

Tittleshall Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Saturday 7th May 2022 at 10.00-12.00 at Tittleshall Village Hall

Parish Councillors present Sue Lane (Chairperson), Kay Gingell (Vice-Chairperson), Barry Bowyer, Michael Colman,

Also, present Donna Secker (Parish Clerk) 7 members of the public

Cllr Lane opened the meeting at 10.00 and welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending.

Agenda

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Olley.

2. Report from the Chairperson at Tittleshall Parish Council

The full report can be found on the website

3. Report from the Financial Officer/Parish Clerk

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4. Report from Village Organisations, if received. All reports for the groups that attended or were not able to attend can be found on the website under minutes/agenda-

4.1 Poor's Land Trust

4.2 Tittleshall Village Hall

4.3 The Bugle

4.4 St Mary the Virgin church

4.5 Tittleshall Bowls Club

4.6 Tittleshall Coffee Morning

4.7 Tittleshall Methodist Church

4.8 Tittleshall village allotments

4.9 Tittleshall speed watch group

May 2022

4.10 Tittleshall Ladies' Male voice choir/Sunflower singers

4.11 Flix in the Stix cinema

Meeting closed at 12.10

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Chairman's Remarks

7th May 2022

I am so pleased to welcome you to this, the first Annual Parish Meeting for 3 years due to Covid.

Tittleshall is a friendly place to live in and we warmly welcome all of our newest residents.

It is still a vibrant community, with clubs and societies that have been slowly re-emerging for the past few months. They are the Arts and Crafts club, the Bowls Club, St Mary's Church, Tittleshall Methodist Church, Flix in the Stix, The Sunflower Singers, The Millennium Green Trust, the allotment holders, and the various events organisers (i.e. our summer fete). Some of those representatives are here this morning and will happily tell you more about themselves over a cup of tea and a piece of cake. Of course we are also keen to hear of new ideas and initiatives for our community.

As chair of the parish council I would like to thank my fellow councillors (Mike Colman, Stephen Olley, Barry Bowyers and Kay Gingall), our hard-working clerk, Donna Secker, as well as all of the people who help to keep the village running smoothly - checking the footpaths, repairing benches, running the Emergency Plan, looking after the village defibrillator, keeping the bottle and clothes bank area tidy, the litter picking team, the speed watch team, the Millennium Green Trust, and the allotment coordinator, to name but a few.

During the past year we have achieved mostly small but important things such as reporting potholes, but we have also been working on more exciting projects such as the planting of more trees and wildflowers. These projects don't always come to fruition, but it's not without trying.

One of the areas that has always eluded us has been catering for our young residents. We did purchase sports equipment some years back. At first there was enthusiasm, but that waned, partly I think because of home equipment and school clubs, and so we donated everything to the church. However, if you have any ideas along those lines we'd love to hear from you, and if it's not something the council can get involved with we will definitely point you in the right direction.

We are currently looking for new councillors, so if you are interested please come and have a chat with one of us.

One last thing - we were hoping to light a beacon for the Queen's Jubilee in June, but unfortunately the organiser is unwell and we also decided that the beacon was not 100% safe. Therefore we have had to cancel it. However, we will have some presents for the children of the village to mark the day.

Tittleshall Parish Clerk-Financial Report:

We started in April 2021 with a positive balance of £2180, the precept was agreed to be £9750.00. Within 2021-2022 we also had a further income of £293.32 from the recycling bins. No further income was received.

The expenditure of items that were not budgeted for was £250 donation to the Millennium Green and a further £200 toward the Village fete.

The insurance premium was higher than last year £535.35 (last year was £356.53=66% increase).

The training budget was £100 but we spent £244.00, this was for four new Cllr's courses and a seminar attended by the Chairperson.

We closed the accounts on 31st March 2022 with a balance to carry over of: £3441.69

TITTLESHALL VILLAGE HALL BUGLE

Issue 12



Welcome to our 12th issue! May is a very busy time of year for the village. We can look forward to the Pop up Pubs at the hall on Fri 6th May and Fri 3rd June as part of the Jubilee bank holiday and then, at the Village Fete on Sat 25th June. A beacon will be lit at Blenheim Crescent to start the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee on



Thurs 2nd June in the evening. The takings from the plant stall are heading towards £300 as this newsletter is being put together to assist with the maintenance of the village hall. Look out for the annuals that will be on the stall from 2nd/3rd week in May. The rapeseed seems to be a little earlier this year and has brightened the country lanes no end! The Churchyard and the Millennium Green are looking splendid, as is the war memorial, featured in our last issue.

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th May at 7 pm. All residents are welcome to attend, however please do put any questions in writing to the Chairperson prior to the meeting as this helps with agenda timings. The normal monthly meeting will be held straight after where the final decision for the hall railings will be made. If there are any comments regarding the railings, again, please put them in writing to the Chairperson for consideration at the meeting (email: kaygingell@icloud.com or letter to Holly Tree House, Tittleshall).

MILLENNIUM GREEN - Date to Remember!.....

The Millennium Green is going to buzz this summer! On Saturday 25th June 2022, 12 noon until 4 pm, the Tittleshall Village Fete will take place and will be a fun day for all the family. There will be games, stalls, refreshments, Pop Up Pub and a variety of entertainment..... see more detail on the back page.

Another date to remember!.....

The Famous Tittleshall Millennium Green FUN Dog Show will be back by popular demand on Sunday 24th July. The 2021 event on the Green was a triumph for dogs of all descriptions and their proud owners. Come along and take part in one of the many classes or simply bring a blanket or chairs and give your support. There will be refreshments available, a raffle and prizes for all class winners! Here are some of last years entries.....



THE MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUSTEES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING..... will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 7 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



The village hall currently has **34 supporters** who have raised **£485.93** so far! A big **THANK YOU** to all 34 supporters.

Remember to use easyfundraising when purchasing any shopping online, be that supermarket groceries, household items, holidays, insurance or food delivery services.

If anyone would like help in setting up reminder icons, please contact Kay via email, telephone or Tittleshall Facebook page.

If you would like to participate, please visit:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tittleshallvillagehall

and sign up for free.

Remember to use AmazonSmile instead of Amazon, as Amazon no longer contributes to easyfundraising.

Happy Shopping!



Village Hall Report

Our weekly bookings have reduced on returning from the pandemic as we no longer support Pilates, Nia or the Fine Arts Group. However we are still accommodating the Choir, Tittleshall Arts, a new Ukulele group and hopefully a new Yoga group soon. We still have the pleasure of the Parish Council, the Pop Up Pub and we still accommodate the elections when necessary. Our hire charges have increased this year from 1st May – the first time in 5 years and our bookings Clerk is now Phillippa Harrison.

We are still on the look out for a Secretary on the committee since Arthur Drinkwater's resignation however we are pleased to welcome 2 new committee members.

Our fundraising is primarily based around the 100 club, Easyfundraising, the winter warmer and the plant stall. We have one other event booked for October, which will be the Harvest Celebration. The Pop up Pub commences again this month and will continue on through the year on the first Friday of the month as long as residents support the event. Our finances remain comfortable and allows for improvements such as our new roof, new black out blinds and new chairs.

Our plans for the hall this year include internal re-decoration and a new set of external railings. As we are in the conservation area, these railings will be like for like and at the moment the thoughts are that they are to be black to match the church and the Methodist chapel. We will be making the final decisions at our next meeting. We are also looking to re-new the kitchen however this may not be until next year as we need to have some damp treatment agreed first.

Last year we were duty bound to remove the old thorn tree on the forecourt. The tree had a massive hole right through the middle of the trunk and was full of decay – basically the tree was rotting from the inside and in strong winds would most definitely have toppled, causing damage to property, cars, passers by etc. Three residents requested a TPO from Breckland council, this was not delivered due to the irreparable damage to the tree, caused by lack of care over the years ie tarmacing over the root surface, not removing the ivy and lack of coppicing.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee: Craig, Wendy, Phillippa, Helen, Peter, Jenny, Barry and Tracey for their continued support and loyalty. These volunteers work really hard to make sure the hall remains in good shape for generations to come.

Speed Watch Group

A year ago this month, seven volunteers were trained by Norfolk Police to act as your Village Speed Watch Group. The aim of the group is to act as a deterrent to those who do not respect the 30 MPH speed limit in our village and endanger lives. We gather data that will help us to receive further assistance to reduce speeding in the future.

So far in the past year, we have held 26 sessions and have reported 230 speeding drivers, who have all received a letter from Norfolk Police.

We have on occasions been joined by serving officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team, who have issued both warnings and tickets to those who they catch on the day. The information that we have gathered will strengthen our case for a) more police sessions and b) a county funded speed recorder.

There needs to be a minimum of three persons at a session, one to record the driver with the speed gun, one to check registration and to verify speed recordings and a third to capture vehicle details and upload to the police national database.

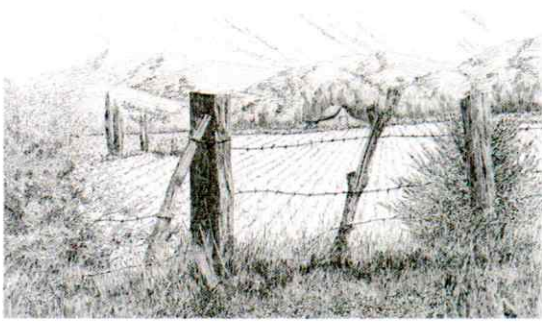
The commitment is one hour a month per person and I would say it is well worth the hour to benefit our village. We are now a group of eleven persons but we still need another two or three volunteers (or more if possible). Volunteers would especially be welcome from those of you who have children or dog walkers, as speeding is a real danger to these groups!

The success of this group has been rewarded with our first speed camera vehicle in the village on Tuesday 25th April as well as our own SDR unit which is currently recording speeds 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The data from the speed camera and the SDR box will be available from the middle of May.

If you are able to contribute to the group, please give Mary a call or send an e-mail for further information.

Mary: 07771 621606

or mary.osborne@btconnect.com



*The village Emergency
Plan is being updated.....
can you help?*

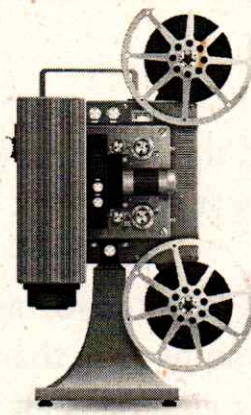
Tittleshall cum Godwick Emergency Plan

Our parish council is currently updating the Emergency Plan (EP) for the village and would like your help to ensure the community resources available and the contact details are current. If you are able to, can you please complete the form overleaf and return it to the "flower stall" post box, on the brick pillar, next to the allotments. Alternatively, you can email kaygingell@icloud.com with details of any resource you are able to offer. If you would like your form to be collected from your doorstep, please just let me know. All information given will be held in the strictest of confidence by The EP Lead and only used in the event of an emergency. All info needs to be received by Sunday 21st February 2021.

The draft EP will be presented to the Parish Council at the March 2021 meeting and if it's approved, will take immediate effect. More information will then appear on notice boards, in the Church and Village Magazine, The Bugle, our village FaceBook page and website.

The Lead is Kay Gingell, contactable on: **01328 700268** or Mob: **07765 252765**, based at **Holly Tree House**, (next to the allotments, opposite the war memorial.) The Deputy is Sara Foster.

A group of 11 co-ordinators, including the lead and deputy, will each be responsible for an area of the village just as before, who will communicate using WhatsApp, the FB page and mobile phones (with landlines and email as backup). If you have any questions at this stage or need further assistance please do not hesitate to contact Kay directly.



FLIX IN THE STIX CINEMA

Flix In The Stix Cinema is the oldest running rural cinema in North Norfolk. It has been in existence for fifteen years before it was so rudely interrupted for two years by you know what!

We are not bitter because the enforced break gave us a chance to reflect on whether cinema and its narrative in all shades was worthwhile and more worryingly would it ever return. The conclusion we came to was that as a spectacle cinema still holds a lot of people in its thrall and is a very powerful creative experience.

Flix is fortunate to have the support and co-operation of Creative Arts East who are keen and instrumental in helping us to bring to audiences a wide range of films from the mainstream cinema to independent filmmakers.

People love going to the movies and a cinema, especially one on your doorstep, has proved a phenomenal success.

The Flix is now entering a different phase in screening films.

Some of the independent filmmakers have always had difficulty in distribution. The big cinema chains may give space to smaller budget films but they are always given short screening time. And as a consequence, some of the more independent and esoteric films are hard to find.

At Flix we are showing two nights of consecutive films.

On a monthly Friday night and a Saturday night we screen an independent movie followed by a more mainstream film.

Thus far we have shown a Tibetan film called 'Balloon' on a Friday night and on the Saturday we had a lovely schmaltzy Brit film called 'Dream Horse'.

I did not know if this format would work and if we would indeed have an audience for both films. As it happened we had people come on the

Friday night who enjoyed the film immensely and the same went for Saturday's screening. So great news! Flix In The Stix was up and running again!

We will continue with this formula for as long as there is interest. The great success of such diverse films is that we get different audiences for each and that, to me is, what cinema is all about. That distils into providing films that challenge perceptions, are thought provoking, humorous and informative and maybe even educate. Film is a very evocative visual form of narrative.

**FLIX IN THE STIX CINEMA
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TITLESHALL POOR'S LAND TRUST

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7th MAY 2022

The Charity was first commissioned in 1877 with the aim of managing land which could be used by poorer residents of the village for allotments and also to forage for wood and the like for heating. Gradually over the years the nature of the easement provided by the Charity has changed as times have moved on.

Today the aims are to provide a small sum to offset the fuel costs of pensioners with restricted incomes as well as partially funding a chiropody service. In addition a bereavement grant is given, where needed, to relatives of residents of the village who have died in order to mitigate some of the costs that are naturally incurred. The 5 Trustees will also consider other requests, but cannot, by their constitution, make grants towards rent or debt. In the past one-off grants have been around paying for the like of books and other materials when children move on to higher education and other such matters. Any requests can be made via the Secretary, myself, or the Trustees.

Apart from an amount emanating from the interest on a small savings account the only income the Trust receives is from an annual rent paid by a farmer who cultivates land off Wellingham Road. These 35 acres are the bulk of lands owned by the Charity and which form the majority of its assets. There are also 2 small plots either side of the Heath Road which are maintained mainly as a recreational asset and used extensively, although not exclusively, by dog owners for the purpose of exercising their pets. Recently extensive work has been undertaken to protect this land and to improve access. Unfortunately there have been recent examples of fly tipping and the use of the land by people on motorcycles, but the Trustees hope that with the work now completed access to this land will be retained.

Arthur Drinkwater

Secretary to the Trustees.

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TITTLESHALL METHODIST CHURCH

We are a small congregation. We do not restrict our endeavours solely to religious services but try to carry out our Christian convictions into the community.

Our members serve on the Parish Council, Village Hall, Bowls Club and at the Foodbank in Fakenham. Also one of our members is a published composer and has issued several CDs.

We re-opened the Church on Easter Sunday 2021 and the coffee morning in August 2021 and have remained open successfully ever since.

Our coffee morning is well-supported each Wednesday from 10.30-12 noon and all are welcome.

We have not been able to host the West Norfolk and Kings Lynn cyclists who were coming five times a year. We do hope to hold a soup lunch in October

In the spirit of extending our mission outside the Chapel building we give our Harvest Thanksgiving collection to Send a Cow (agriculture and horticulture missionary work in Central and East Africa) and our Christmas services go to Swaffham and Litcham h

Church Report

Like most organisations this has been a difficult year for the church, culminating in the cancellation of all our Christmas celebrations which was very sad for all concerned.

