

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the small room of the Community Centre Tydd ST Giles

**Present** R Mallett (Chairman), M Carter, G Minney, V Ware, R.Wright, M Hale-Smith

Mr & Mrs Maxwell, C Ross, R Wright, Mr & Mrs Simpson, L.Groves(Clerk), M Taylor, S Clark (FDC Cllr)

**Apologies for Absence** M Jupp

Cllr King had sent apologies that he will be attending but he will be late due to other commitments

The Chairman told the committee of additions to the agenda

**610/16 Confirmation of minutes**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**611/16 Matters Arising**

a) **Old School House** – Further to minute 598/16a. No further information obtained except Cllr Minney reported that he had seen a flurry of activity at the property and he believed some fencing had been removed. Cllr Clark said that she would report information to Cllr King.

b) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Further to minute 598/16b. The clerk has written to G Mathias to ascertain the current state of the neighbourhood plan. He replied saying that work had been stopped at Christmas because recent planning decisions had made an NP valueless. Cllr Carter asked whether it was something that the council thought the village still needed. Cllr Mallett proposed that Cllr Carter look into it and report back at the next meeting.

c) **Village Directory** – Further to minute 598/16c. Cllr Mallett thanked all councillors for delivering the directories promptly.

d) **Tydd Waterway Route** – Further to minute 598/16d: Cllr Hale-Smith reported that we are about to receive £2000 donation from the Wind Farm further to them receiving confirmation of the details of our current bank account. Cllr Hale-Smith will send a copy to them. A meeting was held two weeks ago and the decision has been made to put back the opening of the walkway until February 2017. This is because there is still some work to be done to make the walk ready. Previously the Golf Club were going to undertake this work, but the Golf Club has since changed hands and the new owners do not seem so forth-coming. The waterboard will complete the work. There will be a competition held for the two school to design a poster for the walkway. The signs are proving to be the most expensive part of the project.

**Green Burial Site** – All issues have been dealt with.

**612/16 Police Matters**

Sent from Helen Norton-Smith

Following last month's successful Speed Enforcement Checks throughout the north rural villages, further Speed Enforcement Checks were carried out during August. The aim is to help combat the speeding issues which have been reported to us. During the month of August in some of the North Rural Areas, we issued a total of 5 speeding tickets, and gave words of advice to another 3. Unfortunately, due to other work commitments, we were unable to cover all of the villages. However we will endeavour to undertake Speed Enforcement Checks, whenever time and resources allow, in order to combat the ongoing problems. Any of the villages which have not been covered during August, will be first on the list for September. As usual, we are always trying to encourage local community groups to set up their own community speed watch groups, so if you know of or have 4 or 5 volunteers that are interested in taking part, please let me know, or if you would like any further information about setting up your own speed watch group, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you have any particular road or street of major concern regarding the speeding issues, please forward the details to me via email, and I will endeavour to target those particular areas.

We continue to undertake patrols in Tydd st Giles and the surrounding areas as often as resources permit. If you have any areas of concern, please let me know.

One of our main key priorities is to attend schools either at the start or end of school times to monitor parking issues, and to integrate with the children and parents/guardians, which will recommence at the beginning of September when the children return to school.

## **CRIMES REPORTED IN THE TYDD ST GILES AREA AUGUST 2016**

### **No reported crimes**

### **GENERAL CONCERNS**

Although there have been no crimes reported in Tydd st Giles, there have been a number of dwelling burglaries in some of the other north rural villages, where jewellery and other items have been stolen.

There have also been several Mercedes Sprinter type vans stolen from various locations in the Wisbech and surrounding areas. Some of these vans are being left in rural locations for several days before the thieves are returning to collect them. If you see anything suspicious, or have any information regarding either of these issues, please contact 101, or 999 in an emergency.

