

Public Time

G Mathias on behalf of the residents of Hockland Road thanked the Parish council for their support over the recent planning application.

Minutes of a meeting of the Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 12th January 2012 at the Community Centre, Tydd St Giles at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr R Mallett(Chairman),C Drewry, I Edgar, B Francis, M Johnson, S Long, M Taylor, The Clerk, PcsO M Bogunovic, Cllr M Humphrey, Cllr P Hatton, Cllr S Tierney, D Howlett, ANO

Apologies for Absence – none

291/12 Members Interest

The Clerk to report that all outstanding forms with the exception of Cllr Edgar's Members Interest had been received and forwarded onto Fenland District Council.

Cllr Edgar was concerned that some felt his qualifications for nomination and election as a Parish Councillor were in doubt. Cllr M Humphrey reported that the qualification for nomination was duly completed at the appropriate time and the failure to complete a member's interest form did not exclude him as acting as a Councillor but was in breach of the Code of Conduct. The Clerk gave Cllr Edgar another form that he duly completed.

S Long declared an interest in item 293/12(c)

292/12 Confirmation of minutes – Cllr Taylor's name was added to the apologies and the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th October 2011 were deemed to be correctly recorded and were signed as being a true record..

293/12 Matters Arising

- a) Parish Plan Youths – Further to minute 280/11(b) the Chairman reported that with the assistance of Cambes Acre an open meeting was to be held on 23rd January to include a film show from 7pm to 8pm.
- b) Tree Churchyard– Further to minute 280/11 (f) Cllr Drewry reported that the work had been undertaken. A further tree problem had been brought to his attention and further details were awaited.
- c) Community Centre Disabled car parking – Further to minute 280//11(g). A balance of £2,800 was required. **RESOLVED** – That the Council would make a donation of £1,400 towards the works.
- h) RES UK & Ireland Ltd – Grange Wind Farm Liaison Group – Further to minute 280/11(h). Cllr Mallett reported that he and Cllr Edgar had attended a meeting and minutes had been circulated. Works were to commence on the 9th January 2012 to widen North Road and Long Road to allow access for works to start on the wind farm site. The two roads will be closed for 15 months from the date.
- d) Queens Diamond Jubilee – Further to minute 284/11(b) Cllr Mallett reported that matters were progressing. The Clerk added that a letter from FDC requesting that Council's submit an application for the £1,000 along with details of how it is to be spent. Cllr Mallett and the Clerk to take the appropriate action.
- e) TStGCC&RG – Further to minute 284/11(f) new play equipment donation. The matter is on going and a business plan is being prepared. Cllr Hatton had spoken to Hetty Thornton.
- f) Parish Directory – Cllr Mallett reported that it was in the stage of being prepared.
- g) Affordable Housing – Cllr Mallett asked if any news had been received. The Clerk reported that none had been received and he was asked to check the current position.
- h) Clothes Bank – Cllr Mallett reported that an official apology had been received.

294/12 Police Matters PcsO M Bogunovic gave a Police representative report. He mentioned concern over the attempt to remove lead from the church roof and poaching and hare coursing at Cross Drove.

Coursers had been caught at Gorefield.

Cllr Johnson reported that the salt bin outside the Community Centre had been stolen.

295/12 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report Cllr S Tierney reported that he had circulated a newsletter and informed the meeting that a Neighbourhood forum was to be held on Tuesday 17th January at Elm Primary School. Cllrs Edgar and Long agreed to attend.

296/12 Fenland District Council – Cllr Hatton reported upon the Diamond Jubilee and Community Rural grants. He asked members to be pro-active rather than re-active and report any issues as soon as possible.

297/12 Correspondence

- a) Fenland Rural Road Safety Action Network – The Clerk reported that a request for a donation has been received. Resolved – That on this occasion no donation would be made.
- b) Volunteer Centre – Request for a donation – Resolved – That on this occasion no donation would be made.
- c) Fenland Twinning Association – Members were invited to attend an evening event and meeting on 25th January 2012.
- d) Parish Magazine – Cllr Mallett reported that contact details were required from Councillors for inclusion in the magazine.

298/12 Planning

Applications - observations.

- FYR11/0831/F J Rudd Tindale Mill Kirkgate – 2 dwellings - Supported
- FYR11/0896/F P Tiney Fruit Lodge Hannath Road – garage, car port and store – Not supported as it would create a precedent.
- FYR11/0914/F P Hathaway Quaney Farm, Middle Broad Drove – stable block & ménage - supported

Mr & Mrs Howlett proposed residential development off Church Lane - unable to comment until full details submitted.

299/12 Highway Matters/Street Lighting

- a) Street lights – Letter from Cambs County Council regarding the PFI scheme to up grade all Cambs CC light columns but now 10% of old street lights will not be replaced due to budget cuts. Cllr Johnson reported that no problems had been drawn to his attention but he had noticed that villages in Norfolk were turning lights off at night. Cllr Tierney confirmed that Cambs CC were not envisaging any lights being turned off but lights may not be replaced with brighter ones.
- b) Highway matters – Cllr Johnson reported works had been scheduled but were yet to be implemented. He was to attend a Highway wardens training session in three weeks time.

300/12 Income & Expenditure

a) The Members considered and approve the following payments:

T Hampson	Grass cutting	180.00	36.00	216.00
Fenland D C	Wheeled bin			78.69
CGM Ltd	Grass cutting	131.80	26.36	158.16
T Hampson	Churchyard	180.00	36.00	216.00
Cambs CC	Clerks pension			184.00
HMR & C	Paye			106.20
R Wright	Clerks expenses			652.18
O H Williams	Tree works – church yard			400.00
Cambs Acre	Subscription			120.00

b) The new standing orders circulated to all Councillors were approved and the Clerk reported that along with the Chairman a review of risk management and health & safety had been undertaken.

c) The Council approved estimates for income and expenditure for 2012/2013. The Clerk reported that a Precept of £7,500 and Concurrent functions grant of £2,007 and additional items of £3,450 had been agreed by all Councillors and these figures had been submitted to Fenland District Council
The Clerk presented a schedule of income of £15,173.82 and expenditure of £7,741.48 and confirmed that bank balances were £2062.55 for the Community account and £25,862.20 for the business account.
The indicative cost of last years election is £140, the budgeted figure being £1,100. It was agreed that the five year membership option of £120 be taken out. The money for the disable car parking facility could be met partly from the saving from the election estimate.

301/12 Allotments

Cllr Mallett reported that all allotments looked good and no problems were evident.

302/12 Community Centre – CGM Ltd – Cllr Mallett referred to the letter offering a new three year service to cut Community playing field at a reduced rate of £62.60 for sixteen cuts. Resolved – that the option to agree to the three year contract be formally approved.

303/12 Date of Next Meeting

Annual Assembly 20th March 2012 followed by Council meeting

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact FDC to ascertain whether a planning officer would be able to attend the Annual Assembly.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm