

**Draft minutes of the meeting of Todenham Parish Council held on 11th January 2021 by  
Zoom at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Bill Joss (Chair), Bruce Eastabrook, Jo Trice-Rolph, Stephen Pannell, James Duckett, Sue Finlay (clerk)

21.1 *Apologies*

Apologies were received from Councillor Clifford.

21.2 *Approval of minutes of last meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

21.3 *democratic 15 minutes*

No members of the public attended.

21.4 *Matters arising:*

*War memorial:* Councillor Eastabrook reported that he had consulted the Village Hall committee and received permission to install the memorial stone on the buttress of the village hall. He understood that planning permission was not required, and was unlikely to be refused even if applied for retrospectively. It was agreed that he should go ahead and order the stone, having first received approval for the final wording. He thought it would take a few weeks for the stone to be prepared and then he would organise its installation. It was felt that after installation, the council should consider laying a base stone for floral tributes, etc. It was agreed that the organisation of the unveiling should be arranged after installation and subject to the prevailing COVID conditions at the time.

21.5 *Planning:*

*Ongoing*

20/03796/FUL, 19 Todenham air source heat pump

20/02628/FUL Land At Desmond House Todenham Gloucestershire, erection of detached dwelling

20/01250/LBC Todenham Hall, Todenham. Amendments to original application (New proposals validated 09/09/2020)

*Approved*

20/04314/TCONR, Plum Cottage, tree work

20/03909/TCONR, The Cart Hovel Phillips Farm Todenham, tree work

21.6 *Finance:*

\*(a) *Approval of expenditure since last meeting. \**

## Expenditure since last meeting

Date	Supplier	Item	Cheque/FPO	Amount	Balance
	Balance brought forward				16757.0
19/10/2020	Colin Winfield	Grass cutting	FPO	764	14,207.32
03/11/2020	S. Finlay	Clerks salary & expenses	FPO	137.41	14,069.91
06/11/2020	GeoXhere	Parish Online	FPO	36	14,033.91
23/11/2020	Community Heartbeat trust	Replacement defibrillator	FPO	1050	12,983.91
30/11/2020	S. Finlay	Clerks salary & expenses	FPO	134.5	12,849.41

Petty cash	Item	Balance Brought fwd		1.61
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The expenditure since the last meeting was examined and approved.

### (b) Confirmation of donation to village Hall for 2021 and subsequent years

Councillor Trice-Rolph proposed formally that the sum of £2500 p.a. should be given to the village hall to help support it, subject to supplements being available should they be required. This was seconded by Councillor Eastbrook and passed unanimously.

### (c) Precept 2021/22

Following examination of the accounts for the current year and discussion Councillor Pannell proposed increasing the precept by £315 (3%) to 0815 p.a. and was seconded by Councillor Duckett. Approved.

### 21.7 AOB

*Approval of latest code of conduct:* Approved as stands.

*Speed limit letter:* Councillor Pannell felt that reducing the speed limit to 20 mph was unrealistic, although speeding in the village was a slight problem. Councillor Joss felt that the council should perhaps look at the possibility of speed indicators in the village and examine ways of encouraging speed reduction. He agreed to write to PC Westmacott about the matter.

*Breaches of COVID regulations?* Councillor Joss felt that the council should encourage people to follow the restrictions placed on the community by lockdown and agreed to draft a note for circulation supporting the community in observing the rules. Councillor Pannell thought supplying a number where residents could leave an anonymous message regarding flouting of rules might be useful.

*Possible projects for 2021/22:* The council proposed a number of projects for the coming year. Councillor Trice-Rolph agreed to send an update round the village regarding the defibrillators as there were no trained users at the moment. It was also felt that a further defibrillators should be bought and be located in the Lower Lemington area. Various possible locations were discussed. The cost of this would be around £2000.

*Wildflower verges:* Councillor Duckett proposed developing wildflower areas along the verges and was seconded by Councillor Pannell. The estimated cost was around £2000. It was agreed that this should be investigated further.

*Footpaths:* Councillor Trice-Rolph had obtained a supply of the circular footpath markers and she and Councillor Clifford were walking the various footpaths to decide where they needed to go. She was arranging for a map of the various footpaths to be printed and laminated and put in the bus shelters.

*Obstruction of verges:* Councillor Duckett pointed out that some residents were placing stones along the verges outside their houses, causing difficulties for cars where the road narrowed. The clerk pointed out

that they were now allowed to obstruct the verges in this way and agreed to send further information to the council.

*Scenic suppers:* Councillor Duckett had heard that Scenic suppers were planning to run from Todenham manor this year and asked whether planning was needed. The suppers take place in individual glasshouses. The clerk agreed to follow up on this.

#### *21.8 Date of next meeting*

The next meeting was arranged for 8 March at 7 p.m. and will probably be by Zoom.