

# TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Present** - Cllr T Doyle (Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr B Luck, Cllr G Mathias, Cllr A Renshaw, Cllr S King (CCC), Cllrs S Clark and C Seaton (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), D Grainger, G King, J Kingston, K Malin, J Melloy, T Newham, C Ross (Parishioners)

**Apologies for Absence** - Cllr C Brooks

**Public Time** - Mrs Melloy reported that she had contacted the Pharmacist at Tesco to discuss another flu vaccination clinic at the Community Centre. The Council agreed to support this provision. Mr Malin mentioned that he is working with the Covid vaccination programme and that there may be opportunities for Covid booster and flu vaccinations to be delivered by the NHS in community buildings.

### 017/21 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed members and guests to the meeting and outlined the Council's plans to work with the community to enhance key village assets and to share information relevant to residents.

### 018/21 Urgent Items

None.

### 019/21 Confirmation of Minutes

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- c) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

### 020/21 Matters Arising

- a) Defibrillators - It was reported that the Brigstock & Wren's Charity might assist with the purchase of another defibrillator in the centre of the village.
- b) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - No update.
- c) Parish Council e-mail accounts - The new accounts have been set up on the server and are awaiting installation by users.
- d) Green Dog Walker scheme - The leaflets are ready for distribution. The Chairman will discuss this with the Street Pride leaders.
- e) Drainage Issues - Cambridgeshire Highways will not allow water to be pumped directly into the chamber on the verge in Hockland Road, as this might lead to flooding if the drain becomes blocked. The source of the water is unconfirmed and further investigation is required. The blocked pipe at Primrose Cottages has been cleared by the residents.

- f) Parking in Church Lane - the Clerk will write to residents of Cornfields regarding pavement parking in Church Lane.
- g) Dog waste - No further issues have been reported with the dog waste bin in Eaudyke Bank, but continued monitoring is required. There is no evidence of recent dog fouling at Fold Lane, but this will also require monitoring. Cllr Luck requested the installation of an additional bin in Hall Bank. Members agreed to purchase an additional bin, subject to a suitable location being identified.
- h) Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - The Clerk reported that the Notice of Election has been published, with a deadline for nominations on 16 July. If more than one nomination is received, a public election will be held on 12 August.
- i) 20's Plenty - Members discussed the information submitted by the 20's Plenty campaign to reduce speed limits to 20mph in towns and villages. Whilst they supported the principle, especially outside schools, they felt that the cost of implementation and the lack of enforcement were key issues. Members resolved not to support the motion, but to continue to monitor speeding within the village to identify potential areas for action.

### **021/21 Police Matters**

The Chairman and Clerk reported that they had attended an online meeting with the Wisbech Neighbourhood Sergeant and representatives of other parish councils. Key issues included the temporary relocation of Wisbech Police Station into the Courthouse during renovation and improvements, use of e-scooters in public places, recent successful drugs raids and the reinstatement of police visits to schools after the pandemic.

### **022/21 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**

Cllr King confirmed that all the highway defects reported to him had been rectified, apart from a couple that did not meet the intervention level. Cllr Mathias thanked Cllr King for overseeing this. The next round of Local Highway Improvement bidding will run until 15 September. One possible bid would be for double white lines on the A1101 at Four Gotes, as requested by a resident.

### **023/21 Fenland District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Seaton reminded members that they may submit questions in advance of each meeting. The walking and cycling strategy consultation generated over 700 responses that are being collated. The main focus will be in the towns, but the District Council is keen to support projects in the villages too.

### **024/21 Parishioner Issues**

- a) Speedwatch - Members resolved to use the MVAS speed sign to gather data to support the creation of a Speedwatch group, if appropriate.
- b) Parking at Church Lane, Hockland Road, Kirkgate junction - Members resolved to work with Blades Barbers to encourage safer parking and to discuss the situation with residents of the neighbouring properties.

