

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 18th May 2017 in the small room of the Community Centre Tydd ST Giles

**Present** R Mallett (Chairman), (cllr), L Groves (Clerk), M Carter (Cllr), M Jupp (Cllr), G Minney (Cllr), C Seaton (Cllr), S King (C Cllr), C Ross, D Gibbs

**Apologies for Absence** Cllr Hale-Smith, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Ware, Cllr S Clark

**648/17 Confirmation of minutes**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**649/17 Appointment of Officers and declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Chairman – Proposed GM, Seconded MJ – RESOLVED -Rex Mallett elected

Vice-Chairman – Proposed RM, Seconded GM – RESOLVED M Taylor elected

Church – Proposed GM, Seconded MC – RESOLVED M Jupp elected

Allotments – Proposed GM, Seconded MJ – RESOLVED R Mallett elected

Foul Anchor – Proposed RM, seconded MC – RESOLVED M Taylor elected

Planning – Full Committee

Tree Officer – Proposed MJ, seconded RM – RESOLVED M Carter elected

Highways – Proposed RM, seconded GM – RESOLVED M Hale-Smith elected

Street Lights – Proposed MC, seconded MJ – RESOLVED G Minney elected

Notice B Foul Anchor – Proposed GM, seconded MJ – RESOLVED M Taylor elected

Play Equipment – Proposed RM, seconded MJ – RESOLVED – M Carter elected

Mr Ivan Cooper a retired Finance Manager with Fenland District Council has undertaken the audit on the 2016/2017 financial year and was re-appointed to undertake it in 2017/2018

**650/17 Matters Arising**

a) **Old School House** – Further to minute 637/17(a) Cllr Seaton reported to the Council that the Corporate Management Team have devised a draft report of options available, this report will be brought to the Planning Committee as a confidential item. Cllr Jupp commented on the fact that there has been a lot of children seen playing on the grounds and thinks that it is only a matter of time before an accident occurs, he asked whether FDC would be able to erect fencing. Cllr Seaton said that he would report this to the Council to go in with all their considerations and then he would report back to us when he knows the outcomes.

b) **Tydd Waterway Route** – Further to minute 637/7(b) – Cllr Hale-Smith previously reported that there will be notices going up to state that all dogs must be on a lead at all times.

c) **Church Grounds** – Further to minute 637/17 (c) – Cllr Jupp reported that the footpath has been cleared and the bushes cut back. He had met with O Williams to discuss what needed doing, only to find that it had already been completed. He hasn't been able to speak to Alan Pateman yet but thinks this was probably Community Payback Scheme.

d) **Golden Age Fair** – further to minute 640/17 – this has now been confirmed for the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

e) **Street Lighting** – further to minute 643/17 – Cllr Minney reported that 1 broken street light had been reported to him, when he phoned to report it he was told that they couldn't find it on the system. Cllr King said that FDC have not renewed the contract with Balfour Beattie as they failed to meet their commitments and were very unhappy with their service. Cllr King will report back to council and he will also look at a light where a tree has hit it (after a lorry knocked the tree).

f) **E-mail S Burgess** – further to minute 641/17(a) – Cllr Hale-Smith has arranged a meeting with him to discuss his concerns

**651/17 Police Matters** - No police present at meeting

Police Representative Report from PCSO Helen Norton-Smith

We continue to visit local primary schools in the rural villages, aiming to be there at the start time and end time of school to engage with the children and parents, and to address any arising issues. We are currently in the process of setting up an "Internet Safety" package which is aimed at 8 – 11

year olds. We will be visiting all of the participating rural primary schools within the next 3 months to pilot this new scheme aimed at introducing children to the dangers of using the internet. We also visit the care homes on a monthly basis to meet with the staff and engage with the children, which helps build good relationships between all parties.

Speeding still appears to be a problem in most rural villages. Unfortunately, the Special Constable Andy Thompson, who I work closely with regarding Speed Enforcement, is currently unavailable for the foreseeable. There are other Special Constables who are able to undertake Speed Enforcement, but due to the vast area of coverage, we cannot guarantee how often this will be. We therefore ask if anyone in their community is interested in becoming a Speed Watch Volunteer. If you would like to find out more about becoming a speed watch volunteer, please contact: [speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

### **COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT**

The last community contact point in Parson Drove took place on 12<sup>th</sup> April. There was no representative from Fenland District Council, although I have been informed that a new person will be in post in the near future. Once this has been confirmed, I will be looking to arrange a community contact point in Tydd St Giles. Details will be confirmed hopefully in the near future. Meanwhile, If you would like to have your say on issues in your area, you can complete an online survey at : <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WisbechCommunitySafety>.

