

Minutes of East Tuddenham Parish Council meeting Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.30 pm

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

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

Kathryn Horton opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

25/116 To receive apologies for absence

An apology was received from Alexandra Leaney. Proposed by Cllr. Horton and seconded by Cllr. Rose. All in agreement.

25/117 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. Cllrs. Cator and Bland declared personal interests in the agenda item related to Tilney Road.

25/118 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. Barrett and seconded by Cllr. Rose. All in agreement.

25/119 To receive the declaration of office from Cllr. Tom Bland, co-opted at the February meeting.

Cllr. Bland made his declaration, which was countersigned by the Clerk.

25/120 To report progress on items, from the last meeting, not on the agenda (information only)

Cllr. Barrett informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee had met recently – quotes are being sought to re-fence the tennis courts and membership forms for prospective members can be found behind the bar. Cllr. Barrett will go back to the Committee to discuss the possibility of having some form of link on the Parish Council website to advertise the activities available at the village hall.

25/121 Open forum for public participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public and the District/County councillors

Anne Keen, a resident of the parish, wished to mention that the daffodils planted in the autumn were looking good. Cllr. Horton stated that the Parish Council would look to continue a planting regime within the village at other locations.

25/122 Financial reports

25/122.1 To note the bank reconciliation to the 16th January 2026.

This was noted.

25/122.2 To note the income and expenditure against the budget to 16th January 2026

This was noted.

25/123 To approve the payments list.

These were approved – having now transferred to an online account with Unity Trust, the Clerk suggested a rota for the two Councillors that would be required to approve the payments online, to prevent confusion and duplication of effort.

25/124 To consider the design and wording for a bus shelter plaque.

It was agreed that Cllr. Rose would send the Clerk an illustration of the plaque required for proof reading and purchase.

25/125 To consider the possible transfer of a parcel of land at Tilney Road to the Parish Council.

A wide-ranging discussion took place between the Councillors discussing the pros and cons of taking ownership of the land, including the cost of maintaining the tree, and arrangements for the reliable cutting of grass whilst ownership would provide the opportunity to introduce schemes of planting and more regular grass cutting. It was suggested that residents could be approached for their opinion. Cllr. Cator reminded the meeting that approx. 50% of the residents were Flagship tenants, so might have less of an investment in any decision in the longer term. Cllr. Bland asked if the Council did not wish to take on ownership, could residents take ownership of land in front of their property. The Clerk agreed to contact Mel Badman at Breckland Council to ask about private ownership. It was agreed to bring the item back to the April meeting for further discussion.

25/126 To consider the issues of parking and road repairs in Hall Lane.

Cllr. Horton stated that the road surface at the side of the lane had never been re-instated after developers had finished working on a local site and the surface is just mud, that would not be suitable for yellow lines if they were approved – she further stated that she was convinced that all local residents would be in favour of yellow lines because of the serious obstruction caused by parked cars and the problems agricultural machinery had negotiating the right hand bend.

The Clerk agreed to report the road surface issue to Norfolk Highways and obtain clarification on the process for local residents to apply for yellow lines. The item would be brought back to the April meeting.

25/127 Planning applications

25/100.1 To receive an update on any application decisions made by Breckland District Council since the last meeting

None were received.

25/100.2 To consider any new planning applications (see below)

None were received.

25/128 To receive items for the next agenda

Wording for the plaque
Tilney Road land transfer
Hall Lane issues
How to encourage volunteering
Design for a new notice board
The future of the Parish Pump newsletter.

Item 25/127.2 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	February salary	£233.05	£233.05
HMRC	Tax	£149.20	£149.20

The meeting concluded at 8.06 p.m.