

TERRINGTON ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

**Serving the villages of Terrington St John and St John's Fen End
Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 8th January
2025 at 7pm in St John's Church, Church Road**

1. To record the names of those present

Cllr A Bishop – Chair, Cllr J Ware, Cllr B Dye, Cllr J MacCallum and
Cllr B Long – County Councillor
One member of the public/Cllr M Knight.

2. Condolence and minute silence in memory of Councillor Chris Gibbs

Cllr Bishop marked respects for Cllr Gibbs, who sadly died last month. Cllr Chris Gibbs has lived in the village around 40 years. And was on the Parish Council some 30 years. She has done a lot of work during that time for the village and taken the lead on many projects. Cllr Gibbs was the Chair of the TSJ Consolidated Charity. Councillors and the Clerk attended her funeral and learnt how she had helped many organisations, with her knitting creations. Everyone agreed they will miss her greatly. A two-minute silence was held in her memory.

3. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Apologies were noted from Cllr S Squire.
It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Hoey.

Cllr Bishop would like to invite J Wild MP to the village to bring him up to date with Parish Council and village issues.

4. To consider co-option applications

M Knight was introduced to the councillors and noted his skills.
It was proposed by Cllr Ware that M Knight be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Bishop and all agreed.

5. To record declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest from members in any item to be discussed and consider any requests for dispensations

None.

6. To approve the minutes of the last ordinary council meeting held Wednesday 4th December 2024

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

7. To allow public participation – to include information from developers, Police representatives, or any other person invited to speak

None.

8. To receive reports from Borough and/or County Councillors

Cllr B Long discussed issues relating to Norfolk County Council.

Central government have told local government that there is going to be a reorganisation. There may be a way forward to have a combined authority. Currently County and District councils will be changed to a combined authority. Could be just a County Council for the whole of Norfolk and other counties. It is being suggested to suspend the County Council elections in May. However, this may not be acceptable, and another type of organisation will happen. Time scale is 2027 or 2028. This was discussed at length.

9. To receive the Clerk's report, including matters arising from last month's meeting

- To discuss SAM2 requirements for Church Road – If the grant is awarded then it was agreed quotes should be sought from multiple companies providing SAM2 signs.
- Dog waste bin consultation – It was agreed to monitor the situation has the bins have not been overflowing recently.
- Recycling clothes – The bin is overflowing at the moment due to Christmas.
- Post knocked over outside shop – Clerk to report.
- Clothes by bus stop – Need to be removed.

10. To receive and consider reports and updates from Councillors regarding the areas they have been delegated to take a lead responsibility on previously

a) Councillor B Dye: Nothing

b) Councillor A Bishop:

- Norfolk Association of Local Councils - Nothing
- Planning (other link J MacCallum and J Ware) Nothing

c) Councillor A Hoey:

- SAM2 - Batteries changed this week, one unit was moved near the Surgery leaving the other at the school. Again, I'd ask other PC Members to let me know if a unit is inoperative so that I can check / change the batteries.

Police – We continue to receive a good level of support from the KLBC Speed Camera team which is encouraging. I have sent an Email to PC Chris Violet regarding a disabled space but note that they now park elsewhere.

- Goal posts – Stray one removed for safekeeping (ours), will be replaced once warmer / dry. Someone has dumped a bin liner worth of clothes by the bush behind the goal (without net, nearest the road). Could one of the litter pickers sort that when out on rounds.

d) Councillor J MacCallum:

- Internal audit control – Vat Return and scout rent invoice need to be given to Cllr MacCallum for consideration. August payments need to be considered by the Councillors and agreed.

e) Councillor J Ware:

- Village Hall/Methodist Church and village activities

- Flood survey responses – need to do more surveys. Matters raised with B Long and he is on the drainage committee. Discussed dykes and water on fields.

Water hazard on School Road regarding removal water off their property over the footpath. Clerk to let B Long know so it can be reported to highways. Clerk to take a picture when the issue next appears.

Cllr McCallum to lead on the consolidated charity.

Beyond having any involvement with the Methodist church and away forward. Cllr Ware would like to find out more about the old Burman house building and would like to visit the property. Is there a possibility to use the building in the short term. Clerk to contact NCC to ask if it could be used as a village hall. B Long discussed how come the building was not appropriate or fit for purpose for care anymore.

11.To consider Methodist Church/Village Hall matters

Discussed earlier.

12.To consider financial business

- a) To receive bank account balances

£85,789.05

- b) To receive details of income received

None

- c) To consider the recommended payments

Cozens	£30.00
Wages	£980.03
HMRC	£42.20
Vodafone DD	£17.37
Electric	£151.61
Userone	£3.60
Church donation	£20.00
Bulbs	£46.34
Scout hut coffee morning	£60.00
Scribe	£414.72

It was resolved to agree all the above payments.

- d) To consider net position

Noted.

- e) To consider make Cil application – deadline 1st February 2025

Noted.

- f) To consider budget and Reserve policy for 2025/26

Councillors considered the budget and agreed amounts and the reserve amounts.

- g) To resolve upon precept requirement for 2025/26

It was resolved to make a precept request of £50,000.

13.To consider planning matters

a) Applications

Any applications that appear on the Borough Council planning portal up to the date of the meeting that require the consultation of the Parish Council will be considered by the Councillors at their scheduled meeting, even if they are not listed on the agenda.

- 24/02231/CU Retrospective change of use of land from agricultural to residential at 23 Old Church Road Terrington St John Wisbech Norfolk PE14 7XA – deadline 16th January 25
- 24/02225/F - SELF BUILD: Proposed Chalet Bungalow. at Land at Bella Close Terrington St John WISBECH Norfolk PE14 7ST – deadline 24th January 25. The plan is unclear however if the building is going to be sited on the plot as it is on the plan then the PC would be happy to support the application. The PC has concerns with the set up of the building on the plot.

b) Decisions

c) Address notification

d) Correspondence

- To discuss correspondence received regarding Outline Planning Permission at 53 Old Church Road for 7nr Plots
- To note update of enforcement - 4/00315/UNOPDE Land to Rear of 48 To 64A School Road Terrington St John

14.To receive general correspondence via email during the month and consider any further actions required:

None.

15.To receive items for next month's agenda

None noted at this time.

16.Date and time of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – Will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 7pm

Noted.

17.To resolve on the moving into a closed session, on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s.1(2)

a) To consider quotes for work required:

Fencing behind Scout hut – further quotes to be sought.

Additional CCTV – To be considered next month.

Village sign base – Further quotes to be sought.

b) To consider grounds maintenance quotes for the 2025 season

To be considered next month.

c) To consider and resolve upon actions relating to Methodist Church/Village Hall matters

No matters to consider.