

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 in the small room of the Community Centre Tydd ST Giles

**Present** R Mallett (Chairman), M Carter, G Minney, V Ware, Cllr S King  
Mr & Mrs Maxwell, C Ross, R Wright, L.Groves(Clerk), M Taylor M Jupp

**Apologies for Absence** Cllr S Clark, M Hale-Smith

The Chairman told the committee of additions to the agenda

V Ware declared an interest in 598/16(e).

### **597/16 Confirmation of minutes**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

### **598/16 Matters Arising**

a) **Old School House** – Further to minute 585/16a. Cllr King reported that the situation was very much the same. They are still trying to find a solution. There is a report going to be sent to the planning committee but this has not been finalised yet. It is a difficult situation as the owner is so frail the Court has to see that the Council are being reasonable. Cllr King assured the parish council that matters were being kept on top off. V Ware commented that she was happy as long as the matter is still being sorted.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Further to minute 585/16b. The clerk will write to G Mathias to ascertain the current states of the neighbourhood plan.

c) **Village Directory** – Further to minute 585/16c. V Ware reported that all amendments had been done, they have all been printed and are nearly ready for distribution.

d) **Tydd Waterway Route** – We have received a grant of £5000 from the Wind Farm and £2000 from the Power Station, although this has not yet been confirmed. The official opening is planned for the first Saturday in October. Although the golf club has changed hands they are still wanting to be involved in this project.

e) **Green Burial Site** – Further to minute 585/16d. V Ware will not take part in voting as she has already declared an interest. Cllr Jupp reported that Mr Pateman has asked to bring forward to the committee whether there is any money available to contribute towards the green footpath. A quotation has been received from J D Haven for approx.. £2500. The work has already started. A discussion took place. R Wright confirmed that we have £50000 in the Business account and £10000 in the Community Account.

G Minney proposed we donate £1000, seconded by M Taylor.

RESOLVED to donate £1000 towards the work.

Mr Jim Smith had reported that there was a grave sinking in the ground. V Ware reported that it had been looked at and it couldn't be found. If the exact name can be found then it can be explored further. Although Mr Pateman did say that it is the duty of the family to upkeep the graves.

### **599/16 Police Matters**

**CRIMES REPORTED IN THE** Speeding in rural villages still appears to be a key community concern. We will endeavour to encourage local community groups to set up community speed watch groups. If you know of or have 4 or 5 volunteers that are interested in participating in community speed watch, please let me know. Meanwhile we have organised some speed enforcement operations in the north rural villages within July.

Visiting schools is one of our main priorities, and we will endeavour to attend the school at least once a week. We aim to attend at start/finish times which may also help combat some of the parking issues that have been highlighted.

### **TYDD ST GILES AREA JUNE 2016**

1 X Theft from Motor Vehicle – number plates

## GENERAL CONCERNS

There have been a number of shed burglaries in some of the rural villages and also theft of motorbikes.

Helen Norton-Smith

**600/16**            **Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**    no report

**601/16**            **Fenland District Council** – Cllr King had previously handed out the Street Lighting Contract to all members.

V Ware brought up the matter of the Brown Bins consultation to Cllr King. She has had quite a few people say to her that they would be more willing to go the Council Tip with their rubbish if there were steps. Cllr King replied that it was a very useful comment and that he would make a note of it. He did point out that the Dump in Wisbech is run by the County Council but there are some Fenland District Council members he could contact.

**602/16**            **Correspondence**

a) **Brigstock & Wrens** – The clerk has received their year-end accounts and are available for members to view.

b) **Street Pride** – A letter has been received saying that they would like to obtain and maintain a wooden tub full of flowers which they propose placing near the post box and the WI memorial at the junction of Hockland Road and Kirkgate alongside the public benches. They would also like to know if the PC have any objections to rubbing down the bench woodwork and giving it a coat of paint.

V Ware commented that it would be an ideal spot. R Mallet agreed and said the benches get used a lot by cyclists.

M Carter proposed to give them permission and this was seconded by V Ware.

RESOLVED to let Street Pride erect and maintain wooden tub and rejuvenate bench.

M Carter also suggested that maybe Street Pride would be able to obtain some funding. R Mallet replied that it would be a good idea for them to get in contact with Brigstock & Wren Charity.

**C)Field Lane Noise Disturbance** – M Carter informed the council that he had concerns about a certain bungalow along Field Avenue. He had been witness to an incident and was quite worried about the impact of what could happen in the future. This property has a large number of dogs and he witnessed an old lady walking her dog by the bungalow which then started the dogs barking and then the neighbor opposite started shouting and blaspheming. M Carter could see that this was upsetting the lady and she hurried past. If something is not done about this problem he is concerned that there could be an assault on a person or property. There has in previous years been a complaint which resulted in the council bringing a noise monitor, but at the time it was deemed not to be a problem. It was thought that at the time not all the dogs were present. Cllr King asked how long ago this happened. It was in the last 12 months. He asked for the address and will chase up the matter with FDC.

