

The Tivetshalls' Grapevine

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Monday Club news . . .

We had a lovely afternoon on 5th December. Being our last meeting before Christmas we all brought some goodies and tucked into a feast fit for a queen. Cheese and pineapple, sausage rolls, butternut quash pizza etc etc rounded off with a fabulous white chocolate gateau. Liquid refreshments were in the shape of a very nice sherry and for those driving, grape juice. We then had our secret santa presents, wished everyone a Happy Christmas and made our way home.

December 12th saw us at Dunston Hall for our Christmas Dinner. The food was excellent but there was not any Christmas atmosphere. we nevertheless enjoyed ourselves . We had coffee with our meal so, splitting into two groups,we simply went to either Notcutts or Cherry lane, to finish off a very nice afternoon.

Christmas will be over by the time you read this, so may I say on behalf of The Monday Club, a very happy new year to you all. and please remember that all are welcome to join us, and transport can be arranged if you need it.

Do come we would love to see you Val 01379 608133

Keep the date in your diary!
Quiz and Chips Evening to be held on
Saturday 9th June 2012 at Tivetshall Village Hall
In aid of the ancient Church of St Margaret's, Tivetshall



More details to follow in next edition of Grapevine.



Tivetshall School News . . .

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

2012 already! Doesn't time fly! Here we are all back after Christmas ready to start a new term, the children have had lots to tell us about what they did on their Christmas holiday, it seems that they have had a very enjoyable time.

On the 11th November 2011 the staff and children went to the Remembrance Service in Tivetshall, the children made some poppies which they took with them to the church. It was a lovely service and was such a wonderful opportunity for the generations to come together.

We are very proud to announce that Tivetshall have reached the finals for Tag Rugby. We are going to be playing at the UEA in Norwich, so well done to our team.

Getting ready for Christmas was great fun, we enjoyed preparing our Christingle Oranges for our Christingle Service which went really well.

On the 8th December we all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Lunch together, it was busy but really lovely to have everyone together at Christmas time, children, parents, staff and governors.

We are really pleased to announce that Tivetshall Primary School's Christmas tree that we put in Dickleburgh Church in December came 4th, so a very big thank you to everyone that voted for our tree.

On the 8th December the children had a lovely surprise. They spoke to Father Christmas through a video-conference and asked him lots of questions. He told them that nearly everything was magic and that's how he gets around to all the children in one night.

On the 12th December all of the children had a wonderful evening although a chilly one, carol singing around Tivetshall village. They really enjoyed themselves and if you were fortunate to have heard their singing then we hope that you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. Thank you to all who contributed as we raised £95.08 for the school.



THE TIVESHALLS

St. Mary & St. Margaret

TIVESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Tivetshall Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 10th January, 2012

Present:

Doreen Gray, Claire Kirby (Chair), Adella Lithman (Vice Chair), Steve Minns, Paul Vincent, Martin Wilby (District Councillor), Vivienne G. Dennis (taking minutes), 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**
Apologies were received from Claire Hewett, clerk.
2. **Declaration of interest for items on the Agenda.**
Claire Kirby declared an interest in item 7: planning.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2011.**
The minutes were confirmed & signed.
4. **Public Participation.**
(As per recent councillor training,) there is a change to public participation; 15 minutes should be given over to this, to allow any members of public to speak, but no decisions can be made, following discussions, if not an agenda item. Public therefore duly invited to speak, but declined.
 - a **Report from PC Cooper.**
PC Cooper unable to attend, but will be present at March meeting.
 - b **Report from County Councillor.**
County Councillor did not attend.
 - c **County Councillor did not attend.**
 - d **Report from District Councillor.**
District Councillor spoke briefly about trees & hedging; minor concerns re. boundary planting at bungalow on Rectory Road/Gissing Road junction; Highways, parking on the Village Green, Neighbourhood Boards (subsequent meeting 27th March,) & South Norfolk Film Festival.
5. **Matters Arising From Minutes:**
 - a **Jubilee Celebrations:**
VHMC: No response from VHMC.
Plinth costs: 3 quotes received in respect of plinth costs. Lengthy debate ensued; vote resulted

in 2 for & 3 against plinth being built. Further discussion of fresh ideas; CK will make enquiries re: costings for a large specimen tree with brass plaque, as a village jubilee memorial. Keepsake for Children of Parish: agreed that this should cover all children at Tivetshall school (whether living in village or not) – there are approximately 26 on roll. Notice in Grapevine to this effect.

Agreed that PC & VHMC should meet within the next fortnight; invite school to attend; make arrangements for a potential Jubilee tea for the children of the village; PC to apply for information package from SNDC.

Drawing/Painting Competition : open to Tivetshall children 16 & under, on the theme of Jubilee celebration within Tivetshall/s; allow six weeks for entries, AL source trophy to be presented at the jubilee tea. Further Notice in Grapevine to this effect. If tree purchased school to prepare time capsule for burial under the tree.

Update on Parish Council Website.

Up & running; Clerk to give a full report at February meeting.

