

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council Annual Assembly held on Thursday 20th March 2014 in the small room of the Community Centre Tydd St Giles at 7.00pm.

Present R Mallett (Chairman), B Francis (7.27), M Johnson, M Taylor, W Jarvis (7.18), R Wright (Clerk), Cllr C Seaton (7.18), Cllr A Lay G Mathias (7.20) P Newman (7.30) J Button, S Payne, G Lullen, R Lullen, V Ware, C Ross, J Simpson.

Apologies for Absence Cllr C Drewry Psc D Russ, Cllr M Humphrey, Cllr C Livings

41/ASM/14 Confirmation of minutes RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2013 were correctly recorded and that they are signed as being a true record

42/ASM/14 Matters Arising - The Chairman reported that any matters arising would be covered by his report or in public forum.

43/ASM/14 Neighbourhood Plan – The Clerk reported briefly upon the meeting in the absence of G Mathias. It was a lively meeting the number in attendance was thought to be over 60. The vote for producing a plan was 35 and against 34, however, this is not including the top table which were 3 for. G Mathias upon joining the assembly confirmed that the number in attendance was in the region of 80 plus. The Committee were disappointed that the public failed to understand the reason for the plan and used an unrelated planning application to disrupt the proceedings. Since the meeting several members of the public have given their support and would have attended if they had been aware of the nature of the plan. The sub- committee after much thought have decided that they would like to apply for designation and if successful it would go back to the village for adoption, if the majority were in support. A larger sub-committee would be ought if designation was successful.

44/ASM/14 Play Equipment Group Jo Button and S Payne representing the group presented a report upon the group activities. Appendix 2

45/ASM/14 Chairman's Report - Appendix 1

The Chairman reported upon the sad loss of Cllr Shelia Long who was involved with many organisations in the village and would be greatly missed.

46/ASM/14 Financial Report The Clerk reported that the Concurrent Functions Grant would be cut by one-third in 2014/2015 and by a further third in 2015/2016. This means that the current grant of £2,990 will be reduced to £1,993. This has resulted in the Council tax being increased from £22.39 to £25.35. The Parish Councils have made representations to Fenland District Council and a meeting is planned. The other issue regarding finances is public street lights. At present the Council have 35 assorted lights, many of which are in need of replacement. Again talks with Fenland DC are planned to resolve the problem. To date the Council's income is £23,359.85 with expenditure at £9,170.66. Included in the income is £6,217 for the Play Group.

47/ASM/14 Public Forum.

- i) Cllr Lay felt that little support with street lighting would be forthcoming from the County and wondered if solar panelled light was the answer.
- ii) Val Ware – Raised concern over the condition of Hockland Road and the footpaths as a result of settlement of the sewer works. A letter to highways would be sent.
- iii) The Old School House is still a problem and Councillors felt that FDC had done little to help the village.
- iv) Mr & Mrs Lullen raised concern over the use of the lay-by at Sutton Road by Lorries. It was being used as a toilet and rubbish dump. The question of whether it should be closed or sold was discussed. The Council supported the residents' concerns and would contact highways.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and members of the public for attending the Annual Assembly and closed the meeting at 7.35pm.