

# TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held remotely  
on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Present** - Cllr T Doyle (Chairman), Cllr C Brooks, Cllr M Carter, Cllr G Mathias, Cllr S King (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), S Bushell, L Gomm, D Grainger, J Harper-Steele, B Luck, D Mallett, A Renshaw, B Rose (Parishioners)

**Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs S Clark and C Seaton (FDC)

## **083/20 Vacancies for Two Parish Councillors**

The Clerk reported that twelve people had expressed an interest in joining the Council, however three had subsequently withdrawn and a further four had not confirmed their candidacy. Members were asked to vote on the anonymised profiles of the remaining five candidates. After two rounds of voting, Barrie Luck and Adam Renshaw were announced as the successful candidates to fill the two vacant positions on the Council. Members agreed to allow them to sign their declarations of acceptance at the earliest opportunity. The third vacancy will be filled by public election on 6 May. The Chairman welcomed the new members and thanked all who had expressed an interest in joining.

## **084/20 Urgent Items**

None.

## **085/20 Confirmation of Minutes**

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

## **086/20 Matters Arising**

- a) Defibrillators - No progress possible at present.
- b) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - No update.
- 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 - No update.
- e) Drainage Issues - Newgate Road to be discussed as 090/20(d), Hockland Road investigation is complete and discussions are under way with North Level Drainage Board and Cambridgeshire Highways, Kirkgate awaiting clarification of ownership and boundaries from the County Council.

## **087/20 Police Matters**

The Clerk reported that he and the Chairman had attended an online meeting with the Wisbech Neighbourhood Sergeant and representatives of other parish councils. Details of the reorganisation of local policing have been confirmed and both of the long-standing PCSO's working in Tydd St Giles and neighbouring villages will be continuing in their current roles.

There were 26 incidents reported in January in Roman Bank ward, but nothing of note in Tydd St Giles. The March meeting to discuss February's data has not taken place yet.

### **088/20 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**

Cllr King reported that he will be standing as a candidate for the Roman Bank and Peckover division at the County Council election on 6 May. He thanked the Council for making him feel welcome at meetings and hoped to continue in the role after May. He also remarked how positive it is that so many people applied to fill the vacancies on the Council.

The Highways and Transport Committee approved a proposal for a new approach to roadside verge maintenance giving parish councils a greater say in future contracts. The committee also reviewed the Local Highway Improvement scheme and adopted revised scoring criteria for the added value component. The results of the current round of LHI bids will be ratified by the committee in June.

### **089/20 Fenland District Councillor Reports**

In the absence of Cllrs Clark and Seaton, the Clerk presented their report. There will be no increase in the District Council's share of the Council Tax this year. Members were invited to contribute to the walking, cycling and mobility strategy.

### **090/20 Parishioner Issues**

- a) Churchyard trees - A resident had asked about progress with tree pruning adjacent to her property. The Chairman reported that he had advised her that the contractor will visit shortly to clarify any work required.
- b) Proposed development on Hannath Road - A resident has enquired whether the Parish Council would support the construction of a single dwelling on land currently farmed. Members suggested that the applicant contacts the District Council for pre-application advice.
- c) Pavement on Church Lane - A resident has reported difficulty in using a mobility scooter due to pavement parking. The Chairman and Clerk will identify the vehicles concerned. Planning permission for a dwelling in Church Lane required the developer to install a pavement outside the property, but this has not been completed. The Clerk offered to undertake further research.
- d) Flooding, speeding and road surface in Newgate Road - A resident has identified and contacted the owner of the field adjoining Newgate Road to ask that the dyke be cleared. There are a number of potholes along the road that will be reported for repair. Speeding is also an issue and the MVAS speed monitoring sign will be set up here shortly.
- e) Anti-social behaviour in Eaudyke Bank - A resident reported that users of certain types of vehicle were experiencing verbal abuse. The Police are involved.
- f) Planning application in Kirkgate - The agent for the applicant provided further clarification of the access arrangements. As the deadline has passed, members resolved not to submit further comments.
- g) Additional items - The Clerk reported concerns relating to dog bin capacity around Eaudyke Bank and bagged dog waste being dumped in the rough vegetation at the junction of Kirkgate and Fold Lane. Further investigation is required and these matters will be considered at the next meeting.

