

Tendring Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Tendring Parish Council held on Monday 27th January 2025 at 7:30pm at the Tendring Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs Cauvain, Conner and Harris
In the Chair:	Cllr Brattan
Clerk:	Mrs Marie Snell
Also present:	0 member of the public, 0 member of the press.

01.27.01 Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllrs Appleby, Cronin and Rippon

01.27.02 Declaration of members' Interests

None

01.27.03 Minutes of the last meeting

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meetings of Tendring Parish Council held on 25th November 2024 and 8th January 2025 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

01.27.04 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

None.

01.27.05 Planning (since last Full Council Meeting) Applications Received

None		
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Applications Determined

To note determinations of previously considered planning applications as notified by Tendring District Council:

None		
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11.27.06 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting or of Previous Minutes

	Ongoing	
1	Clerk	Min ref 9.23.07 The clerk reported on the successful replacement of the nest swing at Goose Green. The funds of which are to be reimbursed by Tendring District Council in obtaining S106 funding.
2	Clerk	Min ref 11.25.06 The clerk reported that the new noticeboard is yet to be purchased due to a manufacture issue, the clerk will provide an update at the next meeting with Cllr Rippon.
3	Cllr Rippon and Cauvain	Min ref 11.25.06 Cllr Cauvain updated that she is content to use existing wood already located. Members RESOLVED to agree the expenditure of bug friendly plants at the total cost of £40.00.
4	Cllr Brattan	Min ref 9.23.07 Cllr Brattan advised that the Christmas lights appeared to turn rusty and these have been returned, to reorder from an alternative supplier. The refreshments were well received, the profits of such, approximately £60 were donated to Walton Foodbank. Observations that there was not a great turn out from the 'bring and share' food offering.

01.27.07 County and District Councillor reports

Members noted December and January reports from County Councillor Representative Cllr Guglielmi. District Councillor Cllr Harris reported with regards to his involvement in the Overview and Services Scrutiny Committee focusing on decisions made by cabinet and the council, more recently, budgets. Cllr Harris has been focused on Weeley Offices which remains empty, and pressure is upon the council to look at again to full cabinet in February. This is believed to be costing in excess of £65,000 per annum and discussions in saving money are integral. Various proposals have been considered with investors bringing funds into the district, hopes through the investors, the building can be saved, converted into use for the community. Cllr Harris queried with TDC's contribution to Harwich for a PCSO, when other towns are self-funding this service, hopes for this to be reviewed. Cllr Harris advised he sits on a 'task and finish group' focusing on assets, housing (policy) and enforcement. Constant pressure is on enforcement regarding the erected fence within Tendring Village following recent refusal. Cllr Harris debriefed following meeting with local MP, holding the first surgery with over 100 businesses in the area, a huge success with more help for local businesses and fundamental lesson that the recent National Insurance increase will cause problems within their business which will affect staffing and associated pressures.

1.27.08 Village Speedwatch

Members discussed the ongoing requirement for Village Speedwatch. Cllr Harris advised no real further update regarding this but there is the requirement for training to facilitate. Cllr Brattan asked to follow this up with Cllr Harris training dates for the next meeting.

1.27.09 Data Audit

Members received data audit prepared by the clerk for 2024/2025.

01.27.10 Finance

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the following schedule of payments:

Payable to:	Amount/£	Reference
Clerk Salary	441.60 439.50 (<i>for information only</i>)	January Payroll December Payroll (already paid, £483.00 was approved at November 2024 meeting).
HMRC	103.40 100.00 (<i>for information only</i>)	P30 Employer's Pay Slip – January P30 Employer's Pay Slip – December (already paid, £120.00 was approved at November 2024 meeting).
Sovereign	1470.98 (<i>for information only</i>)	Additional works for nest swing replacement, costing approved at December 2024 meeting.
Tendring Village Hall	225.00	Hall Hire fees 2025
Tendring Village Hall	22.00	Additional Hall Hire fees to cover 2025
Microsoft	59.99	Annual Subscription
Tendring District Council	216.74	Litter Bin Collection
Cllr Rippon	61.96	Xmas Expenses – Lighting and batteries, £49.98 and £11.98 respectively

Nurture Landscapes	185.63	August Grass Cutting
Nurture Landscapes	185.63	September Grass Cutting
Nurture Landscapes	185.63	October Grass Cutting

01.27.11 Previous Payments

Members noted monthly direct debits paid accordingly:

Payable to	Agreed (minute ref)	Amount/£
Sky Mobile	6.24.15	13.00
Bank Charges	3.25.15	5.40

01.27.12 Parish Councillor reports

Cllr Harris – Referenced recent Transport Meeting, which he was unable to attend. Bus Stop at Horseley Cross, ongoing queries of location of amenity but according to Essex Highways, it is safe. Cllr Brattan advised that following the installation of the roundabout at Horseley Cross, this has slowed traffic entering Tendring Village.

Cllr Cauvain – Has purchased bulbs for planting with an array of plants, including daffodils for the spring. Advised March will be the time to commence litter picks in association with the grass verge cutting. Cllr Bratton asked for plans to close Crown Lane for litter picking which Cllr Cauvain stated is difficult to facilitate but is planning on a litter pick for this area with hopes for local volunteers.

Cllr Brattan – Reporting of Little Bentley junction regarding flooding report to the local press, which was successful in the clearance from Tendring District Council and Essex County, with support from Cllr Land. New signs erected at Tendring Primary School but with the old signs remaining, reported to Cllr Land and this will be actioned in removing the remains. Cllr Harris queried why Cllr Guglielmi has not been asked to support, Cllr Brattan has reported Crow Lane for works regarding flooding and verge erosion and has hopes in being facilitated. Cllr Guglielmi is keen to meet with her and the parish clerk to address matters for concern.

Further updates from TDALC meeting. Tendring, Colchester and Braintree suspected to be collated, and the election of a mayor could be 2026, the responsibilities to align with the London mayor's duties in crime and policing, with a deputy mayor and a delegated team. This is said to be because of the Local Government Reform with the development of a unitary council to deal with matters collectively. With parish councils having the potential for more powers and duties, this comes with questions from many. New planning framework with more collaboration across boundaries and the lack of opportunities for residents to respond to local planning applications.

01.27.13 Items for the next agenda

- Speed Watch
- Bug Hotel update
- Annual Parish Meeting plan (March)
- Scarecrow Event 2025 plan

01.27.14 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting: Monday 24th February 2025, to commence at 7.30pm at Tendring Village Hall.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.28pm.

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