

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 9th September 2021

Present - Cllr T Doyle (Chairman), Cllr C Brooks, Cllr M Carter, Cllr B Luck, Cllr K Malin, Cllr G Mathias, Cllr A Renshaw, Cllr S King (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), C Cooper, M Cooper, L Grainger, (Parishioners)

Apologies for Absence - Cllrs S Clark and C Seaton (FDC)

Public Time - Mr Cooper addressed the Council regarding concerns over parking and speeding in Church Road. He presented a petition signed by twelve residents. The Chairman will contact the school to ask them to speak to parents. Mr Cooper also highlighted a caravan stored in the garden of a property in Cornfields which he believes to be a breach of a covenant on the property. The Chairman explained that the Council is not empowered to enforce a covenant.

034/21 Chairman's Announcements

None.

035/21 Urgent Items

None.

036/21 Confirmation of Minutes

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th July 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th August 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

Agenda items 039/21 and 045/21 below were brought forward at Cllr King's request and heard before the next item. Cllr King then left the meeting.

037/21 Matters Arising

- a) Defibrillators - No update.
- b) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - No update.
- c) Parish Council e-mail accounts - Five members have set up their new accounts. The Clerk will visit the remaining two.
- d) Green Dog Walker scheme - The Chairman has approached the Street Pride leaders and is awaiting a response.
- e) Drainage Issues - A borehole is being dug in the garden in Hockland Road to check the soil types.
- f) Parking in Church Lane - the letters to the residents will be delivered shortly.
- g) Parking at Church Lane, Hockland Road, Kirkgate junction - The Chairman and Clerk will discuss this matter with the Police to consider options.

038/21 Police Matters

The Chairman and Clerk reported that they had attended an online meeting with the Wisbech Neighbourhood Sergeant and representatives of other parish councils. The pursuit of drug dealers continues. A week dedicated to tackling anti-social behaviour during the school holidays was successful. Parking enforcement remains a priority in Wisbech, for safety reasons. Neighbourhood Watch has launched a nation programme to tackle scammers, entitled Sling Your Hook.

039/21 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King reported that the Highways and Transport Committee had approved the introduction of civil parking enforcement across the county, with each district to determine how this will be delivered. Once introduced, parking enforcement will no longer be a Police role. The deadline for Local Highways Improvement bids is 30 September and initial feedback from officers regarding the proposal to extend double white lines on the A1101 at Four Gotes had been positive.

040/21 Fenland District Councillor Reports

In the absence of Cllrs Clark and Seaton, there was no report.

041/21 Clerk's Report

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

a) Meetings

Wisbech Neighbourhood Police - 9 July
Brigstock & Wren's Charity - 25 August
Tydd St Giles Golf & Country Club - 27 August
Unleashing Fenland's Potential - 2 September

b) Correspondence

County Council

Highways re Remembrance Events
Closure - Hannath Road - 22-24 September
Fenland Education Campus SEMH planning consultation and update
Community Gritting Scheme - (decision required)
Traffic Management for Events training course
Consultation on the proposal to change the age range at Kinderley Community Primary School

District Council

Citizens Advice service at Community Hub
Workplace vaccination campaign
2021 Annual Household Canvass
Pride in Fenland awards launch
Community Safety Partnership survey

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils

Annual awards
Annual Conference
Chairman and Clerk surveys

Cambridgeshire ACRE

Home Energy Support Service
Annual General Meeting invitation

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Resilience Forum

County Safety Advisory Group letter re Covid-safe event planning

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership

Latest scams

*Local Energy Advice Partnership
Service re-opening
Fenland Bridleways Access Group
Group launch*

042/21 Working Groups

- a) Communications - No further meetings have taken place. Dates to be agreed. Members will attend the Garage Sale to talk to residents about the work of the Council.
- b) Request for a basketball court - The Clerk read a letter from a young resident requesting a basketball court be installed on the playing field. Members agreed to consider this as part of future plans, but also to investigate the possibility of installing a single basketball hoop as one of the first items of equipment. The Clerk will seek prices.
- c) Play equipment inspections and routine maintenance - Cllrs Malin, Mathias and Renshaw offered to share responsibility for the weekly inspections. One fault was noted. The zipwire needs tightening.
- d) Litter bins and dog bins - The District Council has installed a temporary extra bin in Eaudyke Bank. Members agreed to install a dog bin at the junction of Fold Lane and Kirkgate. The Clerk will discuss a suitable location on Hall Bank with the District Council and investigate the possibility of another outside the Golf Club.

043/21 Data Gathering and Digital Mapping

Cllr Luck reported that this work is still in progress. He is currently focusing on the housing stock data. The asset mapping exercise will be completed shortly. Options for storing and displaying the data are still under consideration.

044/21 Member and Parishioner Issues

- a) Overgrown dyke behind Fieldside View - Members asked the Clerk to check the status of this dyke with the Drainage Board and send a copy of the riparian responsibilities leaflet to the resident if appropriate.
- b) Parking at Church Lane, Hockland Road, Kirkgate junction - Members resolved to work with Blades Barbers to encourage safer parking and to discuss the situation with residents of the neighbouring properties.

045/21 Local Highway Improvements

- a) 2021/22 application - The Clerk circulated a draft of the letter to the County Council expressing dissatisfaction over aspects of the LHI assessment process. Members resolved to be a co-signatory to the letter.
- b) 2022/23 application - Members discussed three options:
 - i) double white lines on the A1101 at Four Gotes;
 - ii) a re-submission of last year's scheme in Hannath Road; and
 - iii) the purchase of a second MVAS speed monitoring device.

They resolved to apply for a second MVAS and identify options for further speed reduction signage in Church Lane around Kinderley School.

046/21 Community Centre and Brigstock and Wren's Charity

- a) The Chairman reported that a meeting had taken place between the Council and the Brigstock & Wren Charity, but no representative of the Community Centre Management Committee was able to be present.
- b) Members resolved to allow the Chairman to sign the protocol for future maintenance of the Community at the next Management Committee meeting.
- c) The list of future capital projects will include heating and ventilation, the roof, car park and storage. The Management Committee will prepare a comprehensive list with priorities.

047/21 Finance

- a) The Clerk presented the financial statement as at the end of August, showing income of £8,791.82, expenditure of £17,301.25, resulting in a shortfall of £8,509.43, and funds held of £30,565.70.

- b) Members ratified the following payments made since the previous meeting:-

D Gibbs (salary August)	£	716.03
Fenland District Council (bins).....	£	81.60
	£	797.63

- c) Members approved the following payments:-

D Gibbs (salary September).....	£	716.03
M Carter (expenses).....	£	67.62
CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd (grounds maintenance).....	£	829.25
	£	1,612.90

- d) Members considered the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and resolved not to receive any allowances in the current financial year.

048/21 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - Nothing to report.
- b) Street Lights - The errors on the District Council database have been clarified and the Clerk will report them to FDC.
- c) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle reported that he is working to confirm ownership of a tree on the churchyard boundary, which may require attention.
- d) Trees - No further issues.
- e) Foul Anchor - Nothing to report.
- f) Community Centre - The Mid Anglia Centre of the Caravan and Motor Home Club have visited to evaluate the facilities and made two bookings.
- g) Waterway Walk - Nothing to report.

049/21 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. The meeting closed at 9.45pm