**D) CGM Group Quotation** – £245 + VAT, pruning back hedges, bushes etc., Cllr Jupp asked whether we could contact the probation service to see if they could come for a weekend and do the work.

e) **Letter from P John, Tydd Manor** – he is concerned about the overgrown grass verges, especially leaving his premises (they are run as a business) and is concerned there will be an accident due to lack of visibility. M Carter told the council that the verges had now been cut since receiving the letter but he would like to report that he did not think the service carried out was adequate. They are already beginning to look an eyesore again, as it was left so long to cut the edges, they grew so high therefore prohibiting the efficiency of the cut. Cllr King asked if anybody had been in touch with FDC, M Carter said yes but they hadn't replied. Cllr King said that he would be seeing Graham Hughes and he would tell him the comments we made.

**603/16**            **Planning**

F/YR16/0354/TRTPO Mr P Adams- Felling of yew tree TPO/04/1985 SUPPORTED

F/YR16/0424/TRTPO Mr J Maxwell = Felling of Horse chestnut tree TPO 04/1985 20% reduction in crown size

F/YR16/0450/F – Mr C Thompson – Erection of 1<sup>st</sup> floor side and rear extension - SUPPORTED

F/YR16/0376/F – Mr S Smith – Erection of a 2-storey rear extension including demolition of conservatory - SUPPORTED

F/YR16/0363/F – Messrs DJ Howlett & AD Barnes – Erection of stable & storage block - SUPPORTED

F/YR16/0402/F – Mr R Gent - Erection of a single storey extension including demolition of conservatory - SUPPORTED

F/YR16/0487/F – Mr Wimpenny -Variation of condition 4 – F/YR15/1119/F – NOT SUPPORTED

A discussion took place about F/yr16/0402/F. Main views were that if permission was granted to extend from 11 to 12 months how many more residents and buildings would we get in Tydd St Giles in the future.

M Jupp proposed to not support, G Minney seconded. RESOLVED TO not support.

#### 604/16 Highway Matters/Street Lighting

- a) **Street Lights** – M Taylor reported that there were no problems from Foul Anchor, the new street light has been erected and the old one removed. No complaints received.
- b) **Highway Matters** – M Taylor reported that he had attended the Cambs Highway Open Day. He had spoken to Steve Nicholson about speed signs missing at Tydd Gote.
- c) **Tree Officer** – M Carter reported that there were a lot of trees and hedges protruding over the highways, pushing vehicles into the middle of the road. This is a dangerous hazard inducing the probability of an accident if action is not taken. Cllr King asked if he had the addresses of offending properties. M Carter said that they were going to do a survey in the near future then send the report to Highways. Cllr King asked if he could have a copy as well. County will write to the landowners explaining routes to be taken. Cllr S Clark will be involved with this.

M Carter also reported that there are about 8 trees down one end of Field Avenue and 1 came down in the High Winds. These are under Highways control, they came and removed the tree. As Parish Council Tree Officer M Carter asked them at the time if they could give their opinion in the rest of the trees. They said that they are all showing signs of decay. They suggested that he contact Highways for them to come and do a survey. He has done this to which he had not had a reply. Cllr King said that he would see what he could do.

M Carter reported that there is a 1.5m fence in Field Avenue that has been taken down and has been replaced by a 2.8m fence by the owner. This greatly restricts the visibility at the road junction. There is an on-going problem with this property, contractors started a job of clearing garden etc., but were so badly treated by the owner they downed tools and went away without finishing the job. A lot of the trees and rubbish is protruding into the neighbours garden and there is also a problem with rats. Cllr King said that he will see what he can do.

#### 592/16 Income & Expenditure

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

R Wright	Consultancy Fee	136.56
I Cooper	Internal Audit	100.00
L Groves	Salary	212.19
Inland Revenue	Income Tax	3.40
Came & Company	Insurance	669.38
R Wright	Consultancy fee	146.88
Inland Revenue	Income Tax	3.20
L groves	Salary	212.39
ICO	Registration	35.00
FDC	Empty wheelie bin	86.74
HMRC	payee	in credit 3.74
Ts&GC CRG	Donation	2000.00
TSGPCC	Donation	1000.00

RESOLVED actions be approved

**593/16 Allotments** - Cllr Mallett reported that all was well

**594/16 Foul Anchor** – A Dragon Patcher has been and filled in the pot holes. The CC has been asked for a SLOW sign but have had no response so far, then he e-mailed CC to say he was going to attend the Open Day and they turned up and put it in. M Taylor also reported on the fact that all surrounding villages have a speed limit but not Foul Anchor. They would like the approval of the Parish Council for the introduction of a speed limit. This was agreed. M Taylor also requested a new list of contact names for the PC for Foul Anchor. Clerk will issue new lists for all notice boards.

Cllr King commented that the implementation of speeding limits in villages need to be seriously looked at. A Traffic Regulation Order has to be purchased (over £1000). Also 30 m.p.h raises expectations and the police receive a lot more complaints of which they don't have the manpower to cover, He suggested that all view need to be looked at before making a decision.

**595/16 Community Centre** – M Carter reported that the barriers were up and working well. Heaters are installed. A new electric metre is to be fitted in the near future.

**596/16 Date of Next Meetings Parish Council October 13th 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

PUBLIC TIME