

# TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Tydd St Giles Parish Council  
held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Community Centre,  
Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

**Present** - Cllr M Hale-Smith (Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr T Doyle, Cllr H Hillam, Cllr R Mallett, Cllr J Maxwell, Cllr G Minney, D Gibbs (Clerk), Mr Grainger, Mr & Mrs Luck, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Simpson (Parishioners)

**Apologies for Absence** - None

## **011/19 Declarations of Interest**

None

## **012/19 Review of the Fenland Local Plan**

Parish Council's response to Fenland District Council's consultation.

Following the public meeting on 30 October, members had agreed to reconsider the potential sites for future small-scale development. The Chairman invited the parishioners present to participate in an initial discussion.

Mrs Maxwell asked whether the District Council could disregard the Parish Council's views on future development. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council did not have the power to prevent development, but had been invited to suggest suitable sites.

Mr Granger asked which other sites the Parish Council had considered and why. The Chairman agreed to revisit the list of sites at this meeting and confirmed that the landowners had not been consulted during the process. It was felt that by suggesting a site, the Parish Council might reduce the chance of development being imposed in a less favourable site.

Mrs Simpson felt that the public meeting had steered the Parish Council towards less suitable sites.

Mr & Mrs Luck asked why only green field sites were under consideration, when the former school site was derelict. The Chairman explained that the Council had been unable to persuade the site owner to bring it back into use. A compulsory purchase order was suggested, but this is considered not to be financially viable.

Cllr Maxwell explained that the draft plan will include sites for further public consultation.

The following sites were considered:

Bees Lane, Newgate Road, Hall Bank, High Road (south of Church Lane Bridge), Broad Drove East (adjacent to Sapphire Close) and Chapel Lane.

Factors including proximity to existing houses, access to Kinderley School and other village amenities, traffic impact, existing water and sewage systems were considered.

Members resolved to propose Bees Lane as their preferred option as a potential site for minimal development.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm