

Minutes of a meeting of the Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in the small room of the Community Centre Tydd St Giles.

Present Cllr R Mallett (Chairman) C Drewry, M Johnson, S Long, S Tierney, M Humphrey (from 7.42pm) R Wright (Clerk) Pcsos D Russ, D Moore, P Magnus, one other member of the public signed the register.

All members are reminded that they need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest and reason before an item discussed at this meeting under the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 No 3576. – None declared

**Apologies for Absence** B Francis, M Taylor C Seaton

The Chairman reported upon additional items for consideration which were to be included in the agenda

### **330/12 Police Matters**

Pcsos D Russ introduced himself and presented his report as attached A speed watch set of statistics was also presented.

He reported that the next Wisbech forum meeting would be held at Gorefield village hall at 6.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

### **331/12 Confirmation of minutes**

RESOLVED – that minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record.

### **332/12 Matters Arising**

a) Parish Youth Plan – Further to minute 319/12(a) S Long would contact Cambs Acre and report to H Thornton of FDC.

b) Queens Diamond Jubilee - Further to minute 319/12(c) – The Chairman thanked all those involved with the Jubilee celebrations which were enjoyed by the residents. He reported upon an incident whereby a resident felt that the firework display attributed to the death of her pet parrot. All residents were informed of the event and he thanked Cllr S Tierney for his contribution of the fireworks. The Clerk confirmed that the total expenditure on the Jubilee celebrations was £1,206.56 and income generated of £1,150.00. The Council approved a total spend of £1,250 so the actual expenditure was within budget.

c) Affordable Housing – Further to minute 319/12(f) – The Clerk reported that he now had a Rural Exception site form that he would complete with the assistance of the Chairman and send back to Fenland DC.

d) Village Directory – further to minute 319/12(g) – The Chairman reported that the directory would be delivered in the last week of August.

**333/12 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report** Cllr S Tierney reported upon the Diamond Jubilee and endorsed the Chairman's comments about the Diamond Jubilee event. He referred to the Cambs CC Health and Well being Strategy and endorsed the importance of people responding as it would give the council a clear indication of the requirements within the county.

A street pride group was seeking volunteers to make the villages of Newton and Tydd a better environment. He reported that the residents against the Wind farm had been successful.

He was aware of the issue of parking in Church Lane and had spoken to highways. As no funds were available in this financial year he was looking how best to improve the situation and make an application next year.

The Chairman thanked him for his report and wished him well in his appointment as a Wisbech Town Councillor.

**334/12 Fenland District Council** – No report was submitted.

### 335/12 Correspondence

- a) MHB Services Ltd – in liquidation- Supplier of street column lamp posts.
- b) CPALC – Letter asking if Council wishes to discuss the possibility of attaining Quality status  
RESOLVED – That on this occasion the Council decided not to seek Quality Council; status.
- c) FACT – Letter thanking Council for £100 donation
- d) Fenland CAB – The Ely and Fenland CAB have merged to form the Rural Cambs Citizens Advice Bureau
- e) Post Box High Broadgate/Newgate Road. The occupier of 2 High Broadgate intended to seek the removal of the post box outside her dwelling. The PO were not prepared to move the PO box.ef) North level District IDB would be holding a inspection on 10<sup>th</sup> October and invited two Councillors to attend. RESOLVED – That as all Councillors had attended M Carter and R Godfrey be asked if they wished to attend on behalf of the Council.

### 336/12 Planning

Applications for which observations were requested.

- FYR12/0402/F J Valderas Middleton Stables Cross Drove – manege - no objections
- FYR12/0421/F L Brown-Waite Tithe Barn Broad Drove – extension – no objections
- FYR12/0369/F W C Thompson Hope Cottage Hannath Rd – dwelling - withdrawn
- FYR12/0438/F S Eldred Crane Cottage Cross Drove – mobile home – no objections
- FYR12/0449/F P Grant Avalon Kirkgate – dwelling – no objections
- FYR12/0394/F J fox Nutwalk Farm Bythorne Bank – 1 36.6 wind turbine – not supported as out of character and service point in Lincolnshire – this application has been withdrawn
- FYR12/0476/F J Foster Kilhams Farm Sutton Road – office and garage – not yet discussed

The four wind turbine application was held on 27<sup>th</sup> June WAS REFUSED. The application is before Lincs planners in August.

Applications F/YR12/0509/F – F/YR12/0512/F and F/YR12/0517/F had been received after publication of the agenda and would be discussed by all members at a later date

### 337/12 Highway Matters/Street Lighting

- a) Street lights – consideration for new lights or replacement lights for 2012/2013 was discussed and Cllr Johnson would report back to the Clerk
- b) Highway matters. – Cllr Johnson reported that he had met with Neil band on the 16<sup>th</sup> July and grass cutting issues were a major concern. Repairs to areas in Hannath Road were being processed; signs near Bridge were awaiting attention. The parking issues at Cornfields were under investigation and the possible movement of white lines was being considered. Large potholes at Bythorne Bank needed attention as was the sinking of the road at Hassock Hill. The stretch of road in Kirkgate affected by the sewer works was being investigated. Fly tipping at Bythorne Bank was being looked at by FDC
- c) Footpaths - the path at Church lane and High Broadgate had been looked at.
- d) Churchyard – Letter from PCC regarding complaint about tree. The tree is in fact under the control of the PCC and they had contacted the individual.
- e) Dog Bins – a request for two dog bins at Eau Dyke Bank, and Kirkgate/Hannath Road had been received. It was agreed that the clerk contacts FDC to ascertain the cost of providing two bins.

### 338/12 Income & Expenditure

a) The Members considered and approved the following account for payment:

CGM landscapes	Grass cutting	125.52	25.10	150.62
Fenland D C	Empty bin			79.69
TStGCC& RGC	Hall hire - Diamond jubilee			195.00
T Hampson	Grass cutting	200.00	40.00	240.00
R Wright	Clerks salary			681.20
Cambs CC	Pension			234.11
HMR&C	paye			93.00

Fenland DC	Election 2011			140.00
Moore Stephens	Audit fee 2011/2012	162.00	32.40	194.40
R Mallett	Diamond Jubilee	261.56	27.80	289.36
CMG Landscapes	Grass Cutting	125.52	25.10	150.62
Wiffen Indst Const ltd	Car park marking	700.00	140.00	840.00
T Hampson	Grass cutting	340.00	68.00	408.00
G Whitfield	Internal audit fee			86.25

b) The Clerk presented a schedule of income of £9,105.00 and expenditure of 38,834.12 for 2012/2013.

c) The Clerk confirmed that the concurrent grant was fixed at £1,960 and additional items £1,030

d) The Clerk presented the internal auditors report from Mr G Whitfield who confirmed that the financial controls were effective and records up to date. He had no material matters to bring to the councils attention. RESOLVED – That the report is accepted and that Mr G Whitfield is appointed as internal auditor to the Council for the 2012/2013 accounting period.

e) The Council considered cheque signing. The Local Government act 1972 S150 (5) states that every cheque must be signed by two members of the council. The internal auditor reported that he could see no reason why the clerk cannot sign cheques. RESOLVED – That the existing arrangements continue.

e) Risk management and code of Practice. The Clerk presented the changes to the member conduct framework under the Localism Act 2011. The four areas of changes were Code of Conduct – Registration of interests – Declaring interests – Dealing with complaints. The details had been circulated to all members. RESOLVED – that the new Code of conduct as proposed by Fenland D C is adopted and all members complete the Declaration of interests as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported that a Home working risk assessment along with a review of Health & Safety policies and procedures needed to be undertaken and he would consult with the Chairman over the review.

f) Moore Stephens – The Clerk reported that the external auditor had completed the 20011/2012 audit on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

**339/12 Allotments** Cllr Mallet reported that all was well and no matters had arisen that needed to be reported.

**340/12 Community Centre** Cllr Mallett reported that concern was evident with the hall roof and quotes would be required to rectify the problem. The Council had missed the current round of funding and no figures had been included in the parish council's estimates so it would have to be considered in 2013/2014.

### **341/12 Councillors**

Councillor Mallet reported that

### **342/12 Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm      Rent collection from 7.00pm to 7.15pm