Item deferred as applicant not present.
3.	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations (Minute reference 26/044)
3a	<i>To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda</i> None
3b	<i>To Receive written Declarations of Interest from Councillors in Items on the Agenda:</i> Cllrs Giles, Laughton, and Lukasik declared an interest in writing in Item 3.
3c	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.

4.	Public Participation Session. Three members of the public were present. a. Trimming of trees along Church Road to permit passage by school buses. Cllr Morris confirmed that Highways Department are investigating the matter further following her intervention. b. Drainage Issues in School Road A member of the public is experiencing issues with sewerage in their dyke. The authorities have completed their investigations without a solution being identified. The level survey has identified a dip in the pipe. It is the individual owners' responsibility to resolve problems with their length of pipe. It was noted that should the dyke be opened and re-piped it will not be permitted to backfill it again. As an alternative a common fund could be established to permit an annual clean to pre-empt blockages. The IDB have confirmed that they will keep the culvert under Lynn Road clear. Piping all water into the Highways drain under School Road is an absolute last resort. With reference to Oak Gardens, the 1925 Property Development Act should be observed by the occupiers. A 'Dye Test' can be initiated during the next 'rain event' to see if any issues are revealed. Cllr Morris will arrange a meeting with herself, Cllr Bearshaw, the Chair, Cllr Lukasik, Phillippa Noon and the resident mentioned above to try and forge a common path forward.
5.	Minutes (Minute reference 26/045) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2026. Councillors unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th June 2026 as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Laughton, seconded Cllr Mole The approved minutes were signed by Cllr Laughton.
6.	Finances 6a To approve payments to be made. (Minute reference 26/046) Payments List for June 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 Hodgson. Payments List signed by Cllr Laughton. 6b 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 Mole, all in favour 6c To agree bank reconciliation for June 2026. Bank reconciliation for June 2026 had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting and checked by Cllr. Giles. No issues were raised. Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Grange, all in favour 6d Resolve that 'account administrators' be appointed to Unity Trust Bank Proposed Cllr Laughton, seconded Cllr Barley, that both the RFO and the Clerk be appointed as administrators. Accepted by acclaim (Minute reference 26/047)

7.	Reports
7a.	Chairman's Report – Verbal: 875 vehicles have been reported in total from Speedwatch sessions over 28 months. The Chair continues to devote much time to the drainage issues on School Road – a further letter has been sent to Phillipa Noon. Other items are noted herewith as separate agenda items.
7b	Clerk's Report: Clerk's Report had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. No questions were raised.
7c	Borough Councillor Report Bins should be presented by 6.30am in the current hot weather. No lithium batteries are permitted in waste. 75 tonnes of waste was removed from Clenchwarton, tipping recommenced the next day. Residents are encouraged not to light fires or barbeques during the tinder-dry conditions. A dentistry course has been added to the curriculum of the College of West Anglia The Hanse festival is in full swing. Festival 2 will feature live music on the quay. The mayor deferred a council meeting due to the extreme heat and gained national press coverage. Car park gates should be kept locked to avoid access by unwanted vehicles. The new Community Hub is now open. The Purfleet Trust is providing three homes in Clenchwarton for therapeutic care. Councillor call-in for planning applications will cease from September 2026 with the vast majority of planning decisions being taken by officers. County Councillor Report. Cllr Morris advised that as part of her role as Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Families and SEND she will be taking a special interest in home to school transport. Safety equipment will be installed at locations that pose significant danger around open water. Cllr Morris has met with Phillipa Noon regarding the drainage issue.
8.	Planning. 26/00957/F – Carrstone Lodge– Councillors have no objection or comment
9.	Play Area and Goal Post Inspections:
9a	Discuss any issues arising from the regular inspections. Cllr Barley has completed inspection reports for the past month. No concerns. All fasteners have been checked and tightened as necessary

10.	Correspondence. Correspondence Lists had been issued to all councillors prior to the meeting. No questions were raised.
10a	The Phone Box An expression of interest has been received should the phone box be surplus to requirements. Councillors are unanimous that the box be retained and work will be started as soon as possible to renovate the box and put it into use, possibly as a book library. Cllr Bearshaw generously offered modest financial support for the project if needed.
10b	Water Pressure in the Parish It was noted that water pressure is generally poor across the Parish, the correspondent is taking the correct steps to seek improvements.
10c	School Community Council – Councillor representative After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Laughton would assume the role.
11.	Review and adopt the following Parish Council policies: a. IT & Email b. Expenses (Councillors) c. Expenses (Employees) d. Equality & Diversity The IT Policy will be amended at point * to include reference to mandatory anti-virus software being installed. The four policies were adopted en-bloc – proposed Cllr Barley, seconded Cllr Mole all in favour. (Minute reference 26/048)
12.	Date of next meeting Thursday 10th September 2026 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 8.15pm