

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council Annual Assembly held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the small room of the Community Centre Tydd St Giles at 7.00pm.

**Present** R Mallett (Chairman), C Drewry, B Francis, M Johnson, R Wright (Clerk), Mrs A Balls, D J Howlett, A D Bower, J Cliff, V Ware, E Perfelt, Cllrs P Hatton, Cllr C Seaton, Cllr S Tierney.

**Apologies for Absence** Cllr I Edgar, S Long, M Taylor

### **30/ASM/12 Presentation by Graham Norse (Chief Planning Officer FDC)**

Mr Norse referred to the Local Plan introduced in 1993 which was being replaced by the Core Strategy that had been referred to the Secretary of State. The National Policy should also be shortly confirmed and that would link with the Core Strategy.

Most of the applications were delegated to Officers but those that had more than six objections by residents or those objected by the Parish council were automatically referred to the Planning committee. He stressed that Parish Councils should specify why they support or object to applications rather than just put supported or no objections.

i) Old School House – He reported that a meeting with the owner had taken place and was confident that future plans to improve the site will be implemented. External works were required and the possibility of a renaissance grant may be applicable.

Members were concerned that the problem had been evident for some 30 years and promises had been made in the past. Mr Norse stated that the Council were unable to take enforcement action until the site was considered dangerous. It was stressed that during the last period of high winds slates were blown onto the adjoining property where children lived and concern made over the trees and their roots and rats. It was noted that a Health & Safety report was made in 2010 and agreed that a further inspection and report should be made.

The question that if a grant was made available to the owner why should it not be made to others. G Norse stated that the renaissance grant was for local listed buildings. Other owners could apply and consideration would be given to their application.

The question of schemes to encourage owners of empty properties to bring them back into occupation was mentioned but it was uncertain if it still applied.

The condition of the old Post Office was also considered to be a matter of concern after the fire that destroyed it.

ii) Wind Farm Treading Field – The application was ongoing as FSDC were not satisfied with certain aspects relating to the visible impact to the area and had asked the developer to comment upon. The resolution was still 2/3 months away.

iii) Village shop: - Planning permission ref: F/YR04/3473/F was granted in 2004 for the following;

#### **'Erection of part 2-storey/part single-storey extensions to existing shop to provide cafe and 3-bed dwelling'**

Conditions relating to this application were subsequently discharged in 2009 ref: F/YR08/3041/COND however the planning permission for this expired on 6 October 2009 but not being familiar with this particular premises, I am unsure if the development commenced before this date? If not, the permission no longer exists.

Planning permission ref: F/YR08/0827/F was also granted in 2009 for the following;

#### **'Change of use of garage/store to hairdressers (A1 use)'**

Again this permission expired on 24 October 2011 and unless this change has been implemented, the permission no longer exists.

FDC have no record of any permission for a change of use of the shop into a dwelling house.

The Chairman referred to a decision in Norfolk about the viability of profit not being an issue in deciding the change of use. Each application would be considered upon its own merits.

iv) Golf Course – Kirkgate – The question of whether the driving range would be located after the log cabins were erected was asked along with when work was starting on the new leisure centre. The Chairman stated

that the application about the driving range had been received but not considered so no comment could be made. The work on the new centre should start any time as materials were in store.

v) Footpaths – Mrs Balls questioned the policy about footpaths to new developments and as a condition to consents. It seemed strange that some were asked to install a footpath and others were not. In Church lane the section in front of her property had made the situation more hazardous. FDC representatives noted the concerns.

vi) Dogs – It was reported that two large dogs were roaming the village. As no dog warden was in office the matter should be reported to the police using the new 101 number.

vii) Sewer connections – V Ware asked if the council were still requesting that all properties were connected to the main sewer.

viii) Localism – The question of how Localism would affect planning was asked. It would be included in the Core Strategy and consultations would be made along the way. Once in place it was proposed that FDC could give a presentation upon the issues.

**31/ASM/12 Confirmation of minutes RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 were correctly recorded and that they are signed as being a true record. Cllr Hatton mentioned that his name was recorded as Hutton, this was duly amended.

### **32/ASM/12 Matters Arising**

The Chairman reported that matters arising would be covered by his report or in public forum

### **33/ASM/1 Chairman's Report**

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**34/ASM/12 Financial Report 2012-2013** - The Clerk reported that the precept had been maintained at £7,500 (Since 2007/2008) The concurrent functions grant has not kept up with actual costs so the £2.007 grant did not fully cover expenditure. Additional funding for £3,450 had been applied for.

The current 201/2012 expenditure was £9,898.67 and income £12,914.00 The balances held on the Current a/c were £2,462.86 and Community a/c £25,865.42.

In 2010/2011 the council raised £14,806.15 and spent £11,692.29.

### **35/ASM/12 Public Forum and Village Organisations**

- i) Cllr Seaton confirmed that FDC would assist with matters relating to the Old School wherever possible
- ii) Cllr Hatton confirmed that any matters relating to properties should be reported to the Enforcement section at FDC.  
He asked the position as regards to the Rural Capital Grant application for play equipment. The matter was still with Cllr Long but issues over match funding were a problem.
- iii) Cllr Tierney referred to Localism and Minor Highway Bids. The JFMH bid system had been simplified and was under the control of members rather than officers. More funding would be made available for highway works.
- iv) J Cliff spoke about the Diamond Jubilee events and that an additional; £10 would be needed. The Brigstock and Wrens were to provide a mug for all children under 18.
- v) D Howlett asked about the tree in the churchyard over the graves. Cllr Mallett stated that it was in the area under the responsibility of the PCC. The cutting of the grass for the new Green Burial area was raised but it was thought that the area would not be cut.
- vi) Grange Wind Farm – Cllr Mallett reported that organisations within a five mile radius could apply for grants between £500 - £5,000. To date the Community Centre had secured £1,500 for the disabled car parking and the Pre-School a grant for equipment.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and members of the public for attending the Annual Assembly. The meeting closed at 8.05pm.