**613/16**            **Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**    no report

**614/16**            **Fenland District Council** – Cllr Clark reporting. Cllr Clark met with Cllr Carter. Further to minute 604/16c. With regards to the trees on High Broadgate they have found out that they are not the responsibility of the Highways so it would more than likely be the homeowners. The hedge in Field Lane has been trimmed in the last few days. Highways had sent a letter to Roddons reporting the state of the hedge etc., They said that it was in hand, and Cllr Carter reported that it has actually been trimmed in the last few days, along the sides not the top. The trees in Field Avenue are on the list for Highways to attend to them but don't know when.

There is a planning training planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> November 6.30 p.m. at FDC.

Cllr Clark praised and congratulated the Street Pride Group for being nominated and winning the award for the 'Best Community Project' at the FDC 32016 Celebration Evening.

Grange Hill Road – the Power Networks Engineer has said that the cables look ok, they are BT cables, Cllr Carter will ring.

### **615/16**            **Correspondence**

- a) **Brigstock & Wrens** – Mary Rollins term of office is now due for renewal. She has expressed that she is willing to stand again. Chairman asked if there were any other candidate. Cllr Ware nominated Mary Rollins, seconded by Cllr Minney. Vote carried.
- b) **Street Pride** – Chairman also congratulated everybody involved for winning the award of 'Best Community Project' and thanked them for all their hard work.
- c) **Village Sign** – Cllr Ware reported that the village sign was given to the W.I. in 1978. Since then the P.C has refurbished the sign and it has been re-painted once and is now in need of re-painting. Especially since we now have the lovely flower tubs created by Street Pride it seems a shame for the sign not to reflect their beauty. This was agreed and we will get a quotation for the job of re-painting.
- d) **Playing Field** – A letter of complaint was received and passed to all councilors from It was complaining about the grass cutting at the playing field. It said that there was a lot of debris on the grass, which could be dangerous and a health hazard. Cllr Mallett met with the secretary of Street Pride and they didn't know anything about the situation. The Chairman and Secretary said that they were disappointed that the Street Pride name had been used when they knew nothing about it and had not had a meeting to discuss it.

### **616/16**            **Planning**

Applications for which observations are requested.

**F/YR16/0676/F** Mr & Mrs R Condron - variation of condition 5 relating to planning permission – this was agreed  
**F/YR15/0073/F**(Erection of a 3 storey 5-bed dwelling) – not agreed due to size  
**F/YR16/0705/F** – Mr R Rakestraw – Erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling - agreed  
**F/YR16/0698/F** – Miss M Al-Bandak – Erection of a single storey side extension – concerns raised about neighbours

