

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council
held remotely on Thursday 9th July 2020.

Present - Cllr J Maxwell (Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr T Doyle, Cllr H Hillam, Cllr G Mathias, D Gibbs (Clerk), Mr Luck, (Parishioner)

Apologies for Absence - Cllr S Clark (FDC). The Clerk advised members that Cllr Minney had tendered his resignation from the Council.

014/20 Urgent Items

The Chairman advised members of his intention to relocate to Cornwall later in the year.

015/20 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2020 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

016/20 Matters Arising

- a) Defibrillators - discussion deferred for further consideration.
- b) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - In the absence of Cllr Hale-Smith, no update was available.
- c) Closure of the Churchyard - The closure of the Churchyard was confirmed on 20 May. Members resolved to ask Arb-Core Tree Care to inspect the trees.
- d) Parish Council e-mail accounts - As it is still not possible for the Clerk to visit members' homes, this matter will be deferred again.
- e) Play equipment inspection - The foot of the slide has been excavated, new hand rails have been fitted and a step will be provided. A soft surface will be needed around the foot of the slide. One company has been asked to quote for a maintenance contract. Members discussed future investment in the play equipment and asked for this item to be added to the agenda for the September meeting.
- f) Damage to footbridge on path 238/11 between Chapel Lane and Hall Bank - The Clerk confirmed that the bridge belongs to the County Council and they will investigate and take remedial action.
- g) Green Dog Walker scheme - A launch event will be arranged when possible.
- h) NEST Pension scheme - The Clerk has not met with Cllr Doyle. Meeting to be arranged to clarify the details of the scheme and complete the contract of employment and associated paperwork.
- i) Foul Anchor historical signage - A letter will be delivered to all households in Foul Anchor soon to confirm support for the project.
- j) Disabled car park markings - The contractor will visit shortly to add the wheelchair symbols.

017/20 Police Matters

No report had been received. Members noted problems with motorbikes and reported that grenades had been found by magnet fishermen in the North Level Main Drain.

018/20 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

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

019/20 Fenland District Councillor Reports

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

020/20 Parishioner Issues

No issues had been raised.

021/20 Local Highway Improvements (LHI)

Members considered options for a potential bid for LHI funding in the 2021/22 financial year. As no suitable project was identified, members resolved not to submit a bid in this round.

022/20 Land Tenancies

- a) Members approved the draft tenancy agreement provided by Maxey Grounds & Co
- b) The Clerk was asked to issue the completed tenancy agreements to the continuing tenants.
- c) Members considered two quotes for drainage work at Quaney and Rylands fields and resolved to appoint Lincolnshire Drainage Company to undertake the work.
- d) The quote from the North Level District IDB for the culvert at Fen Lane will be considered in due course.

023/20 Street Lighting

Members reviewed the street light condition survey data and resolved to replace two concrete columns, nine bracket lights and five columns that each have an estimated lifespan of under 10 years. The Clerk will obtain a quote from the contractor for approval at the next meeting. The Clerk reported that the light in Chapel Lane was no longer working. This light does not appear on the Council's schedule, but in order to arrange a repair, it was necessary for the Council to adopt it. As this is the only light in Chapel Lane, members agreed to proceed with this.

024/20 Brigstock & Wrens Charity

Following the resignation of Mrs Mollie Rollins, the Council was asked to nominate a new Trustee for the charity. Janet Findlay was suggested. Members were unclear about the nomination process and asked the Clerk to obtain a copy of the charity's governing document for consideration at the next meeting.

025/20 Correspondence

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

- Request from local farmer for vacant agricultural land
- Fenland District Council re waste transfer licence
- British Horse Society re historical rights of way research volunteers
- Cambridge & Ely Extinction Rebellion re 3000 oak saplings for public places

026/20 Planning

Members considered the following application and resolved to offer no objection:

F/YR20/0535/F - Erect a part 2-storey/single storey side extension and detached timber car port to existing dwelling - Hawthorne Barn, Sandy Lane, Tydd St Giles.

027/20 Finance

a) The financial statement was not available. The Clerk reported that the Concurrent Functions grant of £1,993 and a VAT refund of £2,728.05 had been received. The Annual Return had been submitted to the external auditor and the period for the public rights to inspect the accounts will end on 24 July.

b) The following payments were approved:-

D Gibbs (salary Jun-Jul)	£	875.84
Business Services at CAS Ltd (insurance).....	£	478.80
CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£	1,375.87
Fenland District Council (street light recharge).....	£	3,129.12
Cambridgeshire County Council (LHI 2019/20)	£	126.68
R M Hillam (play equipment repair).....	£	252.00
Cambridgeshire ACRE (subscription)	£	57.00
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	£	6,295.31

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £6,295.31 be approved for payment.

028/20 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - The Clerk has reported subsidence in Middle Broad Drove and potholes and general surface deterioration in Hockland Road. Both of these issues have been addressed.
- b) Street Lighting - Following the resignation of Cllr Minney, it was agreed to allocate this portfolio once a replacement councillor has been appointed.
- c) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle reported that Paul Gabb, a local resident, had offered to volunteer his time to clean the war memorial and surrounding area. Cllr Doyle will meet with him to discuss.
- d) Trees - Cllr Mathias will arrange for the trees in the churchyard to be inspected. The Clerk will send details of the Tree Preservation Orders to Cllr Mathias.
- e) Land tenancies - The outgoing tenant on the Quaney field has planted another crop of maize which should be harvested in time for the plot to be vacated.
- f) Foul Anchor - The location for the new litter bin needs further investigation, as the vegetation around the proposed site is not being managed. The resident who cleans the war memorial has reported some damage to the lead lettering. The Clerk will photograph the damage and discuss with a stonemason. The Clerk will arrange for defibrillator signs to be displayed.
- g) Community Centre - The Centre remains closed for the foreseeable future. The Management Committee is considering the steps required to facilitate a safe opening. The Centre faces a financial challenge, due to the low level of bookings and will be re-assessing the hire charges and the additional cost of bio-security measures. The Chairman reassured Cllr Carter that the Parish Council is keen to support the Community Centre.
- h) Waterway Walk - No further meetings have taken place.
- i) Communications - Cllr Maxwell reported that the plans for the next newsletter are still under consideration.

029/20 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm.
Details to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm