

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 26th January 2017 in the small room of the Community Centre Tydd ST Giles

Present R Mallett (Chairman), M Carter(cllr), G Minney(cllr), M Hale-Smith(cllr),M Jupp(cllr),L Groves(Clerk) C Ross, Mr & Mrs Simpson, S Clark (FDC Cllr), C Seaton(Cllr),

Apologies for Absence V ware, M Taylor

623/17 Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 13th October 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record subject to two minor adjustments. R Wright was down twice in Members Present and Mary Rollins should read Mollie Rollins.

Cllr S King arrived

624/17 Matters Arising

a) **Old School House** – Further to minute 611/16a. Cllr Seaton told the committee the situation so far. The owner has been served with 2 orders but has not complied with these or paid the fines. The problem facing the Council is that the owner is extremely ill so they have to be careful how they handle the situation. The Council would not be looked on kindly by a Magistrate as the owner in question is nearing the end of his life. Having said this Officers are still investigating but have to find the right time to complete any actions. Cllr Seaton assured the council that they will come back with options eventually. Cllr Hale-Smith asked what these options would be, Cllr Seaton replied that he just couldn't say at the moment but we will know as soon as is possible.

b) **Tydd Waterway Route** – Further to minute 611/16d Cllr Hale-Smith reported that everything is going well. The kissing gates are in place and the signs have been ordered. The Grand Opening will be held on Friday 10th February 10.30a.m. at the Pumping Station. All the Parish Council are invited. Cllr Clark responded that she was disappointed that Pure Leisure have pulled out as a partner to the scheme, therefore raising costs. There will be a small gathering at the Golf Club after the ceremony. Forty school children have been invited to the ceremony and transport is provided for them.

Cllr Hale-Smith said that the route is falling short of a dog foul bin. He asked whether the Parish Council would donate towards putting an additional one in. The Council will empty it). It is to be situated on Tydd Gote Bridge. Also the bin on the Churchlane Bridge is on the wrong side. FDC have to give permission to move it. Cllr Mallett will ring. Agreed to both. Proposed Cllr Carter, seconded Cllr Minney.

c). **Green Burial Site** – Nothing new to report, all previous issues have been dealt with.

d) **Remembrance Service** – Foul Anchor – this was successful with a good turnout

e) **Playing Field** – Further to minute 615/16d the matter was discussed at a committee meeting and a resolution has been sorted.

f) **Church Grounds** – Further to minute 617/16d – Cllr Hale-Smith asked whether the Community Payback Team had been, Alan Pateman has asked them but doesn't know when they will be coming yet.

625/17 Police Matters

SPEEDING

Speeding remains to be a key concern in all of the rural villages. During the month of November, PCSO's have been out with Special Constables undertaking speed checks. On our most recent speed check, a total of 6 tickets were issued, and a number of drivers were given words of advice. I apologise for having to ask the same question every month regarding speeding, and that is to ask for volunteers from each village to set up their own Speed Watch Groups, so we can work together to help combat the speeding issues. We have a very successful Speed Watch Group in Elm, which is run by village residents, if you do know of anyone who may be interested, please let me know. We are working closely with the Heads of the rural schools to involve the pupils in participating in a Speed Enforcement Day. This involves the children asking questions to drivers who are stopped

for speeding outside of their school. Following a great success at one of our other rural schools, we are hoping to role this out to other rural schools in the near future.

We continue to attend schools either at the start or end of school times to engage with the children and their parents/guardians, where issues/concerns can be addressed.

Last week, myself and new PCSO Trainee Liam Ward participated in a safety talk with the year 1 children at Kinderley Primary School. I am pleased to say the children were happy to participate and actually gave us lots of advice on safety matters. We were both very impressed!

Parking/stopping on double yellow lines and zig zags has been a recent problem outside some of the rural schools, which has caused great concern for the safety of the children attending those schools. During November several parking tickets have been issued to the offenders, in order to obliterate this problem.

If you have any issues or concerns regarding this or similar problems, please let me know.

RURAL FORUMS

With regards to the rural forums, Parson Drove PC have very kindly offered us the use of their cage building to hold a forum in the near future. Unfortunately at this moment in time, we do not have the use of any other premises to hold a forum nearer to Tydd St Giles, however surveys can now be completed online via <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WisbechCommunitySafety>. Results from these surveys will be used to identify the local policing priority for the following 6 months.

CRIMES REPORTED IN THE TYDD ST GILES AREA NOVEMBER 2016

3 x criminal damage

GENERAL CONCERNS

HARE COURSING - There have been an increased number of reports of sightings of Hare Coursing in most of the rural villages. I was recently notified by some local residents of Tydd St Giles, that Broad Drove West was being used for this on a regular basis, at all times of the day. Patrols of Broad Drove West and surrounding areas have been increased in order to prevent this from taking place. We have not encountered this happening during our patrols, but if you are aware of this happening in Broad Drove West or any other area in Tydd St Giles please report it immediately.

TRAILER THEFTS - There have been a number of thefts of trailers in the Wisbech areas. If you have, or know of anyone who has a trailer, please advise them to try to secure the trailer(s) as best as possible.

HEATING OIL THEFTS - Due to the time of year and it becoming cold, thefts of heating oil are on the increase.

If you see anything suspicious, or have any information regarding any of these issues, please contact 101, or 999 in an emergency.

Helen Norton-Smith
PCSO 7160 Wisbech

626/17 **Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report** no report

627/17 **Fenland District Council** – Cllr King reported – further to minute 617/16e, the Council are still negotiating with Balfour Beattie, the deadline is the end of February. Difficulties have arisen as the staff at

Balfour Beattie have changed posts but they are getting near to finalisation and are looking for them to confirm their obligations.

Cllr Minney reported that each street light is working and each one complained about has been fixed.

Cllr Clark reported about the Rural Forum. The next one will be held at Gorefield on the 21st February 2-3 p.m. She said that she has linked them in with coffee mornings at Leverington and Newton and these have worked well, she wondered if there was anything at Tydd St Giles that we could do the same. Cllr Mallett replied that we have Luncheon Club once a fortnight. Cllr Clark said that she would contact Sophie Wilkinson. S Clark also reported that the issue at Kirkgate is in a legal teams hands and she rings weekly asking for updates.

Cllr Seaton reported that there has been a good take up for the payment of the Brown Bin collection service.

628/17 Correspondence

- a) **Village Sign** – Street Pride have asked whether they can clean/paint sign etc., and depending on the condition of the wood, erect a metal bracket each side for hanging baskets. Cllr Mallett replied that he thinks it would be better to be deferred to the next meeting as it is in the process of being painted and all councilors need to inspect the condition of the wood before they can make a decision. This was agreed.
- b) **Audit for y/e 31/03/16** – Agreed and signed
- c) **Dog Fouling** – Field Ave – Cllr Carter reported that there were huge piles on the pavements. He contacted dog control, it is now Street Scene that deals with these issues. They responded quickly by arriving the next day to inspect the village, they authorized a street clean which has been completed. There will be a follow up spot visit the following week. They are also working with the school, the children are making signs and there will be spot checks in the future.
- d) **Broad Drove East** – Concrete slabs at roadside. Cllr Hale-Smith reported- They can't ascertain whether the land is owned by the cottage, he is waiting for news from Highways. At the start of the new build development they required to build a path and initially lay lagging down 5' area should they need to deliver to the site. Highways are watching the issue.

629/17 Planning

Applications for which observations are requested.

F/YR16/0899/F – Mr G Park – Erection of single storey extension

F/YR16/09454/F – Mr & Mrs Payne – Erection detached garage & single storey rear extension

F/YR16/0971/F – Mr Malin = Erection shed/workshop inc. demolition of existing building

F/YR16/0991/F – Mrs L Stebbing - Change of use from art studio to 3 bed dwelling

All approved

630/17 Highway Matters/Street Lighting

- a) **Street Lights** –nothing to report
- b) **Highway Matters** – