

# TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Small Room of the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

**Present** - Cllr R Mallett (Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr H Hillam, Cllr J Maxwell, Cllr S King (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mr Dodd, Mr & Mrs Grainger, Mr Horspool, Mr C Howlett, Mr H Howlett, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Ross and Mrs Simpson (Parishioners)

**Apologies for Absence** - Cllr M Hale-Smith (Vice-Chairman), Cllr T Doyle, Cllr G Minney, Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC),

## **Public Forum**

Mr Dodd expressed concerns regarding the late publication of notice of meetings and agendas not being displayed on the noticeboards, making it difficult for members of the public to keep up to date with matters being discussed by the council.

Mr Horspool reported overhanging trees from a neighbouring property onto council land at Rylands and surface water due to poor drainage on Quaney field.

Mr Grainger reported that he had spoken to the owner of the field south of Cats Lane where the dyke is blocked. The owner has confirmed his willingness to clear the dyke.

## **040/19 Urgent Items**

None.

## **041/19 Confirmation of Minutes**

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- c) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- d) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- e) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

## **042/19 Matters Arising**

- a) Flu vaccination clinic - The clinic was very successful and the Tesco pharmacist has indicated a willingness to repeat it next year.
- b) Defibrillator - The defibrillator has been installed at Foul Anchor. The Clerk will arrange training for volunteers.
- c) Local Highway Improvements - The missing batteries and brackets for the MVAS from 2018/19 have been ordered. The buffer zone in Broad Drove East from 2019/20 will be installed on 9 December. The feasibility assessment on the Black Dyke bridge works has been completed. The assessment panel will meet on 22 January.

- d) Sapphire Close - The final part of the highway works is under way and will necessitate a short closure of Broad Drove East.
- e) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - Cllr Hale-Smith is still awaiting a response regarding his appointment.
- f) Closure of the churchyard - The notice of closure has not been received. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Pateman for an update.
- g) Foul Anchor bins - The new bins have been installed and the old litter bin has been relocated from the war memorial to the bench on the river bank.
- h) Untaxed vehicles, Field Avenue - The untaxed vehicles have been ticketed and removed.
- i) Parking outside Kinderley School - The placing of cones has helped to alleviate the situation.
- j) Newsletter - Cllr Maxwell reported that the newsletter was well received and he is gathering information for the next edition. Members discussed the possibility of adding more community information, which may require additional pages.

#### **043/19 Police Matters**

The local policing team visited Kinderley School during October.

#### **044/19 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**

Cllr King reported that some of the potholes and defencts reported to Cambridgeshire Highways had not been repaired as they did not meet the intervention level. The Green Dog Walker scheme has been adopted by a number of councils and all councils are being encouraged to consider it. A new round of Innovate & Cultivate funding has been launched, providing opportunities for councils and community groups to establish new projects.

#### **045/19 Fenland District Councillor Reports**

In the absence of the District Councillors, no report was received.

#### **046/19 Parishioner Issues**

- a) Dog bin, Black Dyke - A resident had queried the location of the new dog bin. It was agreed to monitor usage to see whether it was required at that location or would be better sited elsewhere.
- b) Overgrown dyke, High Broadgate - Cllr Carter and the Clerk visited to follow up the report. The Clerk was asked to contact the landowner to ascertain whether this could be cleared.
- c) Fallen tree, footpath 238/8 - A tree has fallen across the path adjacent to Newfield Farm. Mr Howlett was asked to clear it.
- d) Culvert damage, Bees Lane - A parishioner reported damage to the brick culvert under Bees Lane, possibly resulting from heavy vehicles above. This was reported to Cambridgeshire Highways.

#### **047/19 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Members considered the model standing orders and financial regulations and resolved to adopt them. Members asked that data protection and the GDPR be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

## **048/19 Review of the Fenland Local Plan**

Members considered their final response in the light of the strong feelings expressed by residents during the public meeting on 30 October. They felt that as a small group of individuals they did not have the authority to respond on behalf of the whole community. Members resolved to respond only on the issue of a settlement boundary defined by the existing built form of the village and a potential development site in Bees Lane.

## **049/19 Brigstock & Wrens Charity**

The terms of office of Michael Taylor and Oliver Williams end shortly. Members resolved to re-appoint them for a further term.

## **050/19 Correspondence**

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

*Fenland Twinning Association seeking new members and help with promoting activities.*  
*Cambridgeshire Highways re roadworks and events, consultation on speed buffer zone in Broad Drove East, Depot Open Days, LHI feasibility 2020/21.*  
*National Association of Local Councils re newsletters, bulletins and events.*  
*Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils re change of address, staffing changes and training courses.*  
*Fenland District Council re fly-tipping prosecution, Empty Homes week, Local Plan review, Green Dog Walkers scheme, planning training on 21 November, garden waste service price freeze, Community Carol Service, 8 December 3.00 at St John's Church, March, new members' conduct procedure, heating grants for residents on means tested benefits, inventory of children's play areas, Public Sector Mapping Agreement, installation of dog bins.*  
*Fenland District Council Planning Enforcement re caravan in Black Dyke.*  
*Cambridgeshire County Council - Cambridgeshire Matters newsletter.*  
*Cambridgeshire Climate Emergency re PC contact and local climate-related groups.*  
*PKF Littlejohn LLP re completion of audit.*  
*Connecting Cambridgeshire re wifi in Community Centre.*  
*Scope re textile recycling banks.*  
*Police & Crime Commissioner's Office re parish newsletters.*  
*Cambridgeshire ACRE re Local Councils Conference.*  
*Sport England re Active Places database.*  
*East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust re defibrillator purchase and training courses.*  
*Wisbech Town Council re Civic Carol Service 15 December at 3.00 and Port, Cheese & Wine evening on 7 December at 7.00.*  
*NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough re Big Conversation consultation on future of local health services.*  
*ProEdge Construction re Community Centre car park.*  
*Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority re Future Bus Survey.*  
*Power for People re Local Electricity Bill.*

## **051/19 Planning**

Updates on the outcomes of applications previously considered were included in the agenda.

## **052/19 Finance**

- a) The financial statement for the end of October showed income of £10,503.97 and expenditure of £15,626.66 resulting in a deficit of £5,122.69, with total funds held of

£54,399.62. The interest rate on the Barclays Business Saver account will reduce from 0.2% to 0.1% with effect from 1 January 2020.

- b) To approve the following payments:

Tydd St Giles Community Centre & Recreation Ground (room hire).....	£ 29.25
PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit) .....	£ 240.00
Cardiac Science Holdings (UK) Ltd (defibrillator) .....	£2,766.00
Brigstock & Wrens Charity (allotment rent) .....	£ 135.00
Emmerson Doors Ltd (fire doors).....	£1,210.80
CGM Ltd (grounds maintenance).....	£1,159.88
D Gibbs (salary Sept and Oct) .....	£ 875.84
Maxey Grounds & Co LLP (allotment valuation) .....	£ 780.00
Fenland District Council (bins).....	£ 86.74
Wisbech Electrical Ltd (defibrillator installation) .....	£ 385.08
	<u>£7,668.59</u>

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £7,668.59 be approved for payment.

- c) Members approved a contribution of up to £550 towards the 2020/21 Local Highway Improvement project.

### **053/19 Reports from Members**

- a) Highways - Cllr Hale-Smith reported no issues.
- b) Street Lighting - Cllr Minney reported that light PC2 in Newgate Road requires replacement. The clerk confirmed that the necessary approval has been given.
- c) Churchyard - No report.
- d) Trees - Cllr Carter reported that the only outstanding issues relate to trees in the churchyard. He is awaiting confirmation of the closure of the churchyard.
- e) Allotments - Cllr Mallett invited the allotment tenants to a meeting on 25 November to discuss issues relating to the rent review and the tenancy agreement.
- f) Foul Anchor - The potholes reported recently have been repaired, however more have now developed and further work will be required.
- g) Community Centre - The new fire doors are due to be installed on 20 November.
- h) Waterway Walk - The Open Day in September was very successful once again. No further meetings have taken place.

### **054/19 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm