

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 18th January 2018
in the Small Room of the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

Present - Cllr R Mallett (Chairman), Cllr M Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr M Hale-Smith, Cllr M Jupp, Cllr V Ware, Cllrs S King (CCC), S Clark and C Seaton (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mr & Mrs Maxwell and Mr & Mrs Simpson (Parishioners)

Apologies for Absence - Cllr G Minney, PCSO H Norton-Smith

Public Forum

Mr Maxwell thanked the Council for including full details of items under discussion with the agenda. He asked for clarification of the procedure for consideration of planning applications referred to the Parish Council by the District Council.

692/18 Urgent Items

Matters raised and attended to since the last meeting will be reported under Parishioner Issues.

693/18 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2017 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

694/18 Matters Arising

- a) Old School House - The Clerk has written to the owner on behalf of the Parish Council. No reply has been received. A second letter will be sent.
- b) Tydd Waterway Route - A meeting took place before Christmas to discuss next steps. The slabs for the benches will be laid shortly. Additional signage will be installed to clarify the connections to existing footpaths in Foul Anchor. An application will be submitted to the Brigstock & Wrens Charity to cover additional costs, including an additional bench. The old lock gates will be used to form a windbreak for a picnic area with historical information boards. Heritage Open Days 2018 will cover two weekends, 6th-9th September and 13th-16th. Tydd Pumping Station will be open on one weekend, with the possibility of opening another pumping station elsewhere on the other. In accordance with the permissive path agreement, the pathway will be closed for the month of February and signage has been erected to notify walkers.
- c) Kirkgate Pavement - The new pavement has now been completed.
- d) Street Light, Church Lane Bridge - The light has been replaced, but is partially obscured by trees.
- e) Children's Play Equipment - Clerk to create necessary paperwork and provide schedule for weekly safety checks.
- f) Defibrillator - Application for £500 to be submitted to Cllr Seaton for the FDC Small Grants fund. Availability of first aid training to be advertised. Defibrillator to be ordered once sufficient volunteers have been identified.

695/18 Police Matters

Monthly updates for October, November and December were discussed. October's report included three thefts and two burglaries. Shed burglaries, oil thefts and hare coursing still occurring locally. Volunteers are still required for a community Speedwatch group to monitor traffic speeds around the village.

696/18 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King reported that he had been contacted by Mrs Savill regarding the car that had left the road and damaged her hedge and decorative barrels. He has also spoken to the Highways Officer. Speed reduction measures at this location could be part of a future Local Highway Improvement bid.

The presentation of the 2018/19 LHI bid by Cllr Hale-Smith was well received. The decisions will be announced shortly after the meeting on 13th March.

697/18 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr Seaton reported that the Leader of the District Council has resigned and a new leadership election will be held shortly. In the meantime it is business as usual at the Council.

698/18 Parishioner Issues

The footpath from Chapel Lane to Hall Bank has been ploughed over. The Clerk has spoken to the landowner and this will be resolved as soon as the weather permits. In the meantime, an alternative path is available.

A concrete block used to protect the roadside verge in Broad Drove East was dislodged by a contractor's vehicle visiting Sapphire Close and left in the road during the Christmas break. The Police were notified. Cllr Carter attended but the issue was resolved by a passing motorist.

The entrance path to St Giles Church is breaking up, partly due to tree roots. Cllr Mallett has spoken to Mr Pateman regarding remedial works.

The date for the second closure of Broad Drove East for Sapphire Close works has not been confirmed and may delay the occupation of the development. So far, nine applicants with a local connection to Tydd St Giles have applied for properties.

699/18 Correspondence

The Clerk outlined the correspondence received since the last meeting, including the following:-

- Update on General Data Protection Regulations from NALC
- Roadworks and Events bulletins, CCC Highways
- Traffic Order for closure of Bythorne Bank and Park Road, CCC Highways
- Notification of commencement of Tydd Gote Bridge works, CCC Highways
- Confirmation of LP12 Threshold and Position Statement, FDC Planning
- Opportunity to invite Brendan Arnold, Corporate Director and Chief Finance Officer, FDC to attend Parish Council meeting
- Chairman of FDC re events in 2018 - Armed Forces Day, June 29, Chairman's Civic Reception, September 14, Chairman's Macmillan Coffee Morning, September 27, Chairman's Carol Service, December 2
- Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments re appointment of external auditor for 2017/18
- Cllr Steve Tierney re Area Champion role
- CAPALC re General Data Protection Order guidance
- Cllr Chris Seaton re small grant for defibrillator
- Cllr Simon King re tendering for new street light contract
- LHI Project Evaluation, CCC Highways

- Invitation to LHI Panel meeting, 15th January
- Letter re Rural Affairs portfolio, Cllr Chris Seaton
- Traffic Order for closure of Broad Drove East, CCC Highways
- Draft Business Plan and Budget consultation, FDC
- Policing precept consultation from Office of the PCC
- Invitation to Buckingham Palace Garden Party, 15th May, CAPALC
- Request for assistance with church path, Alan Pateman
- Letter re FDC complaint response and receipt, Cllr Simon King
- Queries and responses re allocation of properties in Sapphire Close

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate correspondence to members when received. Cllrs Hale-Smith and Ware requested further information regarding the Garden Party.

700/18 Local Highway Improvement bid for 2018/19

The application included a new street light for the crossing point from the old pavement to the new pavement in Kirkgate and speed monitoring warning signs to be used at agreed locations around the village. At the meeting of the assessment panel on 15th January, it was suggested that the street light should be commissioned through the District Council, without LHI funding.

RESOLVED - that the Parish Council will place an order with the District Council's street lighting contractor, when appointed, to provide the new light in Kirkgate, as detailed in the bid for LHI funding.

RESOLVED - that the LHI bid will be amended to comprise only the speed reduction elements of the previously agreed submission. No further financial contribution will be required.

701/18 Planning

Updates on the outcomes of applications previously considered were included in the agenda. No new applications have been submitted. It was agreed that the means of considering and commenting upon planning applications should be discussed at the next meeting.

702/18 Finance

- a) The financial statement for the period to the end of December was examined. Income of £33,688.90 was received. Expenditure of £16,784.83 was incurred. The outstanding VAT returns for 2015/16 and 2016/17 have been submitted and refunds totalling £2,460.54 are expected.

RESOLVED - to approve the financial statement to the end of December 2017.

- b) Future spending proposals were discussed, including CCTV for the Community Centre (currently being installed), disabled car parking for the Community Centre (funded mainly through external funding), fencing for the children's play equipment and possibly additional items of equipment, adult fitness equipment. Cllrs Hale-Smith & Jupp to develop costed proposals for consideration at future meeting. Foul Anchor War Memorial improvements to be finalised. Village Sign may require new post, possible new signage for village entry points.

RESOLVED - to develop costed proposals for future expenditure for consideration at the next meeting.

- c) The draft budget for the 2018/19 financial year was discussed.

RESOLVED - to approve the draft budget for 2018/19.

- d) The precept required for 2018/19 was discussed. In order to reduce the level of unallocated reserves held, a reduction in precept to a nominal £1,000 was proposed by Cllr Hale-Smith and seconded by Cllr Carter

RESOLVED - to approve the reduction in precept from £21,000 to £1,000.

- e) The following payments were presented for approval:

DA Gibbs (Salary).....	£ 500.00
Arb-Core Tree Care Ltd (Foul Anchor)	£ 600.00
Pro Storm Solutions Ltd (Community Centre CCTV)	£ 1,525.20
O Williams (Tree Cutting)	£ 125.00
Fenland District Council (Community Centre bins)	£ 86.74
	£ 2,836.94

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £2,836.94 be approved for payment.

703/18 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - Cllr Hale-Smith has agreed to be the lead contact for Speedwatch, working with Mr Maxwell and the Parish Councils of Parson Drove & Newton-in-the-Isle. Volunteering forms have been located for the Community Gritting team and this will be followed up with a view to having a fully-equipped team in place before the start of next winter.
- b) Street Lighting - A County Council-owned light in Newgate Road is not working and has been reported.
- c) Churchyard - Dates to be agreed with the Community Payback team to undertake work.
- d) Trees - The yew hedge outside The Gatehouse, Kirkgate, has been cut back hard and concerns had been raised. Planning conditions dating from the construction of the property require the hedge to be retained. Having sought clarification, it appears that the hedge will recover in due course. A fallen tree in Cats Lane has been cleared by CCC Highways. Several large branches from trees on the verge in Field Avenue have fallen recently. Cllr Carter to report to CCC Highways. A large tree, part of TPO 4/1975, fell onto High Broadgate in strong winds, revealing significant decay. Other trees in this area will need to be examined. Owner to arrange and Cllr Carter to liaise and report back. Tree over War Memorial at Foul Anchor has been cut back.
- e) Allotments - Inspection and measuring of the allotments to take place when weather improves.
- f) Foul Anchor - Remembrance Service 12th November was well supported. One tree fell in the recent storm and others along the roadside need inspection.
- g) Community Centre – The CCTV system has been upgraded. Five cameras have been installed, connected to a screen and hard drive in a secure location in the building. There is scope for 3 more cameras, if required. Remote access is possible, but would require an internet connection at the Centre. The application to the Grange Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund for £5,000 towards the disabled car park has been submitted. The application to the National Lottery for £10,000 will be submitted shortly.

704/18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 15th March in the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm