

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 20th May 2021

Present - Cllr T Doyle (Chairman), Cllr C Brooks, Cllr M Carter, Cllr B Luck, Cllr G Mathias, Cllr A Renshaw, Cllr S King (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), D Grainger, M Martin, P Sharp, E Sharpe (Parishioners)

Apologies for Absence - Cllrs S Clark and C Seaton (FDC)

Public Time - The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from a resident of Church Lane expressing concern regarding a number of issues at that location and elsewhere in the village. The Chairman will contact the resident to discuss these matters and report to the next meeting any requiring action from the Council.

001/21 Urgent Items

The Chairman summarised the achievements of the Council during a challenging year and set out the plans for the next year, inviting residents to get involved, either as a member of the Council or one of the new Working Groups.

002/21 Annual Meeting of the Council

- a) Election of Chair - Cllr Doyle was nominated by Cllr Mathias, seconded by Cllr Luck and duly elected. Members resolved to allow him to sign his declaration of acceptance at the end of the meeting.
- b) Election of Vice Chair - Cllr Mathias was nominated by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Luck and duly elected. Members resolved to allow him to sign his declaration of acceptance at the end of the meeting.
- c) Members reviewed and readopted the terms of reference for the Planning Committee.
- d) Members reviewed and confirmed the standing orders and financial regulations.
- e) The Clerk confirmed that the Council holds adequate insurance for all known risks with Royal and Sun Alliance, arranged through Community Action Suffolk, with a renewal date of 1 June on a three-year agreement from 2020.
- f) The Clerk reminded members that they hold subscriptions to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils and to Cambridgeshire ACRE. Members resolved to continue both subscriptions.
- g) The register of assets has been updated to include recent purchases and the total value of assets now stands at £400,199.
- h) Members resolved to meet on the second Thursday of alternate months, namely 8 July, 9 September, 11 November, 13 January 2022, 10 March and 12 May.

003/21 Confirmation of Minutes

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th March 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 8th April 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- c) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 29th April 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

004/21 Matters Arising

- a) Defibrillators - No progress possible at present.
- b) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - No update.
- 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 - No update.
- e) Drainage Issues - Hockland Road discussions are under way with Cambridgeshire Highways regarding the possibility of diverting pumped water directly into the chamber on the verge. The County Council has clarified the boundary issues in Kirkgate.
- f) Parking in Church Lane - members agreed to monitor pavement parking in Church Lane.
- g) Members agreed to monitor dog waste in Eaudyke Bank to ascertain whether an additional bin is required along the roadside or in the Golf Club. Fold Lane will also be monitored with a view to taking enforcement action if necessary.
- h) Members agreed to follow the progress of the County Council's new approach to the management of roadside verges, with a view to implementing it in the parish in the future.
- i) Members noted that the Local Highway Improvement application for 2021/22 in Hannath Road was not being recommended for funding.

005/21 Police Matters

The Chairman reported that he had attended an online meeting with the Wisbech Neighbourhood Sergeant and representatives of other parish councils. The parish representatives expressed the view that they would like to see more visible policing.

006/21 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King stated that he was pleased to have been re-elected as County Councillor for the Roman Bank and Peckover division and promised to work hard for everyone. The County Council will now be run by a coalition of Liberal Democrat, Labour and independent councillors. There may be some changes to the committee structure, but Cllr King will continue to serve on the Highways and Transport Committee. Steve Cox, Executive Director: Place and Economy will oversee highways capital projects and improve project management. The Wisbech Access Strategy is back on the agenda, with the new A47/Broadend Road and Churchill Road/Weasenham Lane roundabouts, and improvements to the Elme Hall roundabout. The former mayor was an advocate of reopening the railway line to Wisbech and it is hoped that his successor will continue to promote this project. The additional funding of £30 million allocated by the previous administration for roads, pavements, verges and drains may now be diverted to other projects.

007/21 Fenland District Councillor Reports

In the absence of Cllrs Clark and Seaton, the Clerk presented their report. Most District Council meetings had been suspended due to the elections. The election of Nik Johnson as Mayor of the

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority might result in a change of direction for the authority, especially with the change of control at the County Council.

008/21 Parishioner Issues

- a) Bird scarers near Church Lane - Cllr King spoke to the landowner and the bird scarers were moved to a more acceptable location.
- b) Biomass hopper at Golf Club - A resident reported that a biomass boiler and fuel hopper had been installed at the Golf Club without planning permission. The hopper is an eyesore and the system is noisy in operation. A noise complaint has been submitted and is currently under investigation. Planning officers have also visited the site to discuss planning issues.
- c) Future expansion of Golf Club - A resident expressed concerns regarding the scale of development of the Golf Club and future expansion plans. All new proposals will be subject to public consultation in the usual way. The lockable post at the rear entrance to the Golf Club is no longer in use and the Council agreed to ask the site management to replace it to prevent vehicles leaving the site via Eaudyke Bank.

009/21 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Members discussed the forthcoming election for the remaining vacancy. The Notice has been published and the election, if required, will take place on Thursday 24 June. Members asked the Clerk to circulate details of the nomination process to all candidates who had expressed an interest in joining the Council.

010/21 Planning

Members considered the following application:-

F/YR21/0333/F - Erect a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling including 3.4 metre high (approx) gates/brick wall to entrance and alterations to entrance driveway - West Barn, Broad Drove West, Tydd St Giles (re-consultation)

They noted that the issue of overlooking had not been addressed and restated their view that a single storey extension would be preferable. Members resolved not to support the revised application.

011/21 Working Groups

The Working Groups have met for the first time. Several members of the public have expressed an interest in joining the Groups. It is hoped that face-to-face meetings will commence in June.

012/21 Data Gathering and Digital Mapping

Cllr Luck reported that he is working on mapping the Council's assets, with the longer term aim of making the map available on the Council's website.

013/21 Correspondence

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

Cambridgeshire County Council re roadworks and events, including closures of Hockland Road from 30 June to 2 July and Hannath Road from 6 to 8 July
- re Local Highway Improvement panel decisions
Galliford Try re Guyhirn roundabout works including weekend closure from 21 to 24 May
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils re internal audit service
- re training courses

FDC re Sport England grant of £224,500 for leisure centres
 - re £4.5million Government grant with Clarion to make social housing greener
 - re purchase of commercial property in Wisbech
 - re Community Safety Partnership engagement event
 - re loan shark training
 - re independent remuneration panel review
Keep Britain Tidy re Great British Spring Clean 28 May to 13 June
Hunts Forum re Support Fenland
Cambridgeshire County Council re summer engagement
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership re current scams
20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire re speed reduction proposal

Members asked the Clerk to add 20's Plenty to the agenda for the July meeting.

014/21 Finance

- a) Members approved the internal accounts for the 2020/21 financial year.
- b) Members reviewed and approved the Governance and Management Risk Assessment.
- c) Members approved the internal audit report. There were no matters requiring attention.
- d) Members reviewed and approved the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 and authorised the Chairman to sign it.
- e) Members reviewed and approved the Accounting Statement 2020/21 and authorised the Chairman to sign it.
- f) Members resolved that the period for the exercise of public rights be from Monday 14 June to Friday 23 July.
- g) Members confirmed the appointment of Ivan Cooper as Internal Auditor for 2021/22.
- h) The following sum was received since the last meeting:-

Fenland District Council (precept).....£ 6,000.00

- i) The following payments were approved:-

D Gibbs (salary April and May)	£ 1,432.06
CAPALC (subscription).....	£ 468.68
Cambridgeshire ACRE (subscription)	£ 57.00
I Cooper (audit fee).....	£ 135.00
Cambridgeshire County Council (LHI contribution).....	£ 528.00
CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd (grounds maintenance).....	£ 829.25
North Level District IDB (drainage rates)	£ 482.15
James Joyce (tree work).....	£ 4,848.00
Business Services at CAS Ltd (insurance).....	£ 478.80
	£ 9,258.94

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £9,258.94 be approved for payment.

- j) RESOLVED – to authorise the following items for payment between meetings, each to be reported to the following meeting for ratification:-

Clerk salary £716.03 monthly (pay award pending)
 CGM Group - Recreation Ground grass cutting £62.76 + VAT fortnightly
 CGM Group - Churchyard grass cutting £110 + VAT fortnightly
 Fenland District Council (Community Centre bins) £86.74 quarterly

015/21 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - Annual routine inspection due next week.
- b) Street Lights - Two lights reported - PC2 Church Lane not working and PC2A Field Avenue on all day.
- c) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle reported that the planned tree works have been completed. Positive feedback received from neighbours.
- d) Trees - No further issues.
- e) Foul Anchor - Nothing to report.
- f) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that the Centre has reopened and the Bowls Club has returned. The shooting club will return shortly.
- g) Waterway Walk - No developments at present.
- h) Communications - See 011/21 above.

016/21 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm