

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council Annual Assembly held on Thursday 21st March 2013 in the main hall of the Community Centre Tydd St Giles at 7.00pm.

Present R Mallett (Chairman), C Drewry, B Francis, M Johnson, M Taylor, W Jarvis, R Wright (Clerk), Cllr P Hatton, Cllr S Tierney and 12 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence Cllr S Long, M Taylor

36/ASM/13 Confirmation of minutes RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March 2012 were correctly recorded and that they are signed as being a true record

37/ASM/13 Matters Arising

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

- i) Village Shop – It was reported that the shop had closed and the premises reverted to domestic use.
- ii) Golf Course – It was reported that the new leisure facilities at the centre were complete and an asset to the village.
- iii) Dogs – Two bins have been purchased one at Eau Dyke Bank and Kirkgate

38/ASM/13 Chairman's Report

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Wind Farm Treading Field – The Chairman reported that the application was refused but is going to appeal on the 3rd April 2013. Cllr Hatton reminded residents that any objections should be sent to the Inspector. Cllr Tierney reported that the local MP and that of Lincolnshire were against the application as was the leader of Cambs CC.

Old School House – The Chairman stated that the site has been an eye sore for 34 years. FDC had inspected and passed it as safe but residents are still concerned that it is a Health & Safety issue. Cllr Hatton agreed to speak Cllr Seaton about its condition. The Secretary of State has given powers to Local authorities to tidy up sites as has the Localism Act Cllr Tierney agreed to check the position./

39/ASM/13 Financial Report 2013-2014 - The Clerk reported that the precept had been maintained at £7,500(Since 2007/2008) but would be increased to £7,860. The Council tax for parishes in Fenland ranged from £21 to £36.55, Tydd St Giles being £22.39. The concurrent functions grant has not kept up with actual costs and remains at £2990.

The current 2012/2013 expenditure was £17,514.37 and income £18,874.76.

In 2010/2011 the council raised £14,806.15 and spent £11,692.29. In 2011/2012 expenditure was £10,797 and income £15,912.

40/ASM/13 Public Forum and Village Organisations

- i) Cllr Hatton reported that two Cabinet members at Fenland D C had resigned. He commented on the success of the golf Club and the opening of the new Leisure Centre. He was aware of an application for a development in the village that proposed to include a shop which would be good for the village. The fact that FDC allowed the old shop to be converted to domestic use because it was not viable did raise concerns over the proposals.
- ii) Cllr Tierney referred to the upgrading of street lights and encouraged the Council to check what was proposed for Tydd St Giles. He attended the JFMH bid meeting and reported that the Council's application scored high. The winter gritting had worked reasonably but Tydd had been designated on the secondary route and this needed to be raised next year. County council elections would be held in May 2013 and he thanked all voters for their support and stated that he had enjoyed his role as a County councillor and looked forward to being re-elected.
- iii) B Francis – Spoke about Fen Rats and the appeal to be held on 23rd April against the Treading Field Wind Farm. They were trying to raise their profile and intended to hold local meetings but funds

were tight and asked the parish Council if they would provide a venue for a local meeting. The matter would be discussed at the Council meeting to be held after the Annual Assembly.

- iv) G Mathias thanked the Parish Council for their support and especially Cllr Johnson for the assistance given to residents regarding a planning application. He thanked Cllr Hatton for the manner in which he conducted the planning committee meeting.
- v) The Chairman reported that an application for 14 dwellings and a shop FYR/13/0171/F had been received and the documents would be on display for residents on Thursday 28th March from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. It was asked if originally the Golf Club were to include a shop within their development. Councillors were not aware of a shop being included.
- vi) Val Ware – The Tydd St Giles School would be celebrating being open for 60 years. In July a display of photos will be held. Details will be put in the Bridge and if any resident has any interesting documents or articles about the School they should contact her.
She asked about the Core Strategy and the response the Council had made. The Clerk would check the position.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and members of the public for attending the Annual Assembly. The meeting closed at 7.09pm.