Minutes of East Tuddenham Parish Council meeting Tuesday 1st September 2026

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

Also present: Clerk (Mark Hembury) and two members of the public.

Lynsay Barrett opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

44. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies were received from Cllrs. Horton and Leaney. Cllr. Rose proposed that the apologies were accepted, seconded by Cllr.Barrett. All in agreement.

45. **To receive declarations of interest in agenda items and consider any dispensation requests.**
None received.

46. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2026**
The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July were approved. Proposed by Cllr.Rose and seconded by Cllr. Bland. All in agreement.

47. **To report progress on items, from the last meeting, not on the agenda (information only)**
The Clerk informed the meeting that the bus shelter opposite the village hall had now been cleaned as requested.
Cllr. Bland informed the meeting the the village sign on the westbound approach to the village has been reported to Highways as it is badly faded.

48. **Open forum for public participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public and the District/County councillors**
A member of the public, Sarah Mugford provided the meeting with an account of the conversation had with County Councillor Tom Dickerson, cabinet member for Highways, who stopped and spoke to the speed watch team during a recent operation. The Clerk, who was present at the time, asked about further measures to tackle speeding through the village. Councillor Dickerson, whilst understanding the problem, stated that funding for any projects was highly unlikely due to both restricted finances and locations across the County that would be greater priorities.
The SAM3 speed sign will be re-located to the opposite end of the village for eastbound traffic shortly.

49. Financial matters

49.1 To note the Bank reconciliation to 31st July 2026
This was noted.

49.2 To approve the payments list

This was approved. Proposed by Cllr. Rose and seconded by Cllr. Cator. All in agreement.

50. To note the completed AGAR accounts and the external auditor comments

These were noted and the Clerk provided an explanation of the comments.

51. To note the dates of the Breckland Council consultation event on Tuesday 8th September between 1pm and 6.30 pm at Breckland Council Offices, Dereham, featuring East Tuddenham growth proposals.

Cllr. Rose suggested that interested parties be invited and meet with Councillors to discuss the proposals. Cllr.Rose will prepare an email for the Clerk to send. A report will be given to the Council at its next meeting.

52. To consider what the Parish Council can do to support the local parish church

Following a discussion, it was decided that the vicar should be invited to the next Council meeting to provide members with the opportunity to get to know her and explore ways in which the Parish Council could support the parish church. The Clerk agreed to send an invitation to attend the October meeting.

53. To consider how residents might be informed of the discussions taking place at Council meetings by the use of a 'digest of events'.

It was agreed following a discussion that a quarterly review of good news would be the best way to engage with residents and would be ideal for posting on the village Facebook site. Cllr. Bland would bring a template back to the next meeting for consideration. The Clerk stated that the Council does not have a specific policy that would cover hows social media posts should be handled by the Council. A draft policy would be brought back to the next Council meeting.

54. To receive an update on the progress of the new resident leaflet.

The meeting decided that the draft leaflet already brought to Council is good, whilst some illustrations might still be considered. Cllr. Horton would be approached with a view to organising the printing of the first batch of leaflets.

55. Planning applications

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

None received.

55.2 To consider any new planning applications (see below)

None received.

56. To note the launch of the Parish Partnership Scheme for 2027/8.

This was noted. The Council would give consideration to possible projects that might form a bid. The Clerk agreed to contact the Clerk at Honingham for details on the village gates that have been installed on Taverham Road.

57. To receive items for the next agenda

Approval of pay award for the Clerk

Date to be agreed for work on the wild flower area

Item 55.2 Planning applications for consideration

Ref.	Location	Description
None		

Payments list for approval –

Payee	Description	Total	Net
Clerk	July salary	£223.45	£223.45
HMRC	Tax	£148.80	£148.80
Clerk	August salary	£223.45	£223.45
HMRC	Tax	£148.80	£148.80
GB Cleaning	Bus shelter cleaning	£192.00	£160.00
PKF Littlejohn	Audit of accounts	£252.00	£210.00

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm