

# TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Small Room of the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

**Present** - Cllr R Mallett (Chairman), Cllr M Hale-Smith (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr T Doyle, Cllr H Hillam, Cllr J Maxwell, Cllr G Minney, Cllr S King (CCC), Cllr S Clark (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Ross, Mrs Simpson (Parishioners)

**Apologies for Absence** - Cllr C Seaton (FDC),

## **028/19 Urgent Items**

The Chairman reported the recent passing of Cyril Drewry, former member of the Parish Council and the Community Centre Management Committee. The meeting was paused to allow everyone to pay their respects.

## **029/19 Confirmation of Minutes**

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

## **030/19 Matters Arising**

- a) Flu vaccination clinic - The response has been good, with at least 15 already booked. Cllr Doyle and Mrs Melloy are scheduling time slots for the day to avoid prolonged waiting. Cllr Clark will invite service providers to attend.
- b) Defibrillators - The Foul Anchor defibrillator will be installed shortly. The Clerk will arrange training for volunteers.
- c) Local Highway Improvements - The missing parts for the vehicle activated sign are on order. The buffer zone project in Broad Drove East will be installed before Christmas. The application for 2020/21 has been submitted and will be assessed shortly.
- d) Sapphire Close - The outstanding highway works will commence on 16 September for 10 weeks, following which the adjoining site will be restored to agricultural use.
- e) Fly-tipping of conifer branches - A Community Payback team has cleared the site.
- f) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - No news yet. Cllr Hale-Smith to chase.
- g) Closure of the Churchyard - It appears that the churchyard has now been closed, although no formal confirmation has been received from the Ministry of Justice. The Clerk will contact Mr Pateman.
- h) Foul Anchor bins - The new bins have been ordered and will be installed shortly.
- i) Parish newsletter - Cllr Maxwell noted that the cost of the newsletter had not been recorded in the minutes of the previous meeting, but printing will be between £45 and £60 per edition and distribution £25. Members agreed a budget of up to £300 for the first year of publication.

- j) Planning Committee - Members resolved to adopt the revised Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee.

### **031/19 Police Matters**

The monthly reports did not include any matters pertaining to Tydd St Giles.

Cllr Carter noted that there are a number of untaxed vehicles parked on Field Avenue. These have been reported to the Police and the DVLA, but they took no action. Cllr Clark agreed to take this matter up with the District Council to ascertain whether they had any powers in this regard.

### **032/19 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**

Cllr King reported that the Dragon Patcher will now be used to repair potholes not yet at the intervention level as a preventative measure, if they occur in the vicinity of larger potholes. A capital grant scheme is under consideration and members were asked to indicate their support for this and consider how it might be used in the parish. Cllr Maxwell suggested that the Tretton Bridge could undergo restoration works, however it was unclear whether this lies within the county of Cambridgeshire or Lincolnshire.

### **033/19 Fenland District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Clark reported that a review of the Local Plan will commence shortly and briefing sessions for Councillors and Clerks will take place on 17 September.

### **034/19 Parishioner Issues**

- a) Overgrown dyke bank, Bow Bells, Hockland Road - The Clerk has reported this issue to the North Level District Internal Drainage Board and they will visit the resident.
- b) Boundary query, The Hedgerows, Kirkgate - A resident requested assistance in clarifying the extent of their property. The Clerk provided guidance and referred them to the definitive map.
- c) Antisocial behaviour, Kirkgate - This report is still being clarified, but appears to relate to the previous reports of motorcycles and quad bikes along the North Level Main Drain.
- d) Parking outside Kinderley School - Mr Cooper has reported further issues with parents parking across driveways at the end of the school day. Cllr Hale-Smith has visited and seen the problem. The school is now aware and will be writing to parents. Cllr Hale-Smith has also spoken to neighbouring schools about the use of child-profile warning signs, however these are expensive to purchase.

### **035/19 Correspondence**

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

*Cambridgeshire County Council re community gritting schemes*  
*Cambridgeshire ACRE re Town and Parish Councils conference, 8 November*  
*Cambridgeshire ACRE re Annual General Meeting, 25 September*  
*Fenland District Council re street light PC2, Newgate Road*  
*Fenland District Council re Macmillan Coffee Morning, 26 September*  
*Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership re Five Simple Steps*  
*Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority re Local Transport Plan consultation*  
*Fenland District Council re Local Plan Review seminar, 17 September*

Street light PC2 in Newgate Road is beyond repair and will require replacement at a cost of £257.63. Members agreed to proceed with this replacement. Cllrs Clark and Maxwell agreed to act as Community Scams Champions. Cllr Maxwell and the Clerk will attend the Local Plan Review seminar. The Clerk will also attend the Town and Parish Councils conference and the ACRE Annual General Meeting.

### **036/19 Planning**

Updates on the outcomes of applications previously considered were included in the agenda. Application F/YR19/0518/F has subsequently been approved.

The appeal against the refusal of outline planning permission for up to four dwellings on land west of Magnolia House, Kirkgate, under reference F/YR18/0841/O has been allowed, so outline permission is now granted.

The appeal against the refusal of outline planning permission for up to two dwellings on land south west of Fern House, Swallow Lane, under reference F/YR18/0725/O has been dismissed.

### **037/19 Finance**

- a) The financial statement for the end of August showed income of £9,976.23 and expenditure of £8,397.84 resulting in a surplus of £1,578.39, with total funds held of £61,100.70.
- b) To approve the following payments:

CGM Ltd (grounds maintenance) .....	£ 772.56
DA Gibbs (salary including back pay).....	£ 851.68
Cambridgeshire County Council (LHI 2018/19).....	<u>£ 785.61</u>
	£2,409.85

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £2,409.85 be approved for payment.

### **038/19 Reports from Members**

- a) Highways - Cllr Hale-Smith reported that Anglian Water is investigating a water and sewage issue in Fold Lane. The forthcoming resurfacing of Cross Keys Bridge will include a diversion route via the Freedom Bridge, Wisbech, which may result in additional traffic through neighbouring villages.
- b) Street Lighting - Cllr Minney reported that all lights are in working order apart from Newgate Road PC2, reported in 035/19.
- c) Churchyard - Cllr Carter has inspected the tree damaged in recent high winds. Further high-level work may be beneficial, but should be part of wider programme once the status of the churchyard is clarified.
- d) Trees - Cllr Carter reported that apart from the tree in the churchyard, he is not aware of any other issues, apart from a few hedges. Cllr Hale-Smith suggested that work should be carried out on trees overhanging Kirkgate, which are the responsibility of individual landowners. This will need to be monitored in the coming months.
- e) Allotments - Cllr Maxwell pointed out that the measuring of the allotments had been on the agenda for some time, but had not taken place. Cllr Mallett confirmed that the inspection and measuring of the allotments would take place before the next meeting to allow a decision to be made on a potential rent increase.

- f) Foul Anchor - Cllr Hillam agreed to take responsibility for the notice board by the War Memorial and will obtain the key from Mr Taylor. There are several potholes on Front Road, but these are on the South Holland part of the road, so will need to be reported to Lincolnshire County Council. Cllr Hillam asked whether a bin could be located at the far end of Redgate Road to replace the bin on the bank of the Drain that has been removed. The Clerk will discuss this with the District Council.
- g) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that two cigarette bins have been made and will be installed shortly. A further four will be made. The fire doors will be replaced by Emmerson Doors. Storage remains a problem and a steel container is required. A planning application will be submitted shortly. It is anticipated that the lines on the disabled car park will be added soon. The paint on the roof is peeling in patches and the contractor has been back to undertake further remedial work.
- h) Waterway Walk - The Pumping Station will once again be open to the public on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September as part of the Heritage Open Weekend.
- i) Communications - Cllr Maxwell noted that the notice boards and website are not being kept up to date. The Clerk advised members that the website will be modified to enable information to be added more easily and displayed more clearly. A draft of the first edition of the newsletter was circulated for comment.

#### **039/19 Date of Next Meeting**

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

The meeting closed at 8.55pm