

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 14th March 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 Jupp, Cllr G Minney, Cllr V Ware, Cllr S Clark (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mr Pateman, Mrs Ross (Parishioners)

Apologies for Absence - Cllr M Hale-Smith, Cllr S King (CCC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC),

775/18 Urgent Items

None.

776/18 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

777/18 Matters Arising

- a) Defibrillator - The Clerk reported that 26 people had attended the training sessions. A further course would be offered once the new defibrillator is installed in Foul Anchor.
- b) Local Highway Improvements - The Clerk reported that the application for 2019/20 was approved by the County Council's Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee at their meeting on 12th March.
- c) Sapphire Close highway works - The garden wall of the adjoining property has been demolished to make way for the new pavement.
- d) Fly tipping of conifer branches - the Clerk is investigating the dumping of conifer branches on private property in Hockland Road.
- e) Black Dyke footbridge - The temporary cover is still in place over the collapsed boards, but a permanent repair will be required.
- f) Dogs in churchyards - The Clerk confirmed that the church may specify rules for dogs in the churchyard, but as the path is a public footpath, dogs are allowed on the path, either under close control or on a lead.

778/18 Police Matters

The PCSO's have visited Kinderley School.

779/18 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

In the absence of Cllr King, no report was provided.

780/18 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr Clark had nothing to report.

781/18 Parishioner Issues

The Chairman reported that Steve Barclay MP had contacted the Sutton Bridge Power Fund regarding the undistributed sum of £80,000 in their community benefit account. It was hoped

that some of this money could be distributed to groups in Tydd St Giles. It was also noted that there is currently no representative from the Parish on the fund's committee.

The Chairman reported that the Council had purchased a selection of historical records relating to the Parish, including vestry minute books, enclosure and allotment records, land auction catalogues and maps. It was agreed that these documents would be made available for public inspection at the Community Centre on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd March. Consideration would be given to offering these items to the Wisbech & Fenland Museum once they had been catalogued.

782/18 Churchyard

The Chairman invited Mr Pateman to address the council regarding the churchyard. Mr Pateman explained that the Parochial Church Council had resolved to close the front half of the churchyard in 1979, but the necessary paperwork had not been completed. The PCC has now resolved to submit a closure application to the Ministry of Justice. Cllr Ware explained that, as a member of the PCC, she had not participated in discussion of this item at their meeting. The process of closure requires a resolution from the Parish Council, either to agree to take on the maintenance of the churchyard or to transfer that responsibility to the District Council. Mr Pateman thanked the Parish Council for their ongoing maintenance of the churchyard and reminded members that it serves as a public amenity, as well as a burial place for all residents of their parish, regardless of faith. The Clerk outlined the extent of the commitment involved, including the maintenance of trees, shrubs, hedges, walls, fences, paths and memorial stones. The grave stones remain the responsibility of the descendants of the deceased, but where they cannot be traced, the stones may be laid down or relocated. It was noted that the application for closure may not be successful, as it relates only to a part of the churchyard, not the whole.

Cllr Taylor proposed that the Parish Council assumes responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard if the closure application is successful. Cllr Ware seconded the motion, and members resolved to support it.

Mr Pateman thanked the members of the Council for their support and agreed to provide an update on the progress of the application for the next meeting.

783/18 Correspondence

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

- *Fenland District Council - dates for your diary*
- *Chairman's Civic Reception - Friday 6 September 2019*
- *Chairman's Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thursday 26 September 2019*
- *Chairman's Carol Service - Sunday 8 December 2019*
- *Election briefing for Clerks*
- *Revised Electoral Register*
- *Street Light FPC1 High Broadgate replacement cost*
- *Enforcement Officers carrying out community activities*
- *New Corporate Director and Chief Finance Officer*
- *Cambridgeshire County Council re continuation of bus services*
- *Flood Risk and Biodiversity Newsletter*
- *Steve Barclay's Office re Sutton Bridge Power Fund*
- *Keep Britain Tidy re Great British Spring Clean 22nd March to 23rd April*
- *Cambridgeshire Police re Speedwatch*
- *Age UK re Visiting Support Service for Older People*

- Tydd St Mary Parish Council re defibrillators
- Schoolreaders re volunteering opportunities
- Andrew Boughen re Parish Records

784/18 Planning

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

F/YR19/0178/F - Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling involving demolition of existing dwelling - Aylesbury Farm Bungalow, Sutton Road, Four Gotes
The Parish Council resolved to support this application.

785/18 Finance

- a) The financial statement for the period to the end of February was approved.
- b) The following payments were approved:

Fenland District Council (street light FPC1 High Broadgate)	£1,011.16
CGM Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£ 156.00
DA Gibbs (salary March).....	£ 300.00
D Gibbs (expenses)	<u>£ 140.00</u>
	£1,607.16

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £1,607.16 be approved for payment.

786/18 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - No report.
- b) Street Lighting - Cllr Minney reported that the light outside 22 Field Avenue had been reported, but was still not working.
- c) Churchyard - No report.
- d) Trees - Works to trees under Tree Preservation Orders were reported under planning.
- e) Allotments - Inspection and measuring of the allotments to take place soon.
- f) Foul Anchor - A dog bin has been requested on Front Road. The Clerk agreed to check the feasibility of this and the possible relocation of the existing bin to a more visible location.
- g) Community Centre - The benches have been placed outside the building. Two additional cameras have been added to the CCTV system covering the defibrillator and the east end of the building. New urinals have been installed in the gents toilet with a water miser system to reduce water usage. The insurance company rejected the claim for the water leak in the changing rooms, as it had been leaking for too long. The floating floor in the changing rooms is being replaced with a concrete screed. The Parish Council resolved to pay for this work as the owner of the building. External funding will be sought to undertake a similar project in the second changing room, the officials' room and the corridor. The supplier of the edging strip for the dance floor in the main hall is examining the damage with a view to replacing it under guarantee. The quote for new fire doors to the rear of the hall is £3,000. A second quote will be obtained and the best price chosen. The proposed location of the steel container has been revised to bring it within the scope of the CCTV system. A planning application will be submitted shortly.

h) Waterway Walk - No meeting has taken place. The Pumping Station will once again be open to the public on Saturday 14th September as part of the Heritage Open Weekend.

787/18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 9th May in the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, following the Parish Assembly at 7.15pm.

The Chairman thanked the members of the council for their support over the last four years and wished them well in the forthcoming election.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm