

Minutes of East Tuddenham Parish Council meeting Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.30 pm

Councillors present: Kathryn Horton (Chair), Chris Rose, Tom Bland, Lynsay Barrett, Alexandra Leaney and David Cator

Also present: Clerk (Mark Hembury) and one member of the public.

Kathryn Horton opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

25/129 To receive apologies for absence

None received.

25/130 To receive declarations of interest in agenda items and consider any dispensation requests

Cllr. Horton declared a personal interest in the agenda item related to Hall Lane.

Cllr. Bland declared a personal interest in the agenda item related to Tilney Road.

25/131 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Rose and seconded by Cllr. Barrett. All in agreement.

25/132 To report progress on items, from the last meeting, not on the agenda (information only)

The Clerk informed members that the Parish Partnership bid for a SAM3 speed sign had been successful and the order for the equipment had been placed to ensure that price increases from 1st April would not apply.

Cllr. Rose highlighted the need for security to prevent tampering with the equipment. The Clerk agreed that a padlock would be fitted at all times to prevent interference.

25/133 Open forum for public participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public and the District/County councillors

A question was raised regarding the habitat bank scheme that would be created. Cllr. Horton confirmed that the Parish Council fully supported the scheme. It was likely to start next year after the harvest later this year.

A question was raised regarding a bridge leading from the footpath through the wooded area at the rear of the village hall over the ditch to access the public footpath around the field.

Cllr. Barrett stated she had known a small bridge at the location for many years, but the owner of the land had removed the bridge recently each time something had been put in place – possibly to prevent any future claims being made about access. The footpath through the wooded area is permissive only – not a right of way.

25/134 Financial reports

25/134.1 To note the bank reconciliation to the 31st March 2026.

This was noted.

25/134.2 To note the income and expenditure against the budget to 31st March 2026

This was noted.

25/135 To approve the payments list.

These were approved – Cllrs. Horton and Barrett would access the online account to process the payments.

25/136 To consider the design and wording for a bus shelter plaque.

Cllr. Rose tabled a design and wording which he asked the meeting to consider. There was an agreement on the wording and design of the plaque and the Clerk agreed to place an order for the plaque.

25/137 To consider the future of the Parish Pump magazine.

The Clerk explained that he had spoken to his counterpart at Honingham and it was agreed that an agenda item would be included at the next Council meeting for Councillors to consider this issue. The next Parish Council meeting at Honingham would not be until early May, so no response could be expected until then.

25/138 To consider the possible transfer of a parcel of land at Tilney Road to the Parish Council.

The Clerk confirmed that any transfer of land could only take place to a Town or Parish Council – private residents were not able to apply. Following a discussion between members, Cllr. Leaney proposed the following motion –

Motion: East Tuddenham Parish Council should not take ownership and responsibility for the land at Tilney Road. Cllr Rose seconded this proposal. All Councillors were in agreement.

25/139 To consider the issues of parking and road repairs in Hall Lane.

The Clerk circulated a letter from a resident that had been handed to him earlier expressing views specifically on the yellow lines proposal. A discussion took place amongst the Councillors. Cllr. Horton stated that Hall Lane had changed significantly in recent years with more houses and much more traffic. Meetings at the Church of England Diocese Office can cause problems due to parking on the lane and these meetings occur several times a month. Some persons attending have been parking in the village hall car park.

The Clerk confirmed he had been unable to find any guidance on the application process for double yellow lines and had had no response from his general enquiry to Norfolk County Council. The Clerk agreed to contact the local Highways Engineer, Matt Lines, directly for any assistance that could be offered.

With regards to the road sign indicating that Hall Lane was a Cul-de-sac, it was unclear who had installed this. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways to raise the issue of the sign and to provide the resident who had submitted the letter, with feedback.

25/140 To consider possible options for a replacement noticeboard for the village green.

The Clerk provided an example of a noticeboard that had been identified as good value, to give a basis for a discussion on what was required. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the man-made timber noticeboard in the dark colour was preferred with one bay lockable for Parish Council notices and the other bay accessible for community notices. The header would read 'East Tuddenham'. It was agreed that the installation could be achieved by the joint efforts of the Clerk and members. The Clerk would investigate placing the order for the specification chosen.

24/141 To agree a date and format for the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would take place on Tuesday 12th May at 7.00pm and would be followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish Meeting. Contact details for local groups and organisations should be forwarded to the Clerk to allow invitations to be sent out. Refreshments would be offered.

25/142 Planning applications

25/142.1 To receive an update on any application decisions made by Breckland District Council since the last meeting

None were received.

25/142.2 To consider any new planning applications (see below)

None were received.

25/143 To receive items for the next agenda

Hall Lane issues

Bulb purchase and planting

Item 25/142.2 Planning applications for consideration

Ref.	Location	Description
None		

Payments list for approval –

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
Clerk	March salary	£233.05	£233.05
HMRC	Tax	£149.20	£149.20

The meeting concluded at 8.41 p.m.