

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th March 2020
in the Small Room of the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

Present - Cllr J Maxwell (Chairman), Cllr T Doyle, Cllr M Hale-Smith, Cllr H Hillam, Cllr G Mathias, Cllr G Minney, Cllr S Clark (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mr & Mrs Grainger, Mr Luck, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Ross, Mrs Simpson (Parishioners)

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

Public Forum

Mr Grainger read a statement denying responsibility for the excavation of the gateway at the junction of Cats Lane and footpath 238/6.

071/19 Membership of the Council

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mathias, who signed his declaration of acceptance form.

072/19 Urgent Items

There were no urgent matters.

073/19 Confirmation of Minutes

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- c) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2020 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

074/19 Matters Arising

- a) Defibrillators - The Clerk reported that two training courses had taken place on 18th January with 21 participants. A cheque for £357.29 has been received representing the balance of the funds raised for the defibrillator at the Golf Course. Members considered whether this should be put towards a third defibrillator in the village or used for training. Cllr Hale-Smith offered to discuss this with the Golf Captains.
- b) Local Highway Improvements - The application for funding for the replacement deck at Black Dyke footbridge was successful, so this work will be undertaken during the forthcoming financial year. The closing date for the next year's applications has been brought forward to the end of May. Members were asked to consider suitable projects for discussion at the next meeting.
- c) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - There has been no further communication. Cllr Hale-Smith agreed to pursue this.
- d) Closure of the Churchyard - Confirmation has been received that the application to close the Churchyard will be considered by the Privy Council on 25th March.
- e) Agricultural tenancies - The draft of the new tenancy agreement will be available shortly and will be circulated to the tenants prior to a meeting being arranged.

- f) Parish Council e-mail accounts - The Chairman advised members that best practice requires them to have a dedicated e-mail account for Council business. The Clerk will set up accounts for all councillors except Cllr Minney. Cllr Maxwell will provide printed copy of all official communications to Cllr Minney.
- g) Play equipment inspection - The inspection was carried out in February. No urgent matters were identified. Work is required on the shelter and the mound slide. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- h) Buckingham Palace Garden Party - The Clerk reported that the nomination for Rex Mallett had been accepted and he would receive an invitation in due course.

075/19 Police Matters

One monthly update had been received, but contained no reports relating to Tydd St Giles. There have been several thefts of car number plates from local villages in recent months. The Clerk reported that a persistent drink driver had been arrested outside the church following a report from a member of the public.

076/19 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

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

077/19 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr Clark reported that the District Council is monitoring developments relating to Coronavirus and providing daily updates as the situation changes. There will be a public meeting on 13th March to discuss the proposed waste incinerator in Wisbech. The meeting will take place at the Queen Mary Centre at 6.00pm.

078/19 Parishioner Issues

- a) The railing at the bridge over the dyke on footpath 238/11 is loose. It may have been removed and not replaced correctly. The Clerk offered to investigate.
- b) Dog fouling continues to be a problem in Newgate Road. Members discussed the Green Dog Walker scheme, which encourages responsible ownership through friendly peer pressure. The District Council will provide a bag dispenser and a supply of bags to be placed at a suitable location in the village. The cost of joining the scheme is around £245. Members resolved to join the scheme.

079/19 Correspondence

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

- Wisbech Town Council re Civic Service and Lunch 26 April
- County Council Highways/Cllr King re vehicle activated sign missing parts
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils re training courses
- County Council/District Council/Police re Operation London Bridge
- County Council Highways re roadworks and events and traffic management course
- Fenland District Council re community safety survey
- Wisbech Without Incineration re proposed incinerator
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Anti Scams Partnership re scams warnings
- Keep Britain Tidy re Great British Spring Clean and dog fouling campaign
- Cambridgeshire ACRE re National Village & Community Halls Survey
- Various residents re drainage Cats Lane/Eaudyke Bank
- District Council Tree Officer re Cats Lane trees

- Mr Gent re request for land
- Ordnance Survey re Public Sector Mapping Agreement licence
- County Council Public Health re Health & Wellbeing Strategy consultation
- County Council/District Council/NHS re coronavirus information and advice

080/19 Planning

No applications have been submitted since the last meeting of the Planning Committee.

Agenda items 083/19a) and 084/19c) were taken at this point in the meeting, following which Cllr Doyle left the meeting.

081/19 Street Lighting

The Clerk presented the latest proposal from the District Council regarding funding for street lighting. This will include a one-off payment of £8,970, an increase of £797 in the annual concurrent functions grant, a one-off small council payment of £1,000 and, for councils that have converted almost all of their lighting to LED, a payment of £1,000 in each of the next three financial years. Members resolved to accept the offer.

082/19 Code of Conduct

Members considered and resolved to adopt the new Code of Conduct.

083/19 Finance

- a) Members considered a request from the Clerk to join the NEST pension scheme. Cllr Doyle agreed to pursue this on behalf of the Council. The Chairman proposed that the Clerk be entitled to receive a mileage allowance for essential travel at the HMRC rate, currently 45p per mile. Members resolved to add this to the Clerk's terms and conditions.
- b) The Clerk presented a financial statement as at 29th February, showing income of £15,073.35 and expenditure of £22,494.16, resulting in a shortfall of £7,420.81 and total funds held of £52,101.50.
- c) The following payments were approved:

D Gibbs (salary Jan-Mar).....	£1,313.76
D Gibbs (expenses)	£ 131.44
Fenland District Council (bins)	£ 86.74
Fenland District Council (election costs)	£ 324.66
Tydd St Giles CC&RG (defibrillator training)	£ 84.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (play equipment inspection).....	£ 85.20
East of England Ambulance Service (defibrillator training).....	£ 50.00
Holbeach St John Village Hall (re dyke clearance)	£ 50.00
	<u>£2,125.80</u>

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £2,125.80 be approved for payment.

084/19 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - Cllr Hale-Smith reported that the batteries and brackets for the speed monitoring device will arrive shortly. Potholes are being monitored and reported.
- b) Street Lighting - Cllr Minney reported that all lights in the village are in working order. Cllr Hillam reported that the light above the seat on Front Road, Foul Anchor is not working.
- c) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle reminded members that the closure order will be finalised shortly and some remedial work may need to be undertaken on the trees.

- d) Trees - In the absence of Cllr Carter, no report was received.
- e) Allotments - See 074/19e) above.
- f) Foul Anchor - The historical information boards from the Foul Anchor Project 2008 are now in poor condition. Members discussed replacing and updating them, possibly with funding from the Power Station Fund or Windfarm. Residents will be invited to assist with the project.
- g) Community Centre - In the absence of Cllr Carter, no report was received, however members discussed the possibility of adding wheelchair symbols to the spaces in the disabled car park. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the cost.
- h) Waterway Walk - No further meetings have taken place, however there may be an opportunity for the partners to participate in the Foul Anchor history project.
- i) Communications - Cllr Maxwell announced that the newsletter will be distributed at the end of the month and he is seeking volunteers to assist with the distribution. Cllr Mathias offered to take Sandy Lane and Swallow Lane, and Cllr Hillam will take Foul Anchor and Hannath Road. He suggested a Fun Day or community event to bring people together. Cllr Hale-Smith mentioned that the Community Centre Management Committee is considering reviving the Summer Fete next year.

085/19 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 14th May in the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm