

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th March 2015 in the small room of the Community Centre Tydd St Giles at 7.30pm.

Present R Mallett (Chairman), M Taylor, W Jarvis, R Wright (Clerk), Cllr C Seaton, Cllr S Clark, Cllr M Humphrey V Ware, J Simpson, C Hodder, S Hodder,

Apologies for Absence Cllr A Lay, Cllr J Maxwell

506/15 Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th January 2015 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record.

507/15 Matters Arising

a) Old School House – Further to minute 484/15(a) Cllr Jarvis reported upon an email from G Nourse Head of Planning from FDC. Cllr Seaton reported that a valuation of the site by J Maxey had been undertaken. If Fenland were to demolish the building they would have to apply to the courts. The health & safety issue was not one that could be taken to the courts for compulsory purchase.

b) Tydd St Giles Playground Group - Further to minute 485/15(b). The Clerk reported that Proludic Ltd had installed the play equipment to the sum of £30,153 and all funding with the exception of the Rural Grant from FDC had been received.

c) Notice Boards – Further to minute 484/15(d) – The Clerk reported that a notice board has been erected on the outside wall of the Community Centre. Cllr Mallett reported that problems with the Church notice board were still evident.

d) Affordable Housing – Further to minute 484/15(e) – The Chairman reported that Fiona Coulson Assistant Development Director to Circle Housing Group had made an assessment of the site options for a Rural Exception Scheme in Tydd St Giles. Cllr Jarvis could not support any sites as the NP had not identified a need for affordable housing. The sites were land adjacent to the bungalow, Broad Drove East (other end of original site), land to the rear of 4, 6, 8 Newgate Road promoted by planners but no access and not available for development, Church Lane behind existing houses not supported as 101 objections previously received, Cats Lane, suggested by FDC but road access inadequate and tress would have to be removed, RESOLVED – that the preferred site was land adjacent to the bungalow Broad Drove East.

e) Neighbourhood Plan – Further to minute 484/15(f) – Cllr Jarvis reported that on 17th February the sub-committee met with a liaison officer proposed by Fenland DC and endorsed that they had identified the process required for and implementing a NP. The officer was happy that they had a clear understanding of what was required and had undertaken a methodical research programme. The officer approved the newsletter and the fact that they were addressing some non NP matters. The fact that they were not working to a ridged timescale was a positive move.

Questionnaire 1 had a good response – 20% householders – 21% electorate which was in keeping with national trends.

Questionnaire 2 would be distributed to all householders in early March and they would have three weeks in which to respond.

A drop in session was planned for 21st march at the community Centre from 10am to 1pm.

The Liaison Officer and FDC have advised the sub-committee that there is no requirement to have public meetings or the fact that a majority of residents must be in favour of having an NP. The sub-committee have correctly identified the process and are engaging with the residents.

So no firm time scale been established and the process will involve a further questionnaire, newsletter and if deemed necessary a third questionnaire. From this the first draft of a NP will be produced, and it will go to public consultation and a public meeting. If necessary a second draft may be produced until a NP is in a format that the residents agree before being submitted to FDC. It will be considered by an independent judicator before being presented to the residents so that a referendum made be held.

f) Tydd St Giles Directory – Further to minute 484/15(h) Then Council are still waiting for an estimate.

g) Council vacancy – Further to resignation of C Livings – The notice of vacancy has been displayed. Where

a vacancy arises within six months of a date of an election there is no opportunity for electors to request that the vacancy is filled by an election. However, the Council may, if it wishes, co-opt to fill the vacancy, but is under no obligation to do so. RESOLVED – that the vacancy be left.

508/15 Police Matters It was reported that PCSO Andy Bush who took over the Rural area from D Russ is currently off long term sick. However 2 PCSO covering the rural villages, Sue Clarke and Tessa Morrison have been appointed. The dates the Parish Council Meetings for 2015 were given to HQ. It was reported that obviously with 2 PCSO's covering the rural area (on opposite shifts) there would be a greater opportunity to attend Parish Council meetings where issues affecting your communities could be discussed.

Cllr Clark reported that incidents of heating oil being stolen and car crimes in the area were being logged in Leverington and Newton.

509/15 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report no report

510/15 Fenland District Council – Cllr Clark reported that she had attended the Transport meeting and the details had been circulated. It was looking as if the service would remain but a review of the timetable would be made.

Cllr Seaton reported that street lights would be left for the new Councillors to decide

511/15 Correspondence

a) FACT – request for funding towards Dial a Ride North West service that covers Tydd Gote. Area has two active members. See 511/15(b)

b) FACT – request for grant Dial a Ride North service that covers Tydd St Giles and currently has many active members that use service to shop, visit friends and attend medical appointments. Cllr Mallett declared an interest and took no part in the debate. RESOLVED – That a donation of £100.00 be made

c) Magpas – request for donation. RESOLVED – That a donation of £100.00 be made.

d) School Governors – Issues regarding standards at Kimberley school had been reported to the Chairman. Cllr Clark had not heard of any issues but would make investigations.

512/15 Planning

FYR15/0073/F B Condron Apple Grange Farm Grangehill Road – demolition and new dwelling – not supported rural location concerns over loss of agricultural land.

FYR15/0112/F N Lawrence The Barn Middle Drove – garage conversion – not supported rural location

513/15 It was not known whether the replacement of Cat 1 light FPC3 o/s Peregrine High Broadgate had been replaced.

b) Highway matters. Cllr Maxwell to speak upon Cats Lane and Footpath six.

c) Grass cutting – CGM cutting season is from mid-march to the end of October and approximately 20 cuts are envisaged at a cost of £110 per cut. They have agreed to spray the gravel areas and paved areas around the church and tower base and the footpaths to control weed growth. Also centre of graves where strimming is not possible e of charge.

Green Burial area –two cuts in March and October at £90 per cut

Memorial corner Foul Anchor – two cuts and weed control in March and October

514/15 Income & Expenditure

The Councillors considered and approved the following accounts for payment:

Stuff4work	Notice board	266.50	53.30	319.80
Proludic Ltd	Play equipment	30,153.00	6030.50	36183.60
R Wright	Salary Jan – March			891.74
Cambs CC	Pension contribution			319.06

HMR&C	Paye	43.00
Cashbacs International Ltd	Printing NP	219.46
FACT	Donation	100.00
Magpas	Donation	100.00

b) The Clerk confirmed that income of ££23,804 had been received up to 31st December and expenditure of £49,365 made. The Rural grant of £14k had been applied for from FDC.

515/15 Allotments

The Chairman reported that all was well with allotment holders.

516/15 Foul Anchor –

E.on Telephone box on Deemed contract – switch to fixed term contract.

Cllr Taylor reported that the slow sign written on the road by the old pub on Front Road was in need of attention.

North Level Drainage Board were to replace the sluice gates and traffic lights would be in place for about three months.

517/15 Community Centre

The Chairman reported that the hall was in regular use for five nights of the week. The new floor had gone down well with users.

Issues with cars driving onto the playing area from the car park was an issue. Quotes for a gate across car park were being sought.

The Committee were looking into replacing the heaters.

The Council had no objections to a gate being fitted.

518/15 Churchyard

It was reported that grass cutting had been undertaken at the churchyard.

519/15 Date of Next Meetings

21st May 2015 AGM
30th July 2015 Council
15th October 2015 Council

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their support over the past years and hoped that if people put up for election they did it for the benefit of the whole village and not just for an individual issue as had happened in the past. The meeting was closed at 20.05.