

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish of Tydd St Giles held on Thursday 9th May 2019 in the Small Room of the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

Present - Cllr R Mallett (Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr T Doyle, Cllr M Hale-Smith, Cllr J Maxwell, Cllr G Minney, Cllr S Clark (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mrs Hillam, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Melloy, Mrs Ross, Mrs Simpson (Parishioners)

Apologies for Absence - Cllr C Seaton (FDC), Cllr M Humphrey (FDC)

Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that Cllr G Minney had sent his apologies prior to the Parish Assembly on 15th March 2018, but his name was omitted from the minutes. With this amendment, the minutes of that meeting were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

Reports

There were no reports from village organisations.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman highlighted some of the work of the Parish Council during the past year:

Old School House - Still stands derelict after more than 30 years. A new approach is needed. Options are limited, but it is hoped that something can be done.

Street Pride - The Chairman thanked the volunteer litter pickers for their contribution to the parish.

Street lighting - We are still talking to the District Council about replacing the old lights.

Grange Wind Farm - We continue to benefit from funding allocated by the Grange Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.

Highways and footpaths - The Councillors continue to monitor the condition of the roads and pavements and to report issues to the County Council.

Foul Anchor - Is an important part of the Parish and many of the residents attended their annual Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial.

Community Centre - The Chairman thanked the members of the Community Centre Management Committee for their work in managing and improving the Hall which celebrated its 25th Anniversary last year.

Waterways Walk - The partners are looking for ideas for further projects, hopefully including a link to the village of Newton-in-the-Isle.

Finally, the Chairman thanked everybody who has supported him and the Council during the past year. Members of the Parish Council, our District and County Councillors, our PCSO's, and our Clerk, Dave Gibbs.

Financial Report

The Clerk reported that the Council is in a strong position financially. With a significant level of reserves now held, the precept has been reduced to a nominal £1,000. This will gradually decrease the level of reserves. The Council was able to undertake a number of minor improvements to the Community Centre during its 25th year.

Public Forum

Mrs Ross asked whether the layout of the room could be changed so that members of the public are not seated behind the councillors. The Chairman responded that this matter would be discussed by the Council. She also asked whether the Council could publish or support the publication of a regular newsletter to every household in the parish. The Chairman confirmed that this suggestion had been considered by the Council and it was hoped that something will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

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