

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Tilney St Lawrence Parish Meeting held 19:00hrs, 04 March 2024, in the Village Hall.

In attendance:

Parish Councillors: Cllr B Ayres (chairman), Cllr C Ayres, Cllr J Day, Cllr R Day, Cllr M Dix, H Greenwood, Cllr S Langley, Cllr G Miller, Cllr M Napier, Cllr d Partridge,

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Christie

Members of the Public: two local electors.

1. Welcome

Cllr Barry Ayres, chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed all those present.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr D Jones, Cllr D Raynor, Cllr C Webber.

3. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Assembly:

The minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting held Monday 6th March 2023 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.

4. Parish Council Report:

- The chairman of the Parish Council reported that the Parish Council were in a good stable financial position.
- Due to the ongoing problem with the glass in the bus shelters either being broken by vandalism or freezing weather it was agreed to replace the glass in both shelters in St Johns Road to Perspex.
- The Parish notice board in Magdalen Road was looking the worst for wear and so this will be replaced shortly with a new aluminium notice board.
- The dog waste bin in Tilney Cum Islington has been replaced due to losing its lid in high winds and a new bin has been installed in spice chase.
- The problem with the streetlights in the parish turning blue has been an ongoing issue with the contractor. As they are still in warranty, and it is their responsibility to replace them.
This is a known issue in LED lights and is due to the phosphorus coating breaking down and allowing the blue light to come through. The Parish council are now taking legal advice on this matter.
- The Parish council and Village Hall committee are working closely together to provide an all-weather cricket pitch on the village hall playing field. Funding will be from the Parish council and Dr Punsfer's Gift charity and work will start late March. A local cricket club has already shown their interest in hiring this for this season for practice and going forward for league matches.

The refurbishment of the pavilion is also being looked into.

5. Parish Clubs and Organisations

- i. Dr Punsfer's Gift Charity Report -The full report is attached – appendix A
- ii. Tilney St Lawrence Village Hall Committee Report Attached – appendix B
- iii. Short Mat Bowls – Report Attached – appendix C
- iv. Table Tennis – Report Attached – appendix D
- v. Tilney St Lawrence Church – Report Attached – appendix E

6. Open Forum:

No matters were raised.

Close of Meeting - The chairman closed the meeting at 19:25hrs, thanking all those attending.

Chairman's signature: Date.....

Dr. Punsfers Gift Charity

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Annual report 2023/24

A slight improvement in the interest rate has seen the fund perform slightly better this year, however the early part of the year capital growth was still slow. This has allowed the fund to make a single donation to the village towards the cost of an all-weather cricket pitch located in the centre of the playing field which will hopefully see an increase in interest in cricket in the village, there are already several interested parties.

Some advances have been made towards returning the pavilion to use for the benefit of cricket clubs/matches, the fund may be in a position to support this depending on any new applications, which will be judged in order of merit and value to the community as a whole.

However, by employing a sound fiscal policy the fund remains stable and is in a good position to face the year ahead. The committee remain open to receiving applications for emergency or critical grant applications at any time outside the regular schedule of grant applications.

The Chairman's thanks go to all members of the committee who have assisted, and the village hall committee who have assisted in the establishment of the all-weather cricket pitch during the last year.

Councillor Barry Ayres M.A. A.Dip.

Report to the Parish Assembly.

It has been another busy year for the Village Hall. This has only been possible with the hard work and dedication of our committee. The hall is now at near or full capacity. With a wide range of activities available such as Pre-school, Dance groups, Table Tennis, Short Mat Bowls, Football Clubs and Bingos. The committee continues to bring new and popular events almost monthly to engage with the village and the surrounding communities.

We are currently updating our website with the capability to make online enquiries and allow access to view the calendar for availability, before trying to book the hall. We are continuing to apply for funding to upgrade the hall to give it a fresh and modern appeal. We have started with the toilets and shortly all the windows and doors are to be updated.

A new Head of Terms has been agreed for the William Day Centre, with Independent Matters, for a further 3years with a rental that is more inline with the current market rates. The playing area has now got an accessible swing in place to allow more inclusion for children who would not be able to use the play park otherwise. The skatepark has now been altered and made safe.

Finally, a new outside seating area is to be erected this month. The committee has agreed that the new seating area be dedicated to Philip Cullen, who sadly passed away last year, for his long-standing service to the village.

Regards,

Trevor Marshall

Tilney St. Lawrence Short Mat Bowls Club currently has a membership of about twenty people, who meet at the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm. The hall kindly stores the club's equipment with two good quality mats kept on a roller stand, fenders, and score boards etc. The Club aims to be friendly, and not too competitive, and pays for a meal out with members and their partners at Christmas, and again in the summer, if funds allow, from the membership fees, which currently run at £3 per person per week. The club welcomes any new members to come and play, and they are given tuition and a loan of bowls if they need them.

Tilney St. Lawrence Table Tennis Club

Tilney St. Lawrence Table Tennis Club is held on Mondays from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Village Hall. There are only six members at the moment, but we are currently advertising to try and attract new members including young people. It is open to beginners and experienced players and bats are on loan for newcomers to try it out. Each session costs £3, and we were able to subsidise a meal out at Christmas for members and their partners.

Tilney St. Lawrence Church

Tilney St. Lawrence Church has its first monthly Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th April from 10am to 12 noon. There will be refreshments, stalls, and a raffle each month. The Flower Festival will be held on the 20th and 21st July inviting everyone to take part by doing a flower display on the subject of “Songs from the Musicals”. There will be refreshments, various stalls, a tombola, a bric-a-brac sale, and a raffle. The church will be open on the Saturday from 10am to 3pm, and on the Sunday from 12.30pm to 3pm after The Morning Church Service at 11am.