### **091/20 Highways**

The Clerk reported that he had presented the 2021/22 Local Highways Improvement bid for Hannath Road to the assessment panel and the outcome would be known before the June meeting of the County Council's Highways and Transport Committee.

### **092/20 Street Lights**

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

### **093/20 Community Centre & Recreation Ground**

The Clerk updated members on his research into the ownership of land and buildings on the Recreation Ground and the various leases and rental agreements. The Community Centre charity is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the building. The children's play equipment is located on Parish Council land. Cllr King left the meeting.

### **094/20 Working Groups**

The Chairman reported that he had placed information on the village Facebook page inviting residents to join the working groups. Several people have responded. The Communications group will be led by Cllrs Doyle and Brooks and the Play Area group by Cllrs Mathias and Carter. Meetings of these groups will commence as soon as restrictions are relaxed.

### **095/20 Correspondence**

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

- Cambridgeshire ACRE re Eastern Community Homes launch
- Cambridgeshire County Council re roadworks and events
  - re Local Highway Improvement panel meeting
- Galliford Try re Guyhirn roundabout works
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils re Section 137 allowance for 2021/22 which has been set at £8.42
  - re training courses
  - re virtual meeting regulations
- FDC re new Multi-agency flood group
  - re Covid-19 training for taxi and community car scheme drivers
  - re Community Safety survey
  - re Community Safety Partnership newsletter
  - re County/District/Parish forum on supporting communities
  - re public consultation on walking, cycling and mobility strategy
  - re Citizens Advice service at Community Hub
- North Level District Internal Drainage Board re works in Cats Lane
- Environment Agency re routine maintenance factsheet
- Arthritis Action re online support groups
- Office for National Statistics re National Census, 21 March 2021
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership re current scams
- Residents of Tydd St Mary re concerns about vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety

### **096/20 Finance**

- a) The Clerk presented a financial statement as at 28<sup>th</sup> February showing income of £21,416.41 and expenditure of £24,469.90, resulting in a deficit of £3,053.49 and total funds held of £46,936.58.

b) The following payments were approved:-

D Gibbs (salary Feb-Mar and back pay).....	£ 1,698.47
D Gibbs (expenses) .....	£ 205.04
CAPALC Ltd (training course).....	£ 100.00
Lincolnshire Drainage Co Ltd (drainage)* .....	£ 4,899.56
	£ 6,903.07

\* Estimated bill at 85%, or full amount if invoice received by end of March.

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £6,903.07 be approved for payment.

### **097/20 Reports from Members**

- a) Highways - No further issues.
- b) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle confirmed that the neighbours have been notified of the proposed tree works.
- c) Trees - No further issues.
- d) Foul Anchor - Nothing to report.
- e) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that the Centre remains closed. The bottle bank is often full and residents are leaving bottles in the car park. The Clerk offered to investigate.
- f) Waterway Walk - No developments at present.
- g) Communications - The notice board outside the church is too small for all of the documentation the Council is required to publish. The Clerk has obtained permission from the owner of Blades Barbers to install a new notice board on the outside of the building. Members resolved to purchase a second board to match the one already on the Community Centre. Cllr Brooks asked about changes to the village Facebook page. The Chairman outlined the reasons for the changes and hoped that the new page would provide a forum for positive communication.

### **098/20 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. The members of the public left the meeting.

### **099/20 Confidential Item**

Confidential matters relating to the Council's land holdings.

### **100/20 Dates of Future Meetings**

- a) The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm, subject to clarification of the legislative framework.
- b) Members resolved not to hold an Annual Parish Meeting this year.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm