

# TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held remotely  
on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Present** - Cllr T Doyle (Chairman), Cllr C Brooks, Cllr M Carter, Cllr H Hillam, Cllr G Mathias,  
Cllr S King (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), B Luck, (Parishioner)

**Apologies for Absence** - Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC)

## **065/20 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

The Clerk reported that several additional expressions of interest had been received in respect of the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Cllr Maxwell. Members resolved to defer this item until the next meeting to allow each applicant equal opportunity.

## **066/20 Urgent Items**

None.

## **067/20 Confirmation of Minutes**

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

## **068/20 Matters Arising**

- a) Defibrillators - no progress possible at present.
- b) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - The Clerk has received a response to the Council's enquiry regarding the administration of the Fund. This will enable an application to be submitted for the Foul Anchor history project in due course.
- 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 - Cllr Doyle reported that he has 500 leaflets to be delivered to households to ascertain the likely take-up of the scheme. Delivery arrangements to be confirmed in due course.
- e) Speeding and parking in Church Lane - The Clerk reported that he has contacted the local highways officer regarding the extension of the zigzag lines. The length of the lines is restricted to 45m. Members decided that this would not provide a solution and resolved to take no further action.

## **069/20 Police Matters**

The Clerk reported that he had attended an online meeting with the Wisbech Neighbourhood Sergeant and representatives of other parish councils. The consultation period on the reorganisation of policing has been extended, so details are not yet available. The police have carried out several large raids to disrupt drug supply, making a number of arrests and seizing large quantities of drugs and cash.

The annual Operation Sceptre knife crime initiative has been scaled down this year, due to Covid restrictions preventing face-to-face work in schools. Social media sessions have been offered. Proactive policing and amnesty bins have taken many weapons off the streets.

The only crimes reported in Tydd St Giles in November were three domestic assaults. Hare coursing and theft of catalytic converters were reported in the surrounding areas.

Cllr Carter reported that he was aware of a number of successful operations against hare coursers, both in Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire.

### **070/20 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**

Cllr King reported that the Local Highways Improvement process for 2021/22 had been delayed but the feasibility work on the Council's bid had been completed and, subject to approval, would be presented to the assessment panel in March. A working group of councillors is considering improvements to the scheme for the 2022/23 financial year and will finalise proposals before the bidding process starts this summer.

### **071/20 Fenland District Councillor Reports**

In Cllr Seaton's absence, the Clerk presented his report. Members were invited to contribute to the draft creativity and cultural strategy, conservation plans and the business plan and budget for 2021/22. The District Council's hotline remains open to support anybody requiring help, via the council's normal telephone number.

### **072/20 Parishioner Issues**

- a) School parking - see 068/20(e) above
- b) Drainage issues:
  - i) Newgate Road - Potential flooding reported from adjoining land. Cllr Carter reported that there was no water running from the field onto the road, but the dyke was full. Lack of maintenance was the likely cause.
  - ii) Hockland Road - Water being pumped from a property onto the road is freezing in cold weather, creating a potential hazard to road users. Although this is a known issue, the source of the water and the nature of the problem were unclear. Members resolved to investigate further.
  - iii) Kirkgate - The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by a resident regarding the Anglian Water sewage system and surface water drainage from properties in Kirkgate. The Anglian Water issue has been resolved, but further investigation of the surface water drainage would be beneficial.
- c) Privacy concern - The Clerk reported an issue regarding use of CCTV beyond the boundary of the owner's property. Members resolved that this matter should be addressed by the residents and there was no role for the Council.

### **073/20 Working Groups**

Members discussed draft terms of reference for the following working groups:

- a) Communications
- b) Play Area

They resolved to adopt the draft terms and to invite members of the public with knowledge or interest in either topic to participate in the groups.

## 074/20 Highways

The Clerk presented the feasibility study for the 2021/22 Local Highways Improvement bid for Hannath Road. Proposals include improved signage, lines and marker posts with traffic surveys, at an estimated cost of £13,652, including a contribution of £1,650 from the Council. Members discussed the proposal and resolved to support it and to make provision for their contribution.

The Clerk reported that he had obtained the brackets for the MVAS speed sign. Members resolved to install the sign at the junction of Broad Drove East and Sapphire Close.

## 075/20 Street Lights

The quotation from the district council's contractor has not been received. Decision deferred until the next meeting.

## 076/20 Correspondence

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

- Cambridgeshire ACRE re Village Halls East of England Conference 25 January
- re Fens Biosphere consultation and conference
- Cambridgeshire County Council re roadworks and events
- re Innovate & Cultivate Fund deadline
- re Highways Service Stakeholder Survey
- Galliford Try re Guyhirn roundabout works
- FDC re Pride in Fenland awards
- re March town centre grant from Future High Streets fund
- re business plan and budget public consultation
- re Local Restrictions Support Grant and Local Connections Fund
- re Dog Public Space Protection Order
- Cambridgeshire FA re Tier 4 restrictions
- Newgate Communications re Sunnica Energy Farm consultation
- CLr Steve Count re Covid statistics
- Office for National Statistics re National Census, 21 March 2021
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Road Safety Partnership re Vision Zero Partnership to reduce road casualties
- Citizens Advice Rural Cambs re donation request
- Connecting Cambridgeshire re gigabit broadband voucher scheme
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership re current scams
- Wicksteed Playgrounds re annual inspection

## 077/20 Finance

a) The Clerk presented a financial statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> December showing income of £21,416.41 and expenditure of £13,259.90, resulting in a surplus of £8,156.51 and total funds held of £58,146.58.

b) The following sums were received:-

R Horspool (rent) .....	£ 1,440.58
T Ward (rent) .....	£ 1,192.02
A Ryan (rent) .....	£ 320.10
Barclays Bank (interest).....	£ 1.01
	<u>£ 2,953.71</u>

c) The following payments were approved:-

D Gibbs (salary Dec-Jan).....	£	899.24
CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd (grounds maintenance) .....	£	966.62
Fenland District Council (bin emptying) .....	£	86.74
Citizens Advice Rural Cambs (Section 137 donation) .....	£	300.00
Lincolnshire Drainage Co Ltd (drainage)* .....	£	8,957.40
		<u>£ 11,210.00</u>

\* Replaces payment approved at November meeting.

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £11,210.00 be approved for payment.

d) The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2021/22. Members resolved to adopt the budget and to increase the precept to £12,000. In view of the size of the increase, members agreed that a statement be issued to residents explaining the background to this decision.

### **078/20 Reports from Members**

- a) Highways - No further issues.
- b) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle confirmed that the proposed works have been discussed with the PCC. The neighbours will be notified in due course.
- c) Trees - The fallen tree in Redgate Road, Foul Anchor has been removed.
- d) Foul Anchor - The County Council's rights of way team reported that there is insufficient evidence to designate Swain's Drove as a public right of way. The local highway officer is investigating the ownership of the area of vegetation adjacent to the war memorial.
- e) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that the Centre remains closed. Recent heavy rainfall has highlighted issues with blocked drains that are being investigated. The Management Committee would like to offer the use of the building as a vaccination centre.
- f) Waterway Walk - No developments at present.
- g) Communications - Cllr Doyle reported that he had been asked whether the Council might contribute to the cost of publishing a village calendar. Members agreed in principle.

### **079/20 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Members resolved to exclude the press and public from the discussion of the following agenda items in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960. Cllr King and Mr Luck left the meeting.

### **080/20 Confidential Item**

Clerk's terms and conditions.

### **081/20 Confidential Item**

Confidential matters relating to the council's land holdings.

### **082/20 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm. Details to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm