

A meeting of Todenham Parish Council was held on 10 January 2022 in Todenham Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Bill Joss (Chair, BJ), Bruce Eastabrook (Vice chair, BE), Cynnie Clifford (CC), Jo Trice-Rolph (JTR), Stephen Pannell (SP), James Duckett (JD)

21.50 *Apologies:* Rachel Coxcoon

21.51 *Approval of minutes of last meeting:* The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising: BE apologised for not yet sending out the letter asking for village support. SP reported that he had managed to arrange a speed survey, to consist of counting the number of vehicles passing through the village, but had received no further communication from the DC on this matter or the drainage problems around Springbank.

BJ reported that he had approached his workmen about clearing and maintaining the village pond, but they were not interested. SP reported that he had approached Rob Ireland, but had not received a reply. The clerk reported that Andy Warren had asked if they were still interested and she had emailed an affirmative back to him and asked him to contact BJ direct to set up a meeting, but he had not responded to this. She agreed to remind him again. JTR knew of someone in the village who might be qualified or able to advise on the pond and it was agreed that she should approach them.

BJ affirmed that the council were still keen to get this sorted

21.52 *Finance: Approval of expenditure since last meeting:* Approved

08/11/2021	GeoXsphere Ltd	parish online subs	BACS	36	17,212.46
16/11/2021	Colin Winfield	Grass cutting	BACS	884	16,328.46
19/11/2021	Todenham Village Hall	Rent 2019-2021	BACS	160	16,168.46
26/11/2021	Sue Finlay	Clerks salary & exp.	BACS	169.74	15,998.72
28/12/2021	Sue Finlay	Clerks salary & exp.	BACS	99.09	15,899.63

Proposal to appoint Ken Dunn to be the internal auditor for the 2021/22 audit: Approved, clerk to approach.

21.53 *Discussion of proposed precept for 2022:* BE -proposed leaving the precept the same this year (2nd SP). Approved.

21.54 *The way forward for TPC:* BJ proposed maintaining the status quo for the present, with the council involving themselves in managing only the essential matters. BE felt the lack of support from the village was partly due to the 'COVID effect': BJ suggested re-assessing the situation after the jubilee, having seen the level of support for that.

21.55 *AOB*

Platinum jubilee celebrations: JTR reported that the jubilee had not yet been discussed by the Village Hall committee. The council proposed a budget of £750 (1. SP; 2d BJ; approved) from which to provide, e.g. Prosecco for the toast and cover any other expenses. JTR proposed there should be a bring-your-own food and drink picnic, preferably outside the village hall, but which could move inside depending on the weather.

Fireworks: JTR had received complaints about fireworks on New Years Eve, which had distressed livestock and pets. She proposed reinstating a Newsletter giving details on items such as the Jubilee, letter from the

vicar, asking people who intended to have fireworks to let her know beforehand and she could warn other residents to keep pets in, etc. JTR and CC to arrange this, JTR to draft article on Fireworks.

Noticeboards: BE had circulated examples, which cost around £900. He said a fairly large one would be needed to fit the existing supports. JTR suggested moving the existing boards to inside the bus stops, for public use and just putting one smaller new one on the village hall for PC papers only. BE suggested leaving the one at the Wolford turn where it is for village use. BJ proposed a budget of £600 for the new board (2nd SP).

21.58 *Date of next meeting:* The next meeting was arranged for 14 March 2022 at p.m. at the village hall.