The Tivetshalls Grapevine

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YOUR GRAPEVINE

Your cover photo this month is a little different. Paul Playford sent us a superb picture of the Sea Scouts enjoying their summer camp at Langley, and I'm only sorry that I had to crop it quite severely to fit it on the page. The Sea Scouts are based in Dickleburgh but the troop attracts youngsters from The Tivetshalls, and elsewhere.

This month contains the last set of reports to the Annual Parish Meeting. It feels like, indeed it has been, a long time since May but there are too many reports from organisations that serve the village to fit into a single issue of *The Grapevine*, so I spread them over three issues. One or two of them are quite long so I do edit them for space, but the full reports are on the web site. If you don't have access to the web, please feel free to ask for full copies of any of the reports.

As your councillors we try to look after the parish on your behalf. We can't, however, do everything: many things are either too difficult for us, or too expensive, and less and less seems to get done by Norfolk County Council. We are, then, very grateful when you do things yourselves, and this issue begins with some heartfelt thanks from the parish council, on behalf of all parishioners.

THANK YOU

Church Lane, the path from the corner of Mill Road and Stony Road over to St.Mary's church is not, according to the powers that be, a registered footpath. It is not, therefore, maintained by anyone and has, this year, become overgrown to the extent that it has been impassable for much of the summer. Steve West, a resident of Mill Road, who also helps with keeping St Mary's Churchyard clear, has cleared this himself, a not insignificant amount of work. Thank you, Steve.

Footpaths are always going to be an issue in an area like this, some more than others. The one from Green Lane to St. Margaret's church starts with a bridge over the drainage channel beside Green Lane. The bridge, itself, is disintegrating, but Maggie Rowan has cleared the verge and the ditch around it. Thank you Maggie.

Hoping to resolve some of the problems caused by dog mess, the council had extra dog bins installed on Hall Road and on the junction of Ram Lane and Tinkers Lane. This last one raised a strong objection from a parishioner because it could be seen from her gate, and it has been moved into Tinkers Lane. We are very grateful to Linda Long who agreed to have the bin on the grass that she maintains outside her property, where it should always be safely accessible. Amongst others, the SNC workman who installed the bin said that Linda had been more than helpful. Thank you, Linda.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Tivetshall St Margaret Allotment Fund is a small charity that can provide help to residents of Tivetshall St. Margaret (see its report on page 7). Becky, who has been its treasurer for several years is retiring from the rôle and the charity is looking for a replacement.

It isn't a particularly onerous task, and they only have one meeting a year, other decisions throughout the year being made by phone or e-mail. You must be a resident of Tivetshall St Margaret to be a trustee, and you would need to be able to submit annual returns to the charity commission online, manage the accounts (they currently use telephone banking), keep information on applications confidential, provide information to the annual Parish meeting and be the main point of contact for applications.

Anybody interested, who can spare a few hours a year, is asked to contact Suzanne Clarke on (01379) 677757.

FROM YOUR CHAIR

With a good summer now behind us, with Autumn showing its hand I say hello once again to you all. The months seem to have whizzed by this year, although it's been a good year for most of us I hope.

With the schools back for another year, I'm pleased to say that NCC finally sorted out the bus routes with a lot of effort from anxious parents, and a little push from other avenues. We now rest in the thought that the older children of the village who have to travel out of The Tivetshalls are not having to cross the main A140 and are being picked up and delivered back safely to our village as they were previously.

There is a Macmillan coffee morning being planned by Tivetshall Family and Friends Group in our village for Sunday 2nd October starting at 11am - 1pm at the village hall, which needs supporting by us all. Such a worthwhile few hours and I understand that cakes have been mentioned too. Yummmm.

Although the clocks change towards the end of October there is still Halloween 'trick and treating' for the children.....and dare I say that Christmas will then be on the horizon. We can then look forward to the village Christmas tree and lights.

