

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 12th January 2023

Present - Cllr T Doyle (Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr B Luck, Cllr G Mathias, Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), 13 members of the public

Apologies for Absence - Cllr K Malin, Cllr A Renshaw, Cllr S King (CCC)

Public Time - Mr Cooper outlined recent issues with the sewage pumping system serving Church Lane and Newgate Road. Pump failures had caused the system to overflow. He also noted that some landowners were not maintaining dykes, preventing surface water from running off the roads.

Concern was expressed about pavement parking in Newgate Road, both in relation to the current building works and at other locations. Members of the Council will monitor this.

It was reported that dog waste bags are being discarded in dykes alongside Kirkgate. The Clerk will investigate.

073/22 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting. He announced that Cllr Caroline Brooks had resigned from the Council when she moved away from the village. With elections due in May, the position will not be filled.

074/22 Urgent Items

None.

075/22 Confirmation of Minutes

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- c) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 15th December 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

076/22 Matters Arising

- a) Drainage Issues - Work is ongoing in Hockland Road.
- b) Former village school - The Clerk reported that the District Council has written to the owner of the site, but has not issued a notice under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

077/22 Police Matters

The Clerk reported that no meetings had taken place.

078/22 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King submitted a written report. The replacement of cats eyes on Church Lane is being considered against the Highways Operating Standards criteria. The new process for applying

for funding to introduce 20mph speed limits will open in February and run until April. This is separate from the current LHI process.

079/22 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr Seaton reported that the District Council has launched a consultation on the budget and business plan, including a proposal not to increase their share of the Council Tax. Other elements of the Council Tax will increase, so bills will be higher. The District Council has published a new transport planning guide. District Council elections will be held on 4th May, with the new ward boundaries determined under the recent boundary review. Cllrs Clark and Seaton will be seeking re-election in the new Leverington and Wisbech Rural ward, which includes Tydd St Giles.

080/22 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received, including a planning training session on housing, a cost of living support event, a forthcoming closure of Newgate Road, District Council support for renters experiencing mould in their homes, and the confirmation of the appointment of the external auditor.

081/22 Play Area Working Group

Cllr Mathias provided an update on the recent work of the Working Group.

082/22 Data Gathering and Digital Mapping

Cllr Luck reported that some of the data from the 2021 National Census has been released, but the parish data is not yet available.

083/22 Member and Parishioner Issues

- a) Width of Hall Bank at Poplar Close junction - The Clerk reported that the entrance to the new development has been constructed in accordance with the agreed plans.
- b) Parish Council elections 2023 - The Clerk advised members that elections for the District and Parish Councils will be called on 20th March and take place on 4th May.
- c) Dog bin in Eaudyke Bank - It has been suggested that one of the bins could be relocated to a more usable location. The Clerk will investigate.

084/22 Planning

Members considered the following applications:-

F/YR22/1358/TRTPO - Works to 1no Oak Tree covered by TPO 14/1986 - The Hollies, Hannath Road, Tydd Gote

This application has been withdrawn.

F/YR23/0011/F and F/YR23/0012/LB - Alterations to existing dwelling including 2 x replacement timber framed windows, insertion of a roof lantern, raising part of existing roof, and replacement of lean-to outbuilding roof - Hannath Hall, Hannath Road, Tydd Gote

Members resolved to offer no objection.

Members noted the following application:-

F/YR22/1377/PNC04 - Change of use of agricultural store to 1 x dwelling (single-storey 1-bed) (Class Q (a) and (b)) - Building South of Windy Willows, Church Lane, Tydd St Giles

The Parish Council is not a consultee on Class Q applications.

085/22 Finance

a) The Clerk presented the financial statement as at the end of December showing income of £26,476.15, expenditure of £20,637.65, resulting in a surplus of £5,838.50 and funds held of £37,602.39.

b) Members noted the following sums received since the last meeting:-

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| Barclays Bank (interest)..... | £ 11.55 |
| H Squire (rent) | <u>£ 1,806.71</u> |
| | £ 1,818.26 |

c) Members ratified the following payment issued since the last meeting:-

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| Geosphere Ltd (subscription) | £ 86.40 |
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d) Members approved the following payments:-

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| D Gibbs (salary December and January) | £ 1,418.76 |
| D Gibbs (NIC reimbursement)..... | £ 49.42 |
| Tydd St Giles CC & RG (hall hire) | <u>£ 56.25</u> |
| | £ 1,524.43 |

e) Members reviewed the draft budget. They resolved to add the following provisions:

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| Churchyard path or trees | £ 5,000 |
| Street lights | £ 2,500 |
| Play equipment | £ 500 |
| Community Centre | £ 1,000 * |
| Allotments | £ 500 |
| Training for councillors | £ 500 |
| Foul Anchor project | £ 1,000 |
| Coronation celebrations | <u>£ 1,000</u> |
| | £ 12,000 |

* For disabled toilet installation, if required.

Members resolved to maintain the precept at the current level of £15,000 for the 2023-24 financial year.

086/22 Policies and Procedures

Members reviewed the following policies and procedures and resolved to re-adopt them:

- Data Protection Policy
- Publication Scheme
- Code of Conduct

087/22 Highways

The Clerk reported that he had submitted an application for funding under the County Council's Local Highway Improvement scheme for 2023/24. The project aims to install a dropped kerb at the junction of High Broadgate and Broad Drove East.

088/22 Allotments

Cllr Mathias reported that he is investigating suitable potential sites.

089/22 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - Cllr Mathias reported that he has carried out an inspection and submitted a report to Highways.
- b) Street Lights - Cllr Luck reported that 5 faults are outstanding. He expressed concern at the lengthy delays in response times from the contractor. Cllr Seaton has offered to investigate.
- c) Churchyard - The narrow path to the front of the church is breaking up. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for relaying the path. Money allocated for the remaining tree works could be used to repair the path.
- d) Trees - nothing further to report.
- e) Foul Anchor - awaiting a visit from the Payback team.
- f) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that the Community Centre charity's Annual General Meeting will take place on the evening of 25th January.
- g) Waterway Walk - The enclosed sections of the permissive path will be closed for the month of February in accordance with the access agreement.

090/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm