

**Minutes of a meeting of the Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 22nd May 2014 in the Main hall of the Community Centre Tydd St Giles at 7.00pm**

Present R Mallett (Chairman), C Drewry, B Francis, W Jarvis, C Livings, M Taylor, R Wright (Clerk),

G Minney, Mr & Mrs Simpson, Mrs Ross, Cllr S Clark, and three other members of the public.

Apologies for Absence - none

445/14 Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr M Johnson, letters from G Minney and J Maxwell expressing interest to be co-opted on the Council had been received. The Chairman reported that all members would have to seek re-election in May 2015. Mr Minney and Mr Maxwell both gave an introduction speech prior to the Council voting. RESOLVED – That John Maxwell be Co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. J Maxwell then duly completed his acceptance of office and was presented with a Code of Conduct booklet and invited to the meeting.

446/14 Appointment of Officers and declaration of Acceptance of Office

The outgoing Chairman R G Mallett was proposed and seconded as Chairman for the ensuing year. The Chairman then completed his acceptance of office and sought nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

M Taylor was duly proposed and seconded and elected Vice Chairman. He completed his acceptance of office. The following appointments were made:-

CALC/NALC	W Jarvis	Police Consultation	W Jarvis
Tree Officer	C Drewry	Community Centre	B Francis
Church	J Maxwell	Highways	J Maxwell
Allotments	R Mallett	Street Lights	J Maxwell
Foul Anchor	M Taylor	Notice Board Foul Anchor	M Taylor
Planning	full council	Play equipment	C Livings

Mr Gerald Whitfield a retired Audit Commission Manager had agreed to undertake the audit on the 2013/2014 and was duly re-appointed.

447/14 Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March 2014 were recorded correctly and that they be signed as being a true record.

#### 448/14 Matters Arising

a) Old School House – Further to minute 433/14(a) Cllr Jarvis reported that he had met with Ken Dryden of FDC who had spoken to the owner and a plan to sell off part of the site as a building plot in order to raise funds to renovate the Old School House. Cllr Mallett was concerned that public funds could be used to benefit a private individual. Cllr Jarvis was not aware that this would be the case and would make enquiries.

b) Tydd St Giles Playground Group - Further to minute 433/14(b) Cllr Livings reported that an application for a Rural Capital Grant had been made. She also stated upon the finances.

c) Bench Foul Anchor – Further to minute 433/14(c) – The Chairman reported that along with Cllr Taylor he would be meeting with the manufacturer of the bench to finalise details.

d) Notice Boards – Further to minute 433/14(d) – The Chairman reported that B Fox had installed the Notice Board at the Church and the PCC were pleased with it.

e) Affordable Housing – Further to minute 433/14(e) – The Chairman reported that a meeting with ACRE had taken place and 10 potential sites had been considered. They included 2 in Broad Drove EAST, 3 IN Church lane, 2 in Newgate and others at Cats Lane, Kirkgate and Hockland Road.

f) Neighbourhood Plan – Further to minute 433/14(g) – The Chairman reported that the sub-committee were processing the application to designate a Neighbourhood Area.

#### 449/14 Police Matters

No Police representative report was available.

#### 450/14 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

No report or apologies were received

#### 451/14 Fenland District Council

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Sam Clark the new elected District Councillor and again was concerned that no apologies had been received from the other district Councillors. Cllr Clark thanked the Chairman for the introduction and had no report to make.

#### 452/14 Correspondence

a) Grange Wind Farm – Grants of up to £5,000, next round of applications should be submitted by 1st June 2014

b) Fenland Tourism Board – The Clerk reported upon the FTB overseeing the development of a District-wide approach to encouraging and developing the Tourism economy in Fenland. Information required on events etc.

c) D & C Howlett – The Chairman reported that a letter offering a piece of land for affordable Housing had been received and was referred to the Group discussing the matter.

d) Village calendar for 2015 – A request from the PCC for assistance in the production of a village calendar for 2015. RESOLVED – That in principle a donation be made but costing's of the production would be required before the amount of a donation could be approved.

#### 453/14 Planning

Applications for which observations are requested.

FYR14/0176/F N Howling Sth west Potential House Kirkgate – removal of condition 11 access and footpath issues. Cllr Jarvis reported upon the application and no objections were raised.

FYR14/0357/F C Welbourn Bonheur Sutton Road Four Gotes – extension. The application would be circulated to all members for their comments.

#### 454/14 Highway Matters/Street Lighting

a) Street lights – The Clerk reported upon the position as regards street lights in the Parish and that a request by other Parishes for FDC to take over the ownership of all parish lights had been made. RESOLVED – That Cllr Maxwell and the Clerk seek a meeting with the new Fenland DC Council leader to discuss street lights and the Concurrent Functions Grant.

b) Highway matters – none.

c) Grass cutting – The Chairman reported that the grass cutting of the Churchyard and Community Centre playing field did not seem up the CGM's usual high standard. The Clerk

#### 455/14 Income & Expenditure

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

Cambs CC	LHI –new footpath			938.62
CGM landscapes	Grass cutting	62.76	12.55	75.31
CPALC	Subscription			430.80
North Level District I D B	Drainage rates			419.37
Tydd St Giles CC&RG	Re-cycling credits			45.50
CommuniCorp	Subscription			12.00
CGM Landscapes	Grass cutting	502.76	100.55	603.31
Fenland DC	Wheelie bin			84.53
Information Commissioner 35.00	Registration			
Broker Network Ltd	Renewal of insurance			622.88

b) The Clerk presented the Annual Accounts for year ending 31st March 2014.  
RESOLVED – that the Accounts be approved and adopted.

c) The Council approved the Annual Return and Annual Governance statement for year ending 31st March 2014

d) The Clerk reported that the external auditors had called the audit for the 2013/2014 financial year on 9th June 2014. Inspection of the documents is from 9th May to 6th June. An intermediate audit has been called.

e) Risk Management – The Clerk reported upon the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. The annual review of the internal control arrangements and risk management had been completed and no issues had arisen. The Clerk reported that amendments to the Financial Regulations due to internet banking had been made and the Chairman/Vice Chairman approved any payments by email.

f) Banking signatories – The Clerk reported that Cllr Johnson was a signatory along with Cllrs Drewry and Mallett. It was agreed that no changes be made at present.

#### 456/14 Allotments

The Chairman reported upon the vacancy of the inlet which had been duly advertised. In the absence of any application the Chairman had spoken to Alan Ryan who had sprayed the site and collected several bags of rubbish. Elsewhere the allotments were in good order.

#### 457/14 Community Centre

Cllr Francis had missed the last Committee meeting and the Chairman reported that issues with gravel for the car park and repairs to the main hall flooring were in the process of being undertaken.

457/14 Date of Next Meeting      Thursday 24th July 2014 at 7.00pm

The meeting was closed at 20.01