Results from these surveys will be displayed on the Community Safety Partnership blog every 3 months at [www.communitysafetypartnership.worldpress.com](http://www.communitysafetypartnership.worldpress.com) . The results will be used to identify the local policing priorities for the following 6 months.

### **CRIMES REPORTED IN THE TYDD ST GILES AREA APRIL 2017**

1 x Exposure

Crime statistics can also be found on the following websites:-

[www.cambs.police.uk/help/crimemaps/](http://www.cambs.police.uk/help/crimemaps/)  
[www.ukcrimestats.com/Police\\_Force/Cambridgeshire\\_Constabulary](http://www.ukcrimestats.com/Police_Force/Cambridgeshire_Constabulary)

If you have any information about the above, or any other crime, please contact the police on 101, or 999 in the event of an emergency.

### **GENERAL CONCERNS**

There have been several burglaries/aggravated/distraction burglaries in both the town centre and rural villages of Wisbech. Please remain vigilant at all times, and take care when answering the door to bogus callers. Homes with no security measures in place are five times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures. Good window locks and strong deadlocks can make a big difference. Listed below are a few tips from our website on crime prevention:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden,
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox)
- Install a visual burglar alarm
- Install good outside lighting

- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges
- Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free at: [www.immobilise.com/](http://www.immobilise.com/)

There have also been several reports of incidents concerning agricultural farming equipment, where batteries have been stolen, and some equipment has been set on fire. There are some things you can do to help prevent further criminal damage and arson attacks:

- If your property has been damaged, it's a good idea to get it repaired quickly if you can. Vandalised property can attract people who might cause more damage.
- Keep a record of all events that you think are related to the arson attack or any subsequent criminal damage or harassment. Note as much detail as possible, including the date and time of incidents.
- If possible, try to get photographic or video evidence. But you should only do this carefully and not put yourself at risk.
- It's a good idea to look at your home/business security and, if necessary, upgrade it.

This and other crime prevention advice can be found on the Cambridgeshire Police Website.

The Chairman also commented that there had also been two recent incidents. One involving a dog and a burglary.

**652/17 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report** - Cllr Mallett once again congratulated Cllr King on his recent appointment of Cambridge County Councillor. Cllr King thanked the Chairman and said that he would have more to report after his first Full Council Meeting to be held next week. He vowed to do his best to represent the community.

**653/17 Fenland District Council** – Cllr Seaton reported that in regards to the Kirkgate pavement, planning are speaking to solicitors on Friday then we will know the outcome. Cllr Clark has already asked for an update next week. Cllr Seaton said that if any queries crop up please don't hesitate to contact him. Cllr Jupp asked whether we had a Tree Officer, Cllr Seaton replied that it is a shared service with Peterborough.

**654/17 Correspondence**

- (a) E-mail received from P Wilcox (previously circulated)- Cllr Mallett reported that both issues are being looked into and will be resolved asap.
- (b) Letter from Clerk – a letter has been received from the Clerk stating that she wishes to resign, with immediate effect, due to ill health. Cllr Mallett gave thanks to the Clerk for her work over the two years. It was proposed by Cllr Jupp and seconded by Cllr Carter that Cllr Mallett, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Ware will sit on the interview panel. Closing date is 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**655/17 Planning**

Applications for which observations are requested.

F/YR17/0346/F – Mr & Mrs Homewood – erection of a 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear extension to existing building

F/YR17/0240/F – Mrs R Minter – formation of all weather riding arena and 1.25m high post & fencing  
F/YR17/0230/F – Mr A Ivory – Erection of a 3-storey 5 bed dwelling

All have been approved

**656/17 Highway Matters/Street Lighting**

- a) **Highway Matters** – Cllr Hale-Smith to meet Steve Nicholls next Tuesday and will report back at the next meeting.
- b) **Church Grounds** – No concerns at the moment, just waiting for the report from FDC about tree.

**657/17 Income & Expenditure**

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

NLIDB	Drainage Rates	£432.47
L Groves		£219.40

RESOLVED actions be approved

The clerk went through the Income and Expenditure report for 2016/17 (previously circulated).

To approve Annual Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – proposed Cllr Minney, seconded Cllr Carter.

RESOLVED to approve and sign.

**658/17 Allotments** – No problems, going well

**659/17 Foul Anchor** – No report

**660/17 Community Centre** – Cllr Carter reported that the committee have asked for quotes for replacing and repainting the roof. A grant has been applied for from the Wind Farm and the outcome will be known on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul 2017. This was agreed.

**661/17 Date of Next Meetings**

Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> 7.15 p.m.

Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> 7.15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 20.30 p.m.

PUBLIC TIME

None requested