Update on Affordable Housing & Allotment land request.

Still awaiting response from Saffron regarding Parish Council letter raising concerns. Next Agenda.

Storage of Parish Records.

Disappointed with VHMC response and to be acknowledged. Request they ask their Insurance Company if storage of documents in a fireproof cabinet would be acceptable, in terms of insurance/fire regulations. In the interim, investigate alternative storage costings and arrangements.

Update on Highways request to reduce/relocate speed limits.

Specific criteria not met for this to be a possibility. Agreed to raise speeding issue in Green Lane with PC Cooper at March meeting.
(As an aside, Rectory Road to be closed for repairs on Monday 13th February.)

Update on Footpaths.

Ongoing; February Agenda.

Christmas tree on Village Green – Vote of Thanks.

A vote of thanks given to Paul Playford, Bruce Mead & Joe Hewitt, for erecting the Christmas Tree on a freezing cold Saturday morning.

Councillor training – 10th November 2011.

All who attended agreed that this was most informative.

Reconsider Instigating a Parish Plan.

Much debate; agreed that CK would approach SNDC for more information & advice; whether there was a framework/template and if there could be attendance at a future PC meeting to discuss further.

6. **Council Matters:**

6a Parking on the Village Green.

Advised that tenants moved so immediate problem may be solved. However lengthy debate ensued with regard to insufficient parking, & the possibility of additional parking. CK make enquiries re. Section 106. February agenda.

6b Section 106 Agreement regarding Village Green.

It has come to light that Village Green not registered. Tivetshall Parish Council cannot be party to the Agreement as an entity; two Trustees would be required (Chair and Vice-Chair) Chair to check implications of this.

6c Saffron Housing Register – 3 Thwaites Close.

Councillors are concerned that although there are those living in Tivetshall or with a Tivetshall connection on the housing register, this property has been let to someone outside of the village. Chair to follow up.

6d Community Car Scheme.

SNDC changes to way funding paid; however currently no co-ordinator for Tivetshall scheme. Agreed to claim sum allocated to Tivetshall; also make enquiries whether possible to amalgamate with Pulham/s.

7. **Planning:**

Dates for Public Inquiry regarding Upper Vaunces Farm to be reconvened have been cancelled. Chair confirmed that the three years for the Meteorological Mast at Tivetshall expires on 12th January 2012.

Planning Committee suggested. Members to be decided at February's meeting.

8. **Correspondence Received:**

a Invitation to open meeting to discuss Police budget 2012/2013.

b Invitation to Cafe Event by Norfolk Association of Local Councils.

c Security of electoral data in transit.

d Gritting routes. – Round Robin

e National grid.

f Parish crime statistics.

g Norfolk RCC newsletter.

h Annual report of citizens advice bureau.

i Acknowledgement of precept request.

j Update from Norfolk Association of Local Councils on Localism Act.

k Norfolk Public rights of way service information.

l E-mail from resident complaining of dog fouling. *Reproduced in Grapevine.*

m E-mail from new community police officer PC Cooper.

n SNC – Scheme of Officer delegation for determining planning applications; suggested there a planning committee of 2/3 councillors; next Agenda.

o CPRE – Planning explained booklet.

p Norfolk Link extra newsletter.

q Request to attend Parish Council meeting from Simpsons Maltings: *Clerk to contact.*

r Request to attend Parish Council meeting from Tibenham Gliding Club: *Clerk to contact.*

9. **Finance:**
 a Cheques & invoices for approval, as per Financial Statement.
 b Consider donation request from Home Start providing support & friendship for families; Councillors decided not to this year.
 c Consider donation request from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service : agreed £50.00, proposed by SM & seconded by CK.
 d Acknowledgement of donation from The Royal British Legion.
 e Consider purchase of external hard drive for parish computer : cost of approx. £40-50. Agreed, proposed by SM & seconded by CK.
10. **Items for Next Agenda:**
 To consider a Finance Committee. To agree planning committee members.
11. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 14th February 2012 at 7.30pm**

Please clean up after your dogs!!

The Parish Council pays for the dog bins to be emptied, please use the facility which is for the benefit of the parish.

The Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 makes it an offence not to clear up after your dog on any area of land that is open to the public, with a few exceptions. The penalty for not clearing up after a dog who has fouled a public area could be a **£1000 fine** on conviction in Court.

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Please phone between 9am to 5pm weekdays. Any items for the parish council agenda to be submitted 7 days before a parish council meeting.

Parish Council Chairman: Claire Kirby chairman@tivetshall.org 01379 677373

Parish Councillors:
 Adella Lithma (vice-chair), Doreen Gray, Sam Mayes, Steve Minns, Paul Vincent, Bryan Fletcher

Next Parish Council Meeting:
 Tuesday, February 14th, 7.30pm at Tivetshall Village Hall

District Councillor: Martin Wilby 01379 741504
County Councillor: Beverley Spratt 01508 489746
Norfolk County Council Highways: 01603 819806
Tivetshall Village Hall Bookings: 07983 742784

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