

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 11th July 2019
in the Small Room of the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

Present - Cllr R Mallett (Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr T Doyle, Cllr H Hillam, Cllr G Minney, Cllr S King (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mrs Simpson, Mrs Ross, Mrs Melloy (Parishioners)

Apologies for Absence - Cllr M Hale-Smith (Vice-Chairman), Cllr J Maxwell, Cllrs S Clark and C Seaton (FDC)

Public Forum

Mrs Melloy updated the Council on the plans for the Flu Vaccination clinic in the Community Centre. The date is confirmed as Wednesday 2nd October from 10.00. This will be advertised in The Bridge magazine, by word of mouth and with leaflets and posters in Tydd St Giles and Newton. Pre-booking is essential and will be overseen by Mrs Melloy, with support from Cllrs Doyle, Hillam and Clark. The Chairman thanked Mrs Melloy for making the arrangements.

Mrs Melloy informed the Council that she is seeking further quotes for printing the Directory and hopes to have the necessary information shortly. Members agreed to fund the publication once the outstanding issues have been resolved,

015/19 Urgent Items

None.

016/19 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

017/19 Matters Arising

- a) Defibrillators - The Clerk will arrange for the Foul Anchor defibrillator to be installed in the phone box. A further training course will be offered, giving priority to Foul Anchor residents, once the defibrillator is installed.
- b) Local Highway Improvements - The new vehicle activated speed sign has not yet been used. The Clerk will discuss this with Cllr Hale-Smith.
- c) Sapphire Close - There is no further progress towards the completion of the pavement and restoration of the adjoining field. The final legal agreement is due to be signed shortly, which will enable works to commence. The Clerk will continue to monitor the situation.
- d) Flytipping of conifer branches - A Community Payback team will visit and clear the site this week.
- e) Black Dyke footbridge - The damaged deck boards have been replaced, but the whole deck appears to be nearing the end of its safe working life. Cllr King offered to discuss this with officers.
- f) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - Cllr Hale-Smith is awaiting confirmation of his appointment to the local panel.

- g) Closure of the Churchyard - A notice of the proposed closure has been issued by the Ministry of Justice, giving residents and other interested parties 21 days to submit comments. If no objections are raised, the churchyard will be closed at the end of this period.
- h) Foul Anchor bins - Fenland District Council officers have contacted South Holland District Council to seek their approval for a dog bin to be located immediately to the south of the North Level Main Drain outfall.
- i) Parish Newsletter - Cllr Maxwell submitted a written proposal for consideration. Members agreed to adopt the plan to have the newsletters printed by a local printer and delivered by Webbs of Leverington. The purchase of a printer for newsletters will be considered at a future date, once the publication is established.
- j) Planning Committee - Members considered the draft Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee and resolved to increase the membership to include all councillors. With this amendment, members resolved to adopt the Terms of Reference.

018/19 Police Matters

Members of the local community policing team have visited Kinderley School since the last meeting.

019/19 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King reported that the Highways and Infrastructure Committee has received the latest accident and injury statistics, which show an increase in Fenland. The figures will be analysed by Loughborough University to identify causes and solutions.

Cambridgeshire Pension Fund Board is consulting on pension contributions, with responses due by the end of July.

020/19 Fenland District Councillor Reports

In the absence of Cllrs Clark and Seaton, there was no report.

021/19 Parishioner Issues

- a) A resident of Field Avenue reported concerns regarding sewage in the dyke leading away from the treatment plant outfall. The Clerk and Cllr Carter investigated and contacted the North Level District Internal Drainage Board and Fenland District Council. It appears that the issue was caused by exceptional rainfall and could reoccur in extreme weather conditions. District Council officers are aware and funding has been allocated for a programme of improvements to the treatment plant to start shortly. The Drainage Board will arrange for the dyke to be cleared of debris after the harvest.
- b) Mr & Mrs Hodder raised several issues on behalf of the Street Pride group. They asked whether the group could have free use of the Community Centre for their annual general meeting, whether the Parish Council could offer a grant to fund their work, whether there are any plans to install cigarette bins outside the Community Centre near the benches and whether they could put a sign on the litter bin adjacent to the village sign to ask dog walkers to dispose of dog waste in one of the nearby dog bins. Charges for the use of the Community Centre are a matter for the Community Centre Management Committee, however members agreed to provide funding for this purpose. Cigarette bins have been ordered for all external doors on the Community Centre. Permission was granted to attach a sign to the bin.

- c) A parishioner asked whether action could be taken to clear footpath 238/8 between High Broadgate and Church Lane, which is overgrown again. The Clerk will contact the landowner.
- d) Mr Cooper reported further issues with cars parking outside Kinderley School, particularly at the start and end of the school day. As the summer holiday will start shortly, members agreed to monitor the situation in September. Cllr King suggested the purchase of child-shaped bollards or signs that have been used effectively at other schools, including Leverington.
- e) A parishioner has expressed concern about flooding in the vicinity of footpath 238/6 between Kirkgate and Cats Lane caused by an overgrown dyke. The Clerk will write to the adjoining landowners to remind them of their riparian responsibilities.
- f) A dead deer was reported in Hockland Road. The Clerk will report this to the District Council Rapid Response Team for removal.
- g) A Parishioner has reported that a drain cover surround on the corner of Kirkgate and Church Lane was damaged during recent maintenance work, leaving the cover loose and unsafe. The Chairman asked the Clerk to investigate.

022/19 Correspondence

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

Scope re textile recycling banks
Fenland DC re confirmation of Chairman and Vice Chairman and civic event dates
Information Commissioner re registration renewal
Brigstock & Wrens Charity re defibrillator training grant
Came & Company re insurance renewal confirmation
Cambridgeshire CC re Local Highway Improvement funding deadline
Keep Britain Tidy re Love Parks Week
Fenland DC re Community Safety Survey
North Level District Internal Drainage Board re ownership of dykes
Cambridgeshire ACRE re confirmation of membership
Mrs Melloy re Flu Clinic
PKF Littlejohn re confirmation of receipt of external audit papers
RAF Benevolent Fund re services for former servicemen
Fenland DC re revised Member Conduct Procedure and Conduct Committee vacancy
Fenland DC re "Essentials by Sue" project

023/19 Planning

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

F/YR19/0518/F - Erect 4 dwellings (2 x 2-storey 4-bed and 2 x 2-storey 3-bed) with garages - Land East of Tindall Mill, Kirkgate, Tydd St Giles
 Parish Council response deadline - 11th July

Members resolved not to support this application due to their previously stated opposition to further development in Kirkgate and the scale of the proposed properties which they consider to be an over development of the site.

F/YR19/0560/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission (F/YR16/0258/O) Erection of a dwelling

(Outline with matters committed in respect of access only) - Land East of Field House, Hockland Road, Tydd St Giles
Parish Council response deadline - 24th July

Members resolved not to support this application due to its proximity to the adjoining property Randor.

F/YR19/0565/O - Erect 1 dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) - Land East of Field House, Hockland Road, Tydd St Giles
Parish Council response deadline - 23rd July

Members resolved to support this application, which they consider to be a better use of the site.

024/19 Local Highway Improvement Application 2020/21

Members considered options for the forthcoming round of Local Highway Improvement funding and resolved to submit an application for replacement of the deck of the Black Dyke footbridge to enhance pedestrian and equine safety, following the collapse of part of the deck in December 2018.

025/19 Finance

- a) The financial statement to the end of June showed income of £9,976.23 and expenditure of £3,870.73, leaving a surplus for the year of £6,195.50 and total funds held of £65,717.81.
- b) Approval of the following payments:

CGM Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£ 829.25
DA Gibbs (salary June and July).....	£ 600.00
Fenland District Council (street light recharge).....	£ 1,206.12
Mark 1 Fencing & Son (Community Centre flooring).....	£ 1,800.00
Tydd St Giles Community Centre (room hire).....	£ 60.00
Fenland District Council (bins).....	£ 86.74
	£4,582.11

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £4,582.11 be approved for payment.

026/19 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - In Cllr Hale-Smith's absence, there was no report.
- b) Street Lighting - Cllr Minney reported that all lights are either working satisfactorily or have been reported and are awaiting repair. Cllr Hillam mentioned that the light near the bench on Front Road, Foul Anchor, was not working. This light is in Lincolnshire, so may be outside the scope of the maintenance contract.
- c) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle. Nothing to report.
- d) Trees - Cllr Carter. Nothing to report.
- e) Allotments - Cllr Mallett. Inspection and measuring of the allotments has still not been carried out.
- f) Foul Anchor - Cllr Hillam voiced her support for the creation of a new circular walk for Foul Anchor and the replacement of the historical information signage.
- g) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that Cllr Hale-Smith has taken over as Treasurer of the Community Centre and is working to bring the records up to date. Two quotes have been obtained for the new emergency exit doors for the Community Centre. A third quote is

expected shortly, but members resolved to accept the cheaper of the first two quotes if the third quote is no cheaper.

- h) Waterway Walk - Clerk. No meeting has taken place yet. The Pumping Station will once again be open to the public on Saturday 14th September as part of the Heritage Open Weekend.
- i) Communications - Cllr Maxwell's report containing a proposal for the newsletter was discussed under item 017/19i) above.

027/19 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 11th September in the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm