

**TERRINGTON ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Serving the villages of Terrington St John and St John's Fen End**  
**Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in Ely Row Methodist Church**

**1. Present**

Chair – Cllr A Bishop, Cllr J Ware, Cllr C Gibbs and Cllr J McCallum

Ward Councillor S Squire  
Clerk G Robinson

**2. To consider accepting apologies for absence**

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr B Dye and Cllr A Hoey.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. To allow public participation – to include information from developers, Police representatives, Ward and Borough Councillors or any other person invited to speak**

No members of the public present.

Cllr Squire gave an update on items relating to Borough Council matters, including:

- The budget is being considered.
- She is an Environmental and Coastal member, and they are going to have a campaign for food recycling.
- Coastal issues

**5. To consider and approve Methodist Church/Village Hall matters**

There were no discussions at this point in the meeting.

**6. Date and time of next meeting – Will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Councillors noted the date and time of the next meeting.

**7. 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 and approve Methodist Church/Village Hall matters that need to be considered in a closed session

Cllr Ware discussed the current situation, noting that the Methodist Church closed in May 2022. It was listed as a Community Asset so the PC could investigate the possible move to use it as a Village Hall.

The members went on to discuss funding for this project, in terms of requirements necessary for the purchase, investigations to recruit a solicitor and planning enquiries for the Clerk to put to the local planning department.

Cllr Bishop proposed that a grant application should be made to the Community Ownership fund and CIL grant. This was seconded by Cllr Ware and all agreed.