

The Tivetshalls' Grapevine

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1996

No: 11

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

In aid of Dickleburgh Sea Scouts: **Jumble Sale** at Tivetshall Village Hall on 12 October 1996, from 2.00pm. Please do come along - the scouts are in desperate need of support.

October 1996 sees the **120th Birthday** of Tivetshall County Primary School. The annual reunion of the school will take place on Saturday, 12 October from 2.30-4.30pm. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon. All past pupils are invited to attend. It would be particularly nice to see some younger and newer faces this year. Please ring the School on 677350 for further details and/or to confirm your attendance.

Tivetshall School: (Further details via the school)

- 7 November - **Reading Evening.**
- 2 December - **Book Week.**
- 19 December - Annual **Carol Service** at St Margaret's Church.

Friends of Tivetshall School:

- **AGM** - Thursday, 17 October from 7pm sharp - anyone interested in joining the Friends are welcome (you do not need to have a child at the school).
 - **Indian Cookery** demonstration 7.30pm (immediately after the AGM), 17 October - the chef from the Indian restaurant in Diss will demonstrate the preparation of a couple of dishes. £1.50 admission, includes a glass of wine/juice. 75p for under 18s who are interested in cooking. Plus a raffle on a food theme.
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Sale

- **Car book and Jumble Sale** - Saturday, 9 November 10am-12 noon. £3 per pitch booked, £4 on the day. Phone Mandy on 676448 to book a pitch. Jumble to the school the week before please. Teas and cakes will also be on sale.
- **Christmas Bingo** - Tuesday, 10 December. Eyes down 7.00pm. Refreshments and raffle.

NEWS

Village Hall Update: The new village hall project financing is nearing completion and we're sure most people in the Tivetshalls will be pleased to see the new hall up and running, hopefully in the spring of '97. The old hall site has been sold, subject to contract, and the monies from that sale go towards the building of the new hall. The sale and the lease for the new site are in the hands of the VHMC's solicitors and it is hoped that documents will be signed by end-October. The last official hiring of the old hall is on Saturday, 19 October. South Norfolk Council has been very helpful with a grant for the new hall, as has the Norfolk Rural Communities Council. The Foundation for Sport and The Arts has also been approached and, with our local MP's backing, we await their response. Interest-free loans would still be helpful - even a small amount would be welcome - to be repaid within three years. A big 'Thank you' to those companies/individuals who have already pledged interest-free money. The VHMC is very grateful.

HomeWatch A volunteer co-ordinator has come forward from Bonds Road. Other parts of the Tivetshalls would obviously benefit if others would like to get in touch with the Clerk (608133) for more details.

TIVETSHALL PARISH COUNCIL: Meeting on 24 September 1996 from 8.00pm
Present: Mrs V Ireland (Chair), Mr P Playford (Vice-Chair)
Mr G Gapp, Mr J Parsons, Mr E Roberts
Mrs S Crofton-Diggins (Clerk)
Miss P Allen (District Councillor)
Apologies: Mrs D Gray
Members of the public: Mr H Self

The meeting opened at 8.05pm.

1. **Minutes** of previous meeting (9.7.96) were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Matters arising** (i) A140/Holly Fm: Messrs Parsons and Playford reported on recent site meeting with Mr MacGregor MP and Highways. DoT have retained a length of frontage to the Holly Farm site, towards Ram Lane. There is a *possibility* of this becoming a layby. (ii) Clerk to look into repair/resiting of noticeboard at the Maltings. Up to £50 was approved by the council for the work involved. (iii) The allotment enquiry via Mrs Gray was noted.
3. **Finances:** (i) Audit complete - Chairman counter-signed books. Clerk/Chairman to complete and return forms. (ii) Clerk to prepare 1997/8 budget for approval at next meeting. Councillors comments will be invited through Circulation file.
4. **Playing Field:** (i) Having received safety inspection report from NRCC, Clerk asked to research possibility of slide being made safe when relocated. Remaining equipment to be scrapped, and replacements made in due course. (ii) New lease preparation will be paid for out of PF funds. (iii) Special meeting to be arranged for further discussion of PF matters.
5. **Village Hall Report:** Mr Playford up-dated the Council, details of which will be reproduced in The Grapevine. In order to comply with legal requirements, the following four resolutions were approved by the meeting: (i) A written report dated 15.8.96 and a supplementary letter of 21.8.96 by Thomas William Gaze & Son surveyors instructed by the VHMC/Parish Council, was considered. (ii) The Parish Council are satisfied that the property has been advertised in accordance with Gaze's recommendations. (iii) The Council are satisfied, having considered the surveyor's report, that the terms on which the disposition is proposed to be made are the best that can reasonably be obtained for the charity. (iv) Mrs V Ireland (Chairman) and Mrs S Crofton-Diggins (Clerk) to enter into the contract and transfer for the sale of the existing village hall site and also the agreement of the lease of the new land.

6. District Councillor's Report: Miss Allen reported the summer to have been a quiet period. The next Area Forum meeting involving all councillors, will be held on 9.10.96. Details are on the noticeboard. Miss Allen continues to liaise Mr Playford re SNC's grant for new hall.
 7. **Adjournment of meeting** 10-15 mins for public to speak on items on the agenda, or raise a new topic for the future.
 8. Planning: (a) SNC Approvals: (i) Village Hall on Green Lane site (ii) Suncourt View, Rector Rd (ext to dwelling) (iii) West View, The Street (rear ext to dwelling) (iv) Old hall site (residential development) (b) SNC Refusal: Adj Corner Bung, Rectory Rd (conversion and ext of barn to dwelling).
 9. Correspondence for discussion (i) Junction of Rectory Rd/The Street and Gissing Rd to be brought to the attention of Highways for possible improvements in visibility/signing/road surface. (ii) The meeting agreed that parishioners queries are being addressed appropriately. (iii) An item suggested for Grapevine was considered and unanimously declined.
 10. Highways next inspection. For status report: (i) School Rd 30mph and Green Lane sign obstructing agricultural implements. (ii) Direction sign missing at Star Lane/Thistledown Farm. (iii) Sewer causing road dipping throughout parishes. (iv) Road resurfacing between Fernleigh Farm/level crossing still awaited - Clerk to chase-up and also write to Mr Neville Chapman for assistance.
 11. HomeWatch: Mrs Dack of Bonds Road has agreed to become a HomeWatch co-ordinator. Other areas in the parish should also be encouraged to participate.
 12. Grapevine: Mr Playford advised the meeting that the publication can no longer be contained to 4-pages and sought approval for a regular 8-page issue. The Council unanimously agreed to six issues per annum at £36 per issue (at cost). *(NB. Mr Playford abstained from voting.)* It was noted that due to the generous donations made by two advertising parishioners, the total cost to the parish will only be £72 per annum.
 13. Expenditure approved by the meeting: Primrose Press £49.94, **Village** hall hire £20.00, Clerk's salary/expenses £106.71, C&A donation **£25**, British Legion/poppy wreath £15.
 14. General Correspondence (no decision required) - all of which will be in next circulation
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15. Any other business (i) Clerk to check voting procedures query. (ii) Mr Parsons offered to report on church structure in view of high restoration expenditure by English Heritage.

16. Next meeting: 12 November 1996 from 8pm. Clerk to contact Mrs Audrey Moore to confirm venue as the School.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

THE GRAPEVINE

The purpose of The Grapevine is to give information and publicise events of interest to the Tivetshalls and report on PC meetings. The PC have now approved six 8-page issues per year (200+ homes) at £36 per issue. The publication is currently costing the Parish £72 per annum, and the Council believe it to be worth continuing. If other advertisers are interested, please contact Paul Playford Tel: 676378. Two lines: £2 per edition or £5 for whole year.

Any news items or fund-raising contributions for Grapevine (all relevant information is free of charge) should be sent to Sharon Crofton-Diggins, Clerk to Tivetshall PC, Rosebay, Rectory Road, Tivetshall St Mary NR15 2AL - NEXT ISSUE: November/December 1996.

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