

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish council held on Thursday 29th January 2015 in the small room at the Community Centre, Tydd St Giles at 7.00pm.

Present R Mallett (Chairman), C Drewry, W Jarvis, R Wright (Clerk), Cllrs S Clark, M Humphrey, C Seaton, a Lay, J Simpson, J Simpson, C Ross, C Frost, H Howlett, B Knights, J Knights, S Frost, C Frost,

Apologies for Absence Cllr B Francis, C Livings, J Maxwell, M Taylor.

Cllr C Livings tendered her resignation as she no longer resides in the village.

483/15 Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9st October 2014 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record.

484/15 Matters Arising

a) Old School House – Further to minute 472/14(a) Cllr Jarvis reported that he had contacted FDC and the Local Mp regarding the matter and was disillusioned with them as his request had not been acknowledged and he felt that FDC had failed to act in the interest of the parish. Cllr Seaton felt that the District Council had acted in the interest of the parish and because of the age and health of the owner felt it inappropriate to take enforcement action. He also stressed that FDC had pressed for improvements that the owner undertook. FDC had offered money to the owner for improvements but the Parish Council objected. The Chairman explained the reason for the objection, in that it would be unfair to other residents. Cllr Seaton explained that the department had moved to Wisbech and shared services with Norfolk. He apologised that officers had not come back to Cllr Jarvis and suggested that he be included in future correspondence.

b) Tydd St Giles Playground Group - Further to minute 472/14(b). An order has been placed with Proludic for play equipment to the sum of £30,153. Funds of £15,581.66 and a grant from FDC of £15,103.00 are in place. A grant of £10,000 from Brigstock & Wrens had also been received. Work should commence and take about 8 days to complete.

c) Bench Foul Anchor – Further to minute 472/14(c) – The Chairman reported that the matter was ongoing.

d) Notice Boards – Further to minute 472/14(d) – The Chairman reported about a board at the Community centre. RESOLVED – that a board be purchased.

e) Affordable Housing – Further to minute 472/14(e) – The Chairman reported that details had yet to be received.

f) Neighbourhood Plan – Further to minute 472/14(f) – Cllr Jarvis reported that The Department for Communities and Local Government had made a grant of £450 - Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning. The Clerk referred to comments made by Cllr Maxwell starting his disappointment of how the NP was being managed. The Chairman noted that Cllr Maxwell was still waiting for a date to be fixed for a meeting with the Committee and asked Cllr Jarvis to make the appropriate arrangements as soon as possible. The Clerk reported that some confusion over the Council's position regarding the NP was evident.

RESOLVED – that the Council's mandate is for the sub-committee to investigate and take forward the process of applying for a NP. The sub-committee is to inform the Council and parishioners of their plans. The sub-committee is to make regular updates to the Council and parishioners and it will be up to the parishioners to decide whether it will be adopted and passed not the Parish Council or sub-committee.

Cllr Jarvis presented an update to the Council.

g) Concurrent Functions Grant & Street lighting: - Further to minute 472/14(g) FDC have now agreed to deliver Category 1 repairs. Tydd St Giles has 1 but has 20 Category 2 and 17 category 3. Other parishes are pushing for FDC to take over the whole of the lights within Fenland and have suggested that the Concurrent Functions Grant money be used.

h) Tydd St Giles Directory – Further to minute 476/14(a) Cllr Jarvis reported that each directory would cost £1.45. The Clerk reported that it could be reduced by publishing it on the web site.

485/15 Police Matters PcsO Dave Russ had now left and Andy Bush PcsO 7199 would be his replacement. No police representative report was available.

486/15 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report Cllr Lay had nothing to report.

487/15 Fenland District Council Cllr Clark reported that she would be attending the next Transport meeting on 24th February.

488/15 Correspondence

- a) Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan – Site Allocations and Development management Policies Pre-Submission Document – representations 12th Jan to 23 Feb
- b) Street Naming - Land North of Coach Works, Hockland Road - Bladderwick Meadows – no objections.
- c) Church yard maintenance – Cllr Maxwell had met with contractors who agreed that work could have been done to a better standard and gave assurances that improvements would be made in 2015. FDC had cleared the drain and swept the leaves in front of the church.
- d) Local Government Boundary commission – Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire – Cambs CC
- e) A Burrell – Concerns about dog fouling – By highlighting footprints to dog bin a 60% drop in dog fouling occurred. It was reported that improvements were made when poo was sprayed orange in other parishes. RESOLVED – that no action be taken regarding spraying or foot prints at the moment.
- f) Flooding from drainage pipe in Kirkgate – The Clerk reported that the pipeline running on the south side of Kirkgate Road from approx 120 east of Fold Lane to Maple Lodge, constructed in 1980's to alleviate surface water problems. Water discharges in an easterly direction before turning south into a North level maintained open ditch. The pipeline is said to be in riparian ownership. North Level had jetted the system and tree roots were evident in a section. Cllr Lay agreed to take up the matter with Highways.