### **025/21 Local Highway Improvements**

- a) 2021/22 application - The Clerk reported that several councils had expressed dissatisfaction over aspects of the LHI assessment process and were considering writing to the new

administration with their concerns. Members resolved to be a co-signatory to the letter, subject to approval of the wording at the next meeting.

- b) 2022/23 application - Members discussed the proposal from Cllr King and the possibility of re-submitting the 2021/22 project in Hannath Road. They resolved to consider these and other options at the next meeting.

### **026/21 Working Groups**

- a) Communications - The Chairman outlined recent work, including the creation of a Facebook page to serve as a digital notice board for the Council alongside the village discussion group. He acknowledged that social media is not a solution for everybody and physical media output will also be required.
- b) Play area - Members agreed that a leaflet be delivered to every household to engage residents, particularly those with young children, in the project. Background research is being carried out alongside this.

### **027/21 Data Gathering and Digital Mapping**

Cllr Luck provided an update on work undertaken to date, including the identification and mapping of the Council's assets. Once validated, this data will be made available digitally, via the Council's website. The gathering of socio-economic data is progressing and the publication of 2021 census data, hopefully next year, will provide an accurate up-to-date source. This data will guide service provision and support future funding applications.

### **028/21 Community Centre**

- a) Members resolved to approve the draft protocol between the Council and the Community Centre Management Committee, setting out an agreed procedure for all works to the building.
- b) The two organisations will work together to publish a plan of anticipated works, estimates of expenditure and sources of funding.

### **029/21 Planning**

Members considered the following application:-

F/YR21/0519/F - Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) with garage at Plot 4, Land West of Magnolia Cottage, Kirkgate, Tydd St Giles (re-consultation)

They resolved not to support the revised application, as it included the removal of a larger section of the hedgerow along the front boundary of the property.

### **030/21 Correspondence**

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

*Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority updates*  
*Cambridgeshire County Council re roadworks and events*  
- *re Middle Broad Drove closure 10 August*  
- *re Holiday Activity and Food programme*  
- *re Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan consultation*  
*FDC re Newgate Road sewage treatment plant*  
- *re Community Safety Partnership cyber security training for children*  
*Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership re current scams*  
*Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils re training courses*

### **031/21 Finance**

a) The Clerk presented the financial statement as at the end of June, showing income of £6,000.82, expenditure of £10,103.35, resulting in a shortfall of £4,102.53, and funds held of £34,972.60.

b) Members noted the following sums received since the last meeting:-

Fenland District Council (concurrent functions grant) .....	£	2,791.00
Barclays Bank (interest).....	£	0.82
	£	<u>2,791.82</u>

c) Members ratified the following payments made since the previous meeting:-

D Gibbs (salary June).....	£	716.03
Fenland District Council (bins).....	£	93.38
Information Commissioner (registration fee).....	£	35.00
	£	<u>844.41</u>

d) Members approved the following payments:-

D Gibbs (salary July) .....	£	716.03
D Gibbs (expenses) .....	£	445.79
Fenland District Council (street light maintenance) .....	£	5,238.45
	£	<u>6,400.27</u>

e) Members resolved to amend the authorisation figure for payments to Fenland District Council for Community Centre bin emptying from £86.74 to £93.38 per quarter.

### **032/21 Reports from Members**

a) Highways - Nothing to report.

b) Street Lights - Two lights reported - PC2 Church Lane not working and PC2A Field Avenue on all day. Both require new lanterns at a cost of £248.20 each. Members agreed to confirm the replacements.

c) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle reported that phases 1 and 2 of the planned tree works have been completed. Phase 3 will be carried out in the next financial year.

d) Trees - No further issues.

e) Foul Anchor - Nothing to report.

f) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that the bottle bank and the paper bin have not been emptied. The Clerk will report this matter to the District Council. The Mid Anglia Centre of the Caravan and Motor Home Club will visit to evaluate the facilities for one-off events for their members.

g) Waterway Walk - Nothing to report.

### **033/21 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. The meeting closed at 9.15pm