We as councillors are continuing to try and make The Tivetshalls a welcoming neighbourhood. Please feel free to contact any of us if you feel that we can help in any way. That's what we are here for.

Regards

Rita

CONFUSION

Although advice from NALC (the Norfolk Association of Local Councils) was that it was not a problem, Council felt that there was a perceived issue with Clerk and Chair being married, and I resigned so that we could try a system of a rotating chairmanship as practised by the European Union. Several people who have contacted me have been confused, asking whether I was still the right person to contact. We try not to confuse, and the answer is an unequivocal "yes", you can always contact me, as you can any parish councillor: we will do all we can to help.

All your councillors are equal. Somebody must chair the meetings but, other than having to sign a few documents on behalf of Council, the Chair is not really any different from any other councillor. Having called an extraordinary meeting last month, our current Chair has exercised almost her only discretionary power.

CHRISTMAS

Yes, it's that time of year again, or soon will be. Last year's tree on the Green was well received and our intention is for the same this year. Planning is only just beginning so I can't give you many details but the proposed date for switching on the lights is Sunday 27 November. The new Tivetshall Families and Friends Group is proposing to have a Christmas Fair on the same day, so put the date in your diary and come out and support your village!

FROM THE SURGERY

Musculoskeletal conditions account for a large proportion of GP appointments. It has been estimated that 20% of us will consult our GP with a musculoskeletal problem each year, and that we have an 80% chance of suffering from lower back pain at some point in our lives. Many of these conditions are simple and self-limiting however they can be a significant cause of pain, disability and time off work. GPs can advise on lifestyle changes, pain relief medications and refer on for further investigations or specialist opinions where appropriate.

In some instances we will recommend a referral to physiotherapy. Over recent years we have been frustrated at the waiting times our patients have had to access this service. We are pleased to announce a new physiotherapy service starting in October this year. The Integrated Therapy Partnership is the new triage and assessment service for Norwich and South Norfolk. We hope this new service will greatly improve access to physiotherapy for those who need it. Patients will be encouraged to self-manage their condition and all those referred will receive tailored management and exercise plans. We hope this will have a positive impact on our patients.

Two important reminders for October:

Flu Vaccinations - If you are eligible, please phone our Reception and book yourself into one of our flu clinics at Swan Lane Surgery: Saturday 8th or 15th October (a.m.) or Wednesday 19th October (3.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.)

Dementia Information Evening arranged by our Patient Group. 6 guest speakers will explain what help and support is available in our region. You do not have to be a patient of the practice to attend this event – everyone is welcome: Wednesday 26th October 2016 – 7pm for 7.30 p.m. start at Long Stratton Village Hall, Ipswich Road.

Dr Lara Douglass

DOGS

Dogs, not dog bins this time. The council has put up extra small notices reminding people that dogs are not allowed on the Playing Field, but some people, it seems, are still ignoring them. Many of you are responsible dog owners but the few who are not make village life difficult and unpleasant for everybody. Tempting as that big open space might seem, dogs are not allowed there for good reasons. We are actively looking into what options we have for enforcing this but it would be better for everybody if we didn't have to. Please respect your village.

LONG STRATTON MEDICAL PRACTICE REPORT FOR THE PARISH MEETING

We are very lucky to be supported by Long Stratton & Newton Flotman Patient Participation Group (LSNFPPG) made up of volunteer patients. They meet with our Practice Manager, a doctor and staff on a bi-monthly basis at Swan Lane Surgery. They discuss issues and suggest improvements that can benefit both the patients and the practice. The group has an important role in helping to give patients and staff a say in the way that services are delivered to meet their needs, and the needs of the wider community, bringing the patients and practice closer together.

The group organises information evenings on important health topics throughout the year, open for anyone to attend. The following is from the Chairperson:

We are an active, friendly group, formed in April 2015, of patients from the practice. Our aim is to improve communication and understanding between patients and staff. Our joint aim is the provision of a high quality, equal access, patient-centred, local healthcare service. We, as patients, also acknowledge that we must take responsibility for our own health where we can.

We are still looking for more members, with a bit of spare time, who are willing to do something very worthwhile for the local community. We are particularly interested in anyone aged 17-50 to make the group more representative of the patient population and ensure younger patients have a voice. If you feel that you could be a critical friend, and actively work to improve and support your local services then please call a member of the group:

You can either contact your local PPG member: Mrs Kay Arthur 01379 677779, or the Chairperson: Mrs Sue Gifford on 01508 532400. Alternatively visit www.longstrattonsurgery.nhs.uk for further details.

This is an edited version. For the full report, please see http://bit.ly/LSMP2016

VILLAGE HISTORY

A lady, researching her family tree, has been in touch, asking for any information on the Woodrow family. Mathias and Susanna Woodrow appear on the census in 1871, living in Tivetshall St Margaret, apparently at a number 50, and the only further information known is that Mathias was an agricultural labourer who may have worked at Hall Farm.

Sharon Churchill realises it is a long shot but if anybody does have any information, please get in touch with her direct at cubbysmaid1@hotmail.co.uk

TIVETSHALL ST MARGARET ALLOTMENT CHARITY PARISH MEETING REPORT

We continue to be able to offer help in a wide range of circumstances to the residents of Tivetshall St Margaret. All applications are treated in the strictest of confidence and can be made by phone or in writing to the treasurer or trustees. The following things may be applied for:

Contribution towards travel expenses to hospital (as patient or visitor)

Fares, fees, books or equipment for college courses

Tools and equipment for people starting work

Clothing grants for school or work, uniform, sports equipment, footwear

Furniture or essential household equipment in the home

Contribution to school trips for individual children

Aids and adaptations in the home for the elderly or disabled e.g. mobility aids, lever taps, bath seats etc.

Help with household bills and contributions towards optician's/dentist's costs Help towards services such as decorating, insulation, homecare

Home security measures: locks, spy holes, smoke alarms, door chains etc. Interest free loans

Funeral grants

The charity is not permitted to provide assistance in circumstances where government funding is available.

We now have limited funds available to provide grants to groups or organisations used by people living within Tivetshall St Margaret. Please contact us to discuss this further if you would like to apply.

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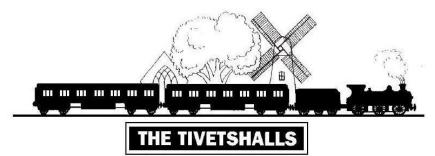
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TIVETSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 July 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Tivetshall Village Hall

Present:	Cllr. Tony Jollans	Cllr. Rita Land
	Cllr. Christopher Miller (part)	Cllr. Christopher Sadler
	Martin Wilby (District Cllr.)	Lynn Jollans (Clerk)
	4 members of the public	
Apologies:	Cllr. Jo Cocks	Cllr. Christopher Miller (late)
	PCSO James Stables	

1. Chair's Statement.

Tony Jollans said that it had been decided that it would be beneficial to the Council if all Councillors had experience of holding the position of Chair. He therefore resigned as Chair and nominated Rita Land to take his place. This was seconded by Chris Sadler and agreed by all. (Please see also item 17, Appointment of Vice-Chair)

- 2. Applicants for Co-option. None.
- 3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations. None.
- 4. Minutes.
 - 4.1. The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and approved.
 - 4.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Public Participation.

5.1. A parishioner raised the subject of the fingerpost at the end of Bonds Road with Council and Martin Wilby. Martin said that some villages had taken over the maintenance of these and that would not be a problem for Highways, whilst expecting Highways to fulfil their maintenance obligations would be. Various options were discussed and Martin suggested that the Pulham Market clerk be contacted. Martin said that the cutting of the verges would commence on Monday 18 July. There was a new system in place for the repair of potholes that was much cheaper to run. Potholes can be reported via Norfolk County Council's web site. He said that this year's Pub of the Year competition would be launched at South Norfolk on Show, the family entertainment day hosted by SNDC on 17 July. Martin talked about the devolution deal currently on the table. There would be a public consultation shortly but in his opinion it was a good offer.

- 5.2. There were complaints about the state of many footpaths in the parish which are overgrown and impassable. The clerk to action.
- 5.3. A parishioner asked that the Council consider installing flashing speed signs in the village to slow drivers down. This could be eligible for Parish Partnership funding. Tony Jollans to forward the last Parish Partnership application to Councillors so they could see what would be involved.

6. Reports from Clerk and Councillors.

- 6.1. The clerk had met with the playground inspector and reported her concerns to Council. A planning training session had been attended hosted by Dickleburgh Parish Council. The clerk said that this was a well presented and interesting presentation.
- 6.2. Tony Jollans reported on the excellent Devolution Briefing he had attended at County Hall.

(Cllr. Christopher Miller joined the meeting)

7. Planning Applications.

- 7.1. 2016/1375 Land South of Paigles Barn, Bonds Road Erection of 4 bay cart lodge. Council agreed that this application should be approved.
- 7.2. 2016/1474 Telephone Exchange, Ipswich Road. Variation of conditions. Council agreed that this application should be approved.

8. To Discuss Playground Field Matters.

8.1. There was some discussion on the scope of the playground and Green maintenance tasks and the clerk reported on a conversation she had

had with Nick Stephenson. The clerk would be meeting with Nick at the playground in the coming weeks. It was much preferred for a local person to do the work but two further quotes will have to be obtained due to the amount of money involved.

- 8.2. The Clerk reported that she had asked Nick Thrower to put post savers on the new fence posts and he had said that would add about two hundred pounds to the job. Council to investigate further.
- 8.3. Progress was being made towards obtaining new swings and tyres for the playground and addressing the other minor issues highlighted by the inspector. Council to set a date for fitting. Tony Jollans asked if the football nets could be looked at with a view to removing them to avoid damage and allow mowing of the goal mouths.
- 8.4. The playground inspector had recommended the fitting of 'pigeon spikes' above the swing to keep the birds off. The clerk to measure up and order these for above swings and tyres.

9. To Discuss Support to The Tivetshall Facebook Group.

It was agreed that Council would have an amount not exceeding £250 to cover expenses incurred by this group.

10. To Discuss The Transparency Funding.

It was not felt that any further claim was warranted.

11. To Discuss The Parish Partnership Funding.

This item had been covered during Public Participation.

12. To Decide on Norfolk Association of Playing Fields Membership.

It was decided not to renew this membership since the football team no longer used the field.

13. To Discuss Scanner / Printer Purchase

It had been decided in the past to purchase a Brother scanner / printer but recently both Rita Land and Tony Jollans have been having problems with this brand. The clerk will investigate other makes and report to the next meeting.

14. Correspondence Received.

14.1. A parishioner copied Council on an e-mail sent to Bev Spratt complaining about various Highways issues.

- 14.2. The Local Government Boundary Commission and SNDC have sent out information of the electoral review of SNDC. Information is available at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk. Find out more about the review at http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/norfolk/south-norfolk and e-mail your views to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk.
- 14.3. Anglian Water has asked for support in identifying private pumping stations, which they will be taking over responsibility for in October. To help customers identify and report the pumping stations easily, they have launched a specialist website: www.spotapumpingstation.co.uk. If you have any questions about this campaign, please reply to privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk. For any other queries, please contact their Public Affairs Team on public.affairs@anglianwater.co.uk.
- 14.4. SNDC has sent a notice of the Greater Norwich Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. A copy of the scoping report can be found at www.greaternorwichlocalplan.org.uk and further information obtained from info@gnlp.org.uk.
- 14.5. The Pensions Regulator has asked for information on any Council employees, which the clerk has forwarded.
- 14.6. Community Action Norfolk sent an invitation to their AGM on 20 July.

15. Finance.

- 15.1. The balance of accounts was presented and the bank statement signed off.
- 15.2. The following payments were authorised:

15.2.1. Dickleburgh Parish Council Training	£25.00
15.2.2. L and T Jollans Expenses	£60.69
15.2.3. L. Jollans Salary	£173.33
15.2.4. Community Car Scheme	£47.80

16. Appointment of Vice-Chair.

Chris Miller was nominated, seconded and appointed as Vice-Chair of Council.

17. Date of next meeting.

Confirmed as 7:30 pm on Wednesday 14 September 2016.

Meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.



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ARCHBISHOP SANCROFT HIGH SCHOOL REPORT FOR THE PARISH MEETING

Changes affecting education have continued at a pace into this academic year. In addition to ensuring that the changes made last year are imbedded into the culture of the school, we are, like all modern businesses, managing a list of priorities to ensure that the school continues to offer the best provision for young people.

In partnership with our professional colleagues, we have reviewed our long term plans, and I am pleased to say that the new Vision is being implemented. It sets out a clear plan for the development of the school. Our Vision states that "Students leave the school equipped with the skills, belief and confidence they need to succeed in their chosen path". If we are successful, all students leaving Archbishop Sancroft High School (ASHS) can go from "ASHS to Anywhere".

With the recent high profile announcements by the Chancellor and Education Secretary, Academisation is now an urgent priority for schools. Most Secondary Schools in Norfolk have converted, and the primary phase is fast catching up. Schools will be part of Multi Academy Trusts by the end of this Parliament, and we are in discussion with our local Cluster Primary Schools to determine the best way forward for the young people in the Harleston area. The Governing Body's policy is to ensure that when we do convert, it will be at a time that is right for our school, and will benefit all of our students. You may infer by reading this, that the Governing Body is somewhat perplexed by the whole business of replacing the single Local Authority by a plethora of Multi Academy Trusts, fragmenting the education landscape. We can actually see little that will benefit students.

On more local matters the introduction of the new uniform and Vertical Tutoring has been managed well. We are now bringing the management structure of the school in line with modern thinking, and our aim is to create three faculties which will improve the effectiveness of middle management, and reduce costs.

Being a small High School we offer many advantages to our students, and we see great value in defending our "small is beautiful" approach. However we have to accept that sharing facilities and staff with other schools does reduce costs. The four schools in our Cluster purchase a vast amount of goods and services to obtain the best value, and together we are working to improve our effectiveness.

Alan Thorp, Chair of Governors, May 2016

This is an edited version. For the full report, please see http://bit.ly/ASHS2016

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME REPORT

Thanks to the support of South Norfolk Council, the Parish Council, and our few faithful drivers we are able to keep the community car scheme running.

The scheme is for people in the village who have no transport, or because of age or illness, are unable to drive or use public transport to get to medical appointments.

We are always interested in acquiring new drivers, and, if you need our help, please call Pam on 677396.

Pam West, May 2016

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH REPORT FOR THE PARISH MEETING

This Grade 2* listed Church continues to attract many visitors – artists and photographers stopping to enjoy the quiet tranquillity and ambience of St Mary's Church ruin and Churchyard. There is abundant wildlife, barn owls, bats, woodpeckers and house martins along with many wild flowers.

Cyclamens and spring bulbs have been planted around the War Memorial.

Steven West kindly cleared the churchyard prior to the Armistice Day service which was well attended by parishioners, school children, the British Legion and officiated by Reverend David Mills.

During April's high winds, an ash tree fell flattening a couple of headstones. Enquiries are being made to reinstate them.

Horse riders continue to cut through the churchyard to reach Church Lane. Please can we ask you to remember it is a churchyard not a bridleway.

Our funds remain scant at £106.39.

Claire Kirby, May 2016

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH REPORT FOR THE PARISH MEETING

St Margaret's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev. David F. Mills in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has insurance responsibility and oversight of the ruined church of St Mary within the parish.

Review of the Year

There were 5 PCC meetings held during the year (January, April, July, September and November) at the homes of Sue and Bryan Fletcher or Peter and Maggie Rowan. We thank them for their hospitality.

We have paid £4000 towards the Benefice this year, slightly more than asked. We continued to join with the Gissing congregation and have been pleased to welcome them to our services on occasions during the year.

A Flower Festival with a 'Nursery Rhymes' theme was well attended in June raising £600 for church funds. Our thanks go to those who donated their flowers, time and skills so effectively. The church was beautifully decorated again for our Harvest Festival in September.

As well as the Remembrance Sunday service at St Margaret's, the Rector conducted an Act of Remembrance at St Mary's attended by children from the school. Kevin Hegarty played the Last Post and Reveille at both services.

Children from the school attended their Christingle Service at the church and a Carol Service by candlelight was well attended in December.

The 'Memory Christmas Tree' was kindly provided and decorated by members of the PCC and a pleasing number of 'memory stars' were attached.

A weekday Morning Prayer is read in church and a Prayer Request Box placed in the church is used occasionally.

Church Fabric and Ornaments

The Parish Council grant for churchyard maintenance was very gratefully received. Maurice Websdell has continued to maintain the churchyard to a high standard. He has decided to hand over this role at the end of the year and we are extremely grateful for his devoted work over many years.

We would like to put on record our thanks to Julie Savory for her continued regular commitment in playing the organ at our Sunday services. Her excellent playing adds much to our worship.

Our thanks go to Mr David Baker for his continued help when electricity is needed in the church. Thanks also to all those who help with cleaning the church and providing and arranging flowers, contributions which help to make the church welcoming for our visitors.

Overseas and Charity links

We are in Partnership with Tear Fund for their work with children. We continued to support the Leprosy Mission by collecting stamps, and the Lent Giving jar. The proceeds of the Carols by Candlelight service were given to St Martin's Trust. The collection from one Sunday service was sent to support victims of the Nepal earthquake.

Thanks

Finally we wish to thank our reader, Bryan Fletcher, visiting clergy and all members of the congregation who have led and participated in services during the year; our organist Julie Savory; Maurice Websdell, our organ blower; sidesman George Otty; those who bring coffee and biscuits for the services. Without dedicated support from all these people the weekly round of worship could not be maintained. Their work glorifies God, who has continued to bless us during this past year.

Maggie Rowan, May 2016.

This is an edited version. For the full report, please see http://bit.ly/Church2016

TIVETSHALL ST MARY CHARITIES REPORTS

Trustees: Reverend David F Mills; Paul Playford; Claire Kirby (Treasurer/Secretary).

Saints Yard/Town Lands:

The Constitution states funds can be used for the general benefit of inhabitants of Tivetshall St Mary – donation to Parish events, benches.

Fuel Allotment:

The Constitution states that beneficiaries have to reside in Tivetshall St Mary and prove signs of hardship. Donations are made to give financial relief of a personal nature, i.e., Lifeline/donation towards funeral expenses, educational books/school uniforms etc.

Bank Details and Expenditure June 2015 to May 2016

Saint's Yard: Barclays Account No: 10675490 - total Funds: £1192.77

Fuel Allotment: Lloyds Bank Account No: 00695388 – Total Funds £10,023.04. (Await up-to-date bank statement but interest should be around £3.30pa)

Lloyds Bank Account No: 00695272 – Total Funds: £302.31

Claire Kirby, May 2016

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 2 October	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Village Hall 11:00 a.m - 1 p.m			
Wednesday 12 Oct	Parish Council Meeting: Village Hall 7:30 p.m.			
November 2016				
Wednesday 9 Nov	Provisional: Parish Council Meeting: Village Hall 7:30 p.m.			
Sunday 27 Nov	Provisional: Tree Lighting & TFAF Christmas Fayre.			

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