**617/16 Highway Matters/Street Lighting**

- a) **Street Lights** – Cllr Minney reported – Light at Newgate Road/Church Lane had been reported. There is an on-going legal argument with the owners. (The post is on their property but rental has never been paid).The light will be replaced. A street light near Church House has been recorded.
- b) **Highway Matters** – Cllr Hale-Smith reported – nothing to report. V Ware mentioned that the kerbs are high at the end of Hockland Rd near the village sign.
- c) **Trees** – Cllr Carter reported – Mr Peggs, 6 Field Ave has an English Oak Tree, he wants to take off 2m all round and reduce crown 15%. Cllr Carter looked at the tree and said it should have had some attention quite a few years ago, the branches are too big and it is effecting four gardens. It was agreed the work could be done. Cllr Carter will keep an eye on it.  
 It has been noticed that there are some trees with bows hanging over the road on Cats Lane. These are growing on the land belonging to the owners of Padgett Hall. They are not an immediate danger but the bows are very low and could prove to be a hazard, these should be the responsibility of the land owner. Cllr Ware suggested that we send a polite letter stating the problem and asking them if they could see to this. Cllr Carter said that he would be willing to meet with them to discuss any matters with them.  
 Grass side near the Golf Club – the roadside had not been cut from the golf club up to the national speed sign. Cllr Clark had originally spoken to the Golf Club, but now there is a new owner. She will speak to them now.
- d) **Church Grounds** – As Cllr Jupp was absent Cllr Mallett gave out the information he had received. Cllr Carter and Alan had inspected trees and they are all ok for a few more years. In the old part there are some trees obstructing the path. They are going to ask the Community Payback Team to come and see to them.
- e) **Cllr King** – arrived and gave an update on the street lights. At the last meeting with Parish Council members the main question was whether there would be any advantage in changing from the present supplier Balfour Beattie. Cllr King shares the views that performance from them was not as good as it could have been. Their contract has been extended for the interim period. The FDC have looked at pricing from two other companies, Electrical testing and Scansa. These would be more costly. FDC have the view that they will with Balfour Beattie until next April at least. They will ensure that Balfour Beattie give better performance. With a new contract they would ensure a contract break after 12 months and safeguards would ensure their performance. Parish Councils can stay with FDC or they can look elsewhere. R Wright questioned if other companies replace the light would it still be maintained by Balfour Beattie. Discussion took place, Cllr Ware questioned whether you would need specialists for the street lights repair and maintenance. We potentially have about 17 street lights which would cost £17000. After discussion R Wright advised to stay with FDC. Balfour Beattie have PFI contract for 20 years, Scansa 3 years.  
 Proposed that we stay with FDC – Cllr Hale-Smith, seconded Cllr Ware. Vote carried.  
 Cllr King then left the meeting due to personal circumstances.

**618/16 Income & Expenditure**

a) The Members to consider the following accounts for payment:

L Groves	Clerk salary	212.39
B A Rowell	Parish Directory	825.00
Wisbech Electrical	Heaters Community Centre	1416.56
CGM	Maintenance	2638.37

Mark 1 Fencing	install gates	2520.00
L Groves	Clerk salary	212.39
FDC	street lights	1211.95
Ano		1000.00
L Groves	Salary	212.19
Cgm	Grass cutting	396.00
Brigstock & Wrens	Rent	135.00
Barclays Bank	charges	30.61
L Groves	Clerk salary	212.39
R Wright	Consultancy fees	209.49
CGM	Grounds Maintenance	244.00

RESOLVED actions be approved

b) Risk Management - R Wright stated that it was the Council's duty to ensure that all policies and procedures are gone through systematically and reviewed. These should be put on as agenda items. Cllr Ware and R Wright will meet in the New Year to start procedures.

c) CAPLC - The subscription to CAPLC has not been paid this year. R Wright proposed that we cancel subscription and re-join again next year if we choose to. Cllr Hale-Smith asked the benefits are. R Wright replied that he has been disappointed in the past with advice over legal things etc., There is a lot of help that can be accessed on-line. Discussion took place. Proposed we cancel subscription Cllr Hale-Smith, seconded Cllr Taylor.

d) R Wright went through the income and expenditure in relation to the Budget.

e) R Wright explained that we have been having problems with banking, with signatories etc., We now have a new mandate to sign. The resolution is there will be three signatories Cllr Mallett, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Wade. This was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Minney.

**619/16 Allotments** - Cllr Mallett reported that the rent demands had all been sent out (slightly delayed) and we are waiting on payments.

**620/16 Foul Anchor** – Cllr Taylor reported that the Environmental Agency had cut the banks and are considering putting some sheep on. There will be a Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 a.m.

**621/16 Community Centre** – Cllr Ware reported that the Luncheon Club was doing well and will be carrying on.

**622/16 Date of Next Meetings**  
 Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> 7.15 p.m.  
 Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 7.15 p.m.  
 Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> A.G.M  
 Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> 7.15 p.m.  
 Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> 7.15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

PUBLIC TIME

The public left the room.

R Wright had a personal issue to raise and did not think this was appropriate with public present. The Parish Council have written a letter to L Groves about the workplace pension scheme. She does not make the criteria to become a member of the scheme automatically. It was left for the clerk to decide whether she wanted to join the scheme or not.

