

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 10th September 2020
in the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles

Present - Cllr J Maxwell (Chairman), Cllr T Doyle, Cllr H Hillam, Cllr G Mathias, D Gibbs (Clerk), C Brooks, K Critchley-Fowler, D Grainger, J Harper-Steele, P Johnson, B Luck, C Ross (Parishioners)

Apologies for Absence - Cllr M Carter, Cllrs S Clark and C Seaton (FDC), Cllr S King (CCC).
The Clerk advised members that Cllr Hale-Smith had tendered his resignation from the Council.

030/20 Urgent Items

None.

031/20 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Five residents expressed an interest in the vacant position and submitted a short written profile. Members voted for their preferred candidate, with the candidate receiving the fewest votes eliminated in each round. With an equal number of votes being cast for the final two candidates, the Chairman used his casting vote and Caroline Brooks was co-opted onto the Council. Members resolved to allow her to sign her declaration of acceptance and complete her register of interests after the meeting.

032/20 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2020 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

033/20 Matters Arising

- a) Defibrillators - no progress possible at present.
- b) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - The Clerk reported that Calon Energy was in administration. Members resolved to nominate Cllr Mathias as their representative on the Power Fund Panel in place of former Cllr Hale-Smith.
- c) Parish Council e-mail accounts - As it is still not possible for the Clerk to visit members' homes, this matter will be deferred again.
- d) Green Dog Walker scheme - The launch event for the scheme will take place once restrictions are lifted.
- e) NEST Pension scheme - The Clerk has not met with Cllr Doyle. Meeting to be arranged soon.
- f) Foul Anchor historical signage - A leaflet was distributed to every household. Several volunteers have expressed interest in being involved. Mr Ward has advised that he still holds the balance of the funds from the previous project.
- g) Disabled car park markings - The wheelchair symbols have been added and the contractor is still considering options for the drain covers.
- h) Street lighting - The quote for replacements has not been received.

- i) Brigstock & Wren's Charity vacancy - The Clerk reported that the majority of the charity's trustees are appointed by the Parish Council. Members felt that at least one parish councillor should be a trustee. Members asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting between representatives of the two organisations to enhance understanding and discuss future cooperation.

034/20 Police Matters

No report had been received. Members noted that a cannabis farm had been found in Black Dyke. It was also noted that there is evidence of drug taking around the Community Centre and that large numbers of nitrous oxide canisters are being found at different locations around the parish.

035/20 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King submitted a written report. He noted that this was a quiet time of year. The County Council is considering proposals for the second tranche of cycling and walking funding received from the Government, the majority of which relate to the city of Cambridge. He asked the Council to consider the possibility of submitting an application for Local Highway Improvement funding for Hannath Road.

036/20 Fenland District Councillor Reports

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

037/20 Parishioner Issues

Two issues had been raised. A resident of Field Avenue asked about the possibility of installing an additional street light. The Chairman had visited to discuss the request. It was agreed that no action would be taken until the existing lights have been renewed. A resident of Kirkgate reported speeding vehicles entering the village and asked about traffic calming measures. This issue has been considered previously and there is little scope for appropriate measures.

038/20 Land Tenancies

- a) The new tenancy agreement requires payment of rent in advance, whereas the previous agreement included payment in arrears. Tenants have expressed concern about being asked to pay two years rent together. Members agreed to allow payment in stages, with all money being received by 31 March 2021.
- b) Two plots of land have become vacant; 9 acres at Quaney and 7 acres at Fen Lane. Two local farmers have approached the Council regarding the availability of land to rent. Members resolved to offer one plot to each applicant at a rent of £150 per acre.

039/20 Play Equipment

Members resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

040/20 Correspondence

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

- County Council re open spaces data for mapping
- County Council re Library at Home service accepting new referrals
- District Council re consultation on a new Model Code of Conduct
- District Council re Leisure Centres reopening
- District Council re second call for sites
- District Council re solar panel group buying scheme
- Tydd St Mary Parish Council re Tydd Football Club

- Cambridgeshire ACRE re AGM 30 September
- Cambridgeshire ACRE re Local Councils Conference 23 October
- Clinical Commissioning Group re BMI Can Do It healthy living programme
- Local Energy Advice Partnership re new advice service

041/20 Planning

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

F/YR20/0655/F - Erect a 1.9 metre high (approx) wooden fence to front boundary of existing dwelling (retrospective) – Fourwinds, Sutton Road, Four Gotes.

042/20 Finance

- a) The financial statement was not available. The Clerk reported that the additional street light grant of £10,767.00 and the cheque for £357.29 representing the balance of the Golf Course defibrillator fund had been received.
- b) Members resolved to add Cllrs Doyle and Brooks to the Barclays Bank mandate as signatories.
- c) The following payments were approved:-

D Gibbs (salary Aug-Sept plus back pay).....	£	946.04
ProEdge Construction Ltd (disabled car park markings).....	£	504.00
CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£	363.31
M Carter (play equipment signs)	£	91.20
	£	1,904.55

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £1,904.55 be approved for payment.

043/20 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - The Clerk reported that Middle Broad Drove is due to be closed for roadworks from 14 to 20 October. The LHI project to replace the deck of Black Dyke footbridge is due to commence shortly. Members agreed to publicise the closure of the bridge to equestrian users once confirmation of the dates is received. At the request of Cllr King (CCC) members reconsidered their previous decision not to submit an application for Local Highway Improvement funding for 2021/22. They resolved to submit an application to explore traffic calming options for the Tydd Gote end of Hannath Road.
- b) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle reported that a quote has been received for tree works in the Churchyard. In view of the cost of the works, two further quotes will be required before a decision can be made.
- c) Trees - See Churchyard above.
- d) Foul Anchor - The location of the litter bins and the provision of defibrillator signs are still to be resolved. A tree has fallen across the end of Redgate Road, blocking access. The Clerk will investigate.
- e) Community Centre - In the absence of Cllr Carter, no report was available.
- f) Waterway Walk - The Clerk outlined plans for a circular walk around Foul Anchor, which could provide locations for further interpretive signage as part of the Foul Anchor project.
- g) Communications - Cllr Maxwell reported that the plans for the next newsletter have been put on hold for the time being.

044/20 Chairman's Closing Remarks

Cllr Maxwell announced his intention to relinquish the position of Chairman of the Parish Council to facilitate a smooth transition. As the Vice Chairman has just resigned from the Council, members resolved to appoint Cllr Doyle to the position of Acting Chairman until the next meeting, when an election will be held.

045/20 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm. Details to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm