

Minutes of a meeting of the Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 31st July 2014 at the Community Centre, Tydd St Giles at 7.00pm.

Present Cllrs R Mallett (Chairman), C Drewry, W Jarvis, C Livings, J Maxwell, M Taylor R Wright (Clerk)
Cllrs S Clare, C Seaton, Mrs J Simpson, Mrs C Ross, A Burrell

Apologies for Absence Cllr B Francis, M Humphrey, Psc0 D Russ

458/14 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd May 2014 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record.

459/14 Matters Arising

a) Old School House – Further to minute 448/14(a) Cllr Seaton reported that a meeting was held last week with Mr Lynne, Nicola the Conservation Officer Ken Dryden Unfortunately, Mr Lynne said he never received the letter from Maxey Grounds regarding the valuation for the site so we had to 'go from scratch' at our meeting and go through the letter from John Maxey.

Mr Lynne was **strongly** advised that FDC consider this to be his best option as given his age, lack of funds and time taken so far, FDC do not see him coming up with a viable alternative.

Mr Lynne complained that he needed (more) time to consider his options and went over old ground of what he would like to do with the site. However, it was stressed to him that this is his last chance to be in control and was given 4 weeks to 'consider his options'. It was made very clear to Mr Lynne that within 4 weeks he must:

- discuss the proposal with John Maxey and put the site up for sale if he is satisfied with proposal
- Get a second valuation if he wishes
- Seek professional advice
- Discuss his alternative proposals and financing with his bank if he wishes
- Come back with fully costed alternative proposals if he wants but must have evidence of funding agreement

It was stressed to Mr Lynne that if he did not come back within 4 weeks with either confirmation that he is selling the site **or** fully costed and funded alternative proposals, then we will have no alternative but to seek approval for formal enforcement action. It was explained to Mr Lynne that this would be costly and he would be unlikely to end up with any financial remuneration from the site if this happens.

FDC still feel that the best option for the site is, selling the site to someone with the possibility of the school/school house being converted into 2 dwellings and after completion, a couple of building plots being sympathetically developed on the garden area. Serving a formal enforcement notice on an aging owner who has no funds would not really benefit anyone. Also, as explained, even if Mr Lynne does sell the site, it has to be appreciated that it will take time to completely remedy the site but at least it would be in the hands of someone who has the means to do it.

Mr Lynne has since had health issues and the matters would be deferred until 28 August. Cllr Jarvis would continue to monitor the site.

b) Tydd St Giles Playground Group - Further to minute 448/14(b) The Chairman reported that the new fencing had been erected but the grant bid had been deferred until FDC's September meeting. Cllr Livings was disappointed that complaints regarding the fencing had been received as it was undertaken to safeguard the children whilst playing and deter vehicles from entering.

c) Bench Foul Anchor – Further to minute 448/14(c) – The Chairman reported that the matter was still pending.

d) Notice Boards – Further to minute 448(d) – The Chairman reported that no costings for a notice board at Community centre had been received.

e) Affordable Housing – Further to minute 448/14(e) – The Chairman reported that the investigations were still in progress.

f) Neighbourhood Plan – Further to minute 448/14(f) – The Chairman reported that Tydd St Giles Parish Council's application to designate a neighbourhood area was approved (without amendment) by FDC planning Committee, and the area was not designated as a business area. The sub-committee are to hold on 15th August an open meeting to seek more volunteers. Concerns were made regarding the time scale and suggested that it be deferred until later. It was agreed that the meeting should go ahead as it was merely to seek for more volunteers to progress the plan and not to seek village approval as further work was required before it could be taken back to the parishioners.

g) Concurrent Functions Grant & Street lighting - FDC had suggested that they would match fund 50% of the category 1 street lighting replacements. FDC would offer an interest free loan for the remaining 50% over three years. Parishes will need to plan the replacement of category 2 lights

The previous decision to reduce the grant over three years will be changed and no proposed reductions for the 2015/16 & 2016/17 will not be made. Distribution of remaining £41,700 to be reviewed. The item would be discussed under Street lighting.

h) Church Calendar – Cllr Maxwell reported that a donation would be sought for the calendar's publication.

460/14 Police Matters Police representative report for period had been circulated. The main Points being that no crimes were reported, four incidents relating to vehicle nuisance and noise and a speed watch undertaken in May with no incidents of speeding.

461/14 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report No report or apologies

462/14 Fenland District Council - Cllr Seaton reported upon the Concurrent grant & street light meetings and that FDC were working on finding a solution agreeable to all parties. Cllr Mallett had been unable to attend so Cllr Maxwell attended in his place and this was acceptable to FDC.

463/14 Correspondence

a) Andy Burrell - Placement of a dog waste bin at the junction of Newgate Road and Church Lane.

Suggestion would be to move the bin currently halfway down Hockland Road so as not to incur the cost of a new bin. This would then mean there would be four bins one in each corner of the roads forming the square of the village plus the odd one out by the village boundary near the bridge.

RESOLVED that a new bin be obtained outside number 3 Newgate Road.

Neighbourhood Speed watch - do the parish council think this is a good idea? Or should Cambridgeshire police should be providing a more visible presence in Tydd St Giles to combat the persistent speeding problems. Questions about the scheme were discussed along with other speeding issues and police actions.

RESOLVED – Cllr Maxwell agreed that he would place that a notice in the Bridge for volunteers to run scheme.

b) **Cambridgeshire Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** - Cambridgeshire Statement of Community Involvement 2014 (SCI) has now been adopted.

c) Sutton Bridge Parish Council – Concerns over Energy Park Sutton Bridge were made to the Council.

d) S Barclay MP – asked for support with 3G mobile coverage to community. Cllr Maxwell agreed to be a Village Champion and submitting an application by 14th October 2014.

e) Charlotte Brenchley asked if a memorial or plaque for her grandmother S Long had been considered.

RESOLVED – that the Council would approve a plaque or bench but it would have to be undertaken by the family. It was agreed that the Playgroup be asked to consider the provision of a plaque when new play equipment was obtained.

464/14 Planning

Applications for which observations are requested.

FYR14/0367/F C Welbourn Bonheur Road Four Gotes – front and rear extension no objections

Letter regarding mobile home at Windy Willows noted.

FYR14/0492/CERTLU J Palmer Hawthorne Farm Black Lane – removal of agricultural occupancy- ok

FYR14/0518/F K Curson 1 Old Stable Gardens – dwelling

FYR14/0521/TRTPO J Maxwell The Smithy Hockland Road – fell sycamore tree – no objection

FYR14/0522/TRTPO P Adams Field House Hockland Road – fell sycamore tree – no objection

Cllr Maxwell declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion

FYR13/0445/f J Ellis Greenacres Hannath Road – appeal dismissed

465/14 Highway Matters/Street Lighting

a) Street lights – Cllr Maxwell reported that the quote for a replacement light at 43 High Broadgate should have been at 59. He also mentioned the two CAT 1 lights that FDC stated needed replacing were more important. The street light at Field House was shielded by tree branches. RESOLVED that the light at 43

High Broadgate be cancelled and investigations be made as to the location of the priority CAT 1 lights. The question of Street lights and the Concurrent Functions Grant was still be resolved. Details of a further meeting were pending but it was suggested that it may be in September.

b) Highway matters. The application form for the Local Highways Improvement Initiative 2015/16 has been received. The form has been updated to include a section to record the comments of Derek Crosby of Cambridgeshire Police. This section requires completing if your application involves changes that will require the Police to enforce measures such as parking controls or speed limit changes. Concerns were raised about footpaths in Cats lane, Church lane and Kirkgate. Cllr Maxwell presented a scheme to provide a footpath in Cats lane from the junction with Hockland Road up to Tretton Bridge to link in with the by-road Eaudike Bank that leads across onto the nature trail around the golf course (Approx. 350 yards). RESOLVED – that a LHI for the works be submitted.

The speed sign at Park Lane – Hall Bank/ Hockland road is missing RESOLVED that highways be asked to put a new 30mph sign at the New Barn Hall Bank.

The condition of Swallow Lane, Bythorne bank and Chapel Lane were raised and it was agreed to report the matters to Highways.

Cllr Maxwell raised the matter of winter volunteers Training pack for 2014/2015. RESOLVED that Cllr Maxwell contacts the Bridge and puts a note about the training pack.

Cllr Maxwell raised concerns over the post box at High Broadgate as members of the public were parking on the verge to post letters. He asked whether it would be prudent to move the post box to the Community Centre. RESOLVED – that the post box be left in its current position.

466/14 Income & Expenditure

a) The Members to consider the following account for payment:

CGM landscapes	Grass cutting	125.52	25.10	150.62
Anderson Frimstone	Gravel – car park	379.05	75.81	454.86
R Wright	Salary April – June			788.25
Cambs CC	Pension contribution			302.73
HMR&C	Payee			33.60
CGM Landscapes	Grass cutting	330.00	66.00	396.00
CGM Landscapes	Grass cutting	188.25	37.65	225.94
Fenland D C	Wheelie bin			84.53
G Whitfield	Internal audit fee			75.00
CGM	Grass cutting	125.52	25.10	150.62
Mark 1 Fencing & Son	Fencing playing field	2775.00	555.00	3330.00

b) The Clerk reported upon income of £5,904.23 and expenditure of £5,108.87 for 2014/2015. The balance on deposit was £42,277.34 and on the current a/c £1,309.85.

c) Risk Management – The annual review of the internal control arrangements and risk management was undertaken. Reference to internet banking would be addressed. The Clerk reported that he had looked at all policies and procedures and the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, risk assessments etc. and would inform Councillors of changes required.

d) The Clerk made reference to the Internal Auditors report that had been circulated to all Councillors. The report was accepted

467/14 Allotments - The vacancy of the inlet has been duly advertised and let to Alan Ryan.

468/14 Community Centre – Gravel had been laid over the car park and arrangements were in place to repair the floor in the main hall.

469/14 Foul Anchor – Cllr Taylor reported that work on the bus shelter was still pending. Some pot holes had been filled but others had been left. The old boundary post for Foul Anchor / Isle of Ely had been removed and given to the march Museum. The Clerk would make enquiries.

470/14 Date of Next Meeting Thursday 9th October 2014 at 7.15pm
The meeting was closed at 8.19pm