489/15 Planning

Applications for which observations are requested.

FYR14/0836/F	J Stannard Sw Nutwalk Farm Bythorn Bank – variations of conditions 2, 3 & 6 not supported development in wrong position.
FYR14/0829/F	M Evans Plot 1 Tindall Mill Kirkgate – dwelling - supported
FYR14/0844/F	N Baines Horseshoe Lodge Main Rd Tydd Gote – barn conversion and extension – Not supported out of character.
FYR14/0914/F	M Cooper 26 Cornfields – extension – not supported affects 3rd neighbours light.
FYR14/0918/F	K Curson Plot 3 Potential House Kirkgate – dwelling – concerns about plan changes
FYR14/0931/F	M Sargeant Clye House Kirkgate – extension - supported
FYR14/0934/F	J Valderas Middleton Stables Cross Drove – 6 floodlights – Supported but consider neighbours comments
FYR14/0987/F	V Ware Homeleigh Hockland Road – extension - supported

Cllr Maxwell had corresponded with the Chairman on the subject of the quality of applications put before us which often are not sufficient to enable us to make suitable comment. I request that the matter be taken up with FDC Planning Office. The matter was noted.

490/15 Highway Matters/Street Lighting

a) Street lights

b) Highway matters. The Local Highways Improvement Initiative 2015/16. Cllr Maxwell to report upon meeting on 24th October 2014.

Cllr Maxwell reported on the proposal for a Local Highways Improvement Grant to place additional signs to footpath 6 joining Kirkgate to the entrance to the Nature trail at the golf club. The original proposal to improve Cats Lane was rejected before presentation. We were unsuccessful in our bid coming 10th out of 15 proposals but this was good enough to be on the 'reserve' list in case any of the other projects do not go ahead. The top 7 projects were approved.

The Golf Club have indicated that they may have some further thoughts on the subject and I plan to arrange a meeting there with the Chairman and myself in the near future to find out what they have in mind. Local residents in Cats Lane Mr and Mrs Hodder, have been kept in the picture.

On other highway matters, I met with Mr Band from Highways and we drove the Parish. Following this, some pot holes have been repaired in Chapel Lane and Swallow Lane. I am told work has taken place on Bythorne Bank but no work was apparent when I inspected the area. I will pursue this with Mr Band.

Speed watch Community scheme (CSW) and I have communicated with Mr Brian Robins who would be happy to present to us on the potential way forward. We would probably need to liaise with other villages to make the scheme effective. A team would usually consist of 15 volunteers which would not be practical just from Tydd St. Giles. RESOLVED that Cllr Maxwell talks to Cllr Clark about progression of the scheme.

Mr and Mrs Hodder also asked me to raise the idea of a Litter Picking Day at some time when the weather is better. Walkers say that some of our roadsides are badly littered. Cllr Maxwell wished to record his thanks to Mr & Mrs Hodder for their help – RESOLVED – that Cllr Maxwell drives this initiative forward.

The Chairman reported of issues with nappies causing a drainage issue at the School.

491/15 Income & Expenditure

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

FDC	Empty wheeled bin			84.53
CGM Landscapes	Grass cutting	110.00	22.00	132.00
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SJB Management	Web site			100.00
R Wright	Salary Oct – Dec			788.25
Cambs CC	Pension contribution			302.73
HMR&C	Payee			33.60
CGM Landscapes	Grass cutting	110.00	22.00	132.00
Magpas	Donation			100.00
Poyser Printing Works Ltd	Calendar	119.00	23.80	142.80
SJB Management	Web site			150.00

b) The Clerk presented a schedule of income of £23,819.69 & expenditure of 317,237.28 for 2014/2015

c) The Council considered the estimates for 2015/2016-Income /expenditure £17,200. Council Tax Support Grant of £649, Concurrent Functions Grant of £1,993, Net Tax base £363. Local Elections May 2015 if contested £1,235.71, uncontested £231.08. RESOLVED – that the provision of footway lighting be increased to £5,624 which would give a precept of £13,000 and total budget of £19,284.

d) Risk Management – The annual review of the internal control arrangements and risk management had taken place and no amendments were considered necessary. RESOLVED – that in line with the Minimum pay award the Clerks salary be increased by 3%.

e) Web site – The Clerk reported that the new web site was operative but details from other organisations were still awaited.

f) Internal auditor – The Clerk reported upon the death of Mr G Whitfield. RESOLVED – that Mr Ivan Cooper an ex financial officer with FDC be appointed as internal auditor for the 2014/2015 accounts.

492/15 Allotments – all allotments were in order

493/15 Foul Anchor – no report

494/15 Community Centre – The Chairman reported that the heating system needed to be addressed. The roof would be addressed at a later date.

495/15 Date of Next Meetings 19 March 2015 Annual Assembly/19 March 2015 Council
21st may 2015 AGM
30th July 2015 Council
15th October 2015 Council

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm. Mr Simpson was allowed to record the meeting but the Chairman was disappointed that he had not sought approval prior to him starting his recording.