On a positive note the PCC is very grateful to all in the village for the support we have received for our fundraising events which have taken place during the year. As a result we have been able to complete the first phase of our restoration programme and the unstable flooring on the south side of the nave has been replaced. Now we have to replace the floor on the north side, restore the porch, get the clock going again and in a dream world have the bells ringing. One thing at a time...

We hold two services a month in St Mary's. On the second Sunday there is an informal, short, contemplative service taken by Anna Kidd and on the fourth Sunday a Communion Service. The church is open every day, so do visit at any time if you need a quiet and beautiful space to sit in if you are in need of a moment to yourself or of course if you are in need of something to read. The cross section of books on offer is very broad and you help the church in the process.

In January, The Rev Miriam Fife was confirmed as our Team Rector. She has 17 other parishes to look after as well as ours, which is a big ask. We are very lucky that she is ably assisted by a team of volunteers, including Hilary de Lyon, who help take our services.

Finally I would like to publicly thank all the members of the PCC who work so hard in many different ways to keep the church open and operating for us all to enjoy.

Before Covid, Tittleshall Ladies' Male Voice Choir was thriving with 30 members. Singing was considered one of the more dangerous activities during the outbreak, so we took to Zoom meetings. That wasn't entirely successful because the delay between people meant we couldn't actually sing together unless everyone was muted except me. So those of us who were happy to use Zoom used to mostly chat.

We've been meeting indoors for about 6 months now, and people have gradually come back, but not everybody. So I decided to have a reboot to encourage new members and new energy, hence the birth of The Sunflower Singers. We still meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the village hall, and the old Fakenham Singers still meet on Thursday evenings at Hempton Church Hall.

Our first 'gig' is on June 25th at Tittleshall Fete.

TITTLESHALL BOWLS CLUB

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Our relatively short playing season of 4 months has just commenced. Ever hopeful we continue to participate in 2 evening leagues and have opted in 2022 to play in an afternoon league as well as a league where the format is that of a roving cot. The latter is a term not familiar to non-players, as well as a few playing members. Like any game there is a lot of phrases and rules that we use , but these just disguise the fact we attempt to bowl a round spherical object towards a small spherical object in an attempt to be the closest. As has been said many times it is simple in its concept and for some simple in its execution, but for many, myself included, it is frustrating yet strangely it can be enormous fun and a very social activity.

The club has been going for well over 30 years and prides itself in being open and welcoming to those who come by way of opposing teams or those who want to venture into the strange world we inhabit. There are many who will take the time and trouble to help “newbies” and encourage them. We have a supply of woods of various sizes and all we ask is that people wear flat shoes.

Of course like all such clubs we do not operate on fresh air, but for those who wish to join on a permanent basis there is a reasonable annual fee as well as a small “match” fee when playing in official matches. The annual fee of £25 allows access to the Green any afternoon or evening when it is not either being cut or played upon so there is ample time for social games.

Over the years we have endeavoured to maintain the Green and facilities as well as improve them. Our latest project is the creation of a wide and safe pathway to the pavilion and a new gate which will give immediate access. The pathway is designed to allow access to all including those with restricted mobility. We must acknowledge here the support we have received from Breckland with a grant that has enabled us to continue in the recent difficult times and which has funded the pathway and gate as well as other improvements.

All are welcome to come and play or just to stand and stare at the range of excuses given for playing any given shot.

Arthur Drinkwater

Secretary to Tittleshall Bowls Club

Tittleshall Village Allotments,

The allotment land was previously a quarry, but this closed down due to the depth of the quarry became too difficult for the donkey to get up the hill.

It then became a parish initiative council to use this land at allotments and the rent was agreed.

The current layout is 11 allotments, 9 single plots, and 2 double plots. The cost per year is £20.00 for a single plot and £40.00 for a double plot. However, this might change in the future to just single plots or even divide a double plot into quarters. The rent is collected from a resident and then this is forwarded to the Parish Council who then forwards the rent money to The Church of England, Diocese of Norwich who currently owns this land.