

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 10th January 2019
in the Small Room of the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

Present - Cllr R Mallett (Chairman), Cllr M Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr M Hale-Smith, Cllr M Jupp, Cllr G Minney, Cllr V Ware, Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr S King (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence - Cllr C Seaton (FDC), Cllr M Humphrey (FDC)

762/18 Urgent Items

The Chairman congratulated Mollie Rollins, former Parish Councillor, on the award of a British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours list for a lifetime of service to the village, in particular the Methodist Church.

763/18 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th October 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

764/18 Matters Arising

- a) Defibrillator - The defibrillator has been installed. Training will take place on Saturday 9th February; one for people who have not previously received training and a refresher course for people who attended the previous session at the Golf Course. Members discussed potential locations for further defibrillators in the parish. It was resolved that a defibrillator be purchased for the community in Foul Anchor, to be situated in the redundant telephone box.
- b) Local Highway Improvements - The Clerk presented the proposal to the assessment panel on 22nd November and received a positive response. The panel's recommendations will be considered by the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee on 12th March for a final decision.
- c) Sapphire Close highway works - The highways authority has served notice on the owner of the adjacent property to remove his garden wall, which was built on highway land. The removal of the wall is required to construct the new pavement. Until this matter is resolved, no further progress can be made.
- d) Footpath 8, High Broadgate to Church Lane - The Clerk has obtained a supply of marker discs to clarify the route of this path.

765/18 Police Matters

There were no matters specific to Tydd St Giles in the police report. The local PCSO's had visited Kinderley School.

766/18 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King reported that the County Council closed for two weeks over the Christmas period, providing emergency cover only, as a cost-saving measure. Work is under way on the budget for the forthcoming financial year. There is extreme pressure on the adult social care and children's services budgets. Members are keen to protect the highways budget.

767/18 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr Clark reported that the District Council was also facing budgetary challenges.

768/18 Parishioner Issues

- a) Mrs Savill had expressed concern regarding vehicles parked at Kirkgate Bridge obscuring the bend signage. Vehicles are being parked within 10 metres of the junction, in contravention of Rule 243 of the Highway Code. The Clerk has spoken to the local highways officer. Parking restrictions at this location would be unenforced, so it has been agreed to raise the height of the signage to enhance visibility.
- b) Mrs Roper reported that a contractor working on her property has dumped a quantity of branches from her conifer hedge in an adjoining dyke belonging to the North Level District Internal Drainage Board. The Clerk agreed to investigate this matter.
- c) During the Christmas period, a hole appeared in the deck of Black Dyke footbridge, possibly as a result of a horse breaking a board. The Clerk affixed a temporary cover and reported the matter to the County Council, as they are responsible for this bridge.

769/18 Churchyard

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

770/18 Correspondence

The Clerk outlined the correspondence received since the last meeting, including the following:-

CCC Highways re LHI feasibility 2019/20
CCC Highways re LHI Assessment Panel
CCC re Transport Strategy Consultation
CCC re Bikeability training
CCC Highways re MVAS speed monitoring device
CCC Street Works re traffic orders for Park Road and Middle Broad Drove
CCC re business planning survey
CCC - Cambridgeshire Matters Newsletter
Cllr King re donation to Parish Council
FDC re fly-tipping in Hannath Road
FDC re planning training
FDC re street light faults reported
FDC re Green Dog Walkers campaign
FDC re Garden Waste service price freeze
FDC re Care Network funding proposal
FDC re local elections
FDC re precepts
FDC re Pride in Fenland awards
Clarion Housing re Sapphire Close
UK Power Networks re line damage in Fold Lane
CAPALC re events and training for Clerks and Councillors
Probation Service re community payback work in churchyard
East of England Ambulance Service re defibrillator registration and training
Mrs Wall re access to defibrillator
Mrs Mallett re defibrillator custodian role

Mr Pateman re churchyard issues and status

Mrs Downs re trees in front garden

Lincolnshire CC re churchyard burials

Ms Racey re defibrillator training

Mark I Fencing re line markings at Community Centre

Lincolnshire Community Foundation re Grange Windfarm Community Buildings Fund

Police and Crime Commissioner re Parish & Town Council briefing

771/18 Planning

Updates on the outcomes of applications previously considered were included in the agenda. The following applications have been received:-

F/YR18/1153/F - Erection of a 2m high close boarded fence, 2no brick pillars 2.3m high and timber sliding electric gates (retrospective) - Brambly Dell, Kirkgate, Tydd St Giles

The Parish Council resolved to support this application.

772/18 Finance

- a) Updated financial statement for the period to the end of December - the statement was approved. Members recorded their thanks to Cllr King for his donation of £30 in respect of a share of his allowance for the two-week County Council shutdown.
- b) Draft budget for 2019/20 - following discussion, the budget was approved.
- c) Precept for 2019/20 - following consideration of the budget, members resolved to maintain the precept at the 2018/19 level of £1,000.
- d) To approve the following payments:

CGM Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£ 207.31
DA Gibbs (salary Dec).....	£ 300.00
Positive Cashflow Finance Ltd (school sign).....	<u>£1,709.40</u>
	£2,216.71

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £2,216.71 be approved for payment.

773/18 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - Nothing to report.
- b) Street Lighting - Cllr Minney had reported seven lights that are now all working. Members discussed issues relating to the overgrown hedge and parking outside Windy Willows, Church Lane. Agreed to ask the owner to cut the hedge further back from the road.
- c) Churchyard - Cllr Jupp reported that the floodlight behind the church had been redirected to reduce the impact on adjoining properties, but may now not be performing its main function of enhancing security around the church. A question was asked about the legal issues relating to dogs in churchyards, in particular on public footpaths. The Clerk agreed to provide further information at the next meeting.
- d) Trees - Cllr Carter reported that the tree in Cats Lane due to be reduced in size under planning reference F/YR18/1049/TRTPO may need to be felled, as it is in poor condition. A resident had enquired about the ownership of two trees in the front garden of a property in High Broadgate. It was confirmed that these trees belong to the homeowner.
- e) Allotments - Nothing to report.

- f) Foul Anchor - The Remembrance Service in November was well attended.
- g) Community Centre - Neighbours have expressed concern regarding children using the temporary entrance to the playing field opposite Sapphire Close and running out into the road. The temporary access will be required again when the remaining construction works take place. Members agreed to arrange for the hedge to be cut back from the road to increase visibility.

The emergency exit doors from the hall towards the car park are beyond repair and will need to be replaced. Members asked the Management Committee to obtain quotes.

A local resident has offered to make six lockable ashtrays to be placed outside each exit from the Community Centre.

Two further CCTV cameras have been ordered to cover the children's playground end of the building and the defibrillator.

There is a water leak in one of the changing rooms that has damaged the wooden floor. An insurance claim will be submitted to cover remediation works.

Sensors will be fitted in the gents toilets to restrict the auto-flush to periods of usage.

The New Year's Eve event made a small profit.

The 25th Anniversary celebration was successful and many people found the archive displays interesting.

The Lunch Club achieved a 5-star rating on the latest environmental health inspection. The Lunch Club has submitted an application to the Grange Windfarm Community Benefit Fund for a new cooker.

- h) Waterway Walk - Cllr Hale-Smith has stepped down from the working party. Cllr Taylor suggested that the signage adjacent to the pumping station could be relocated adjacent to the new bench by the path into Foul Anchor, as this is a more visited location. Duplicate signage was also suggested.

774/18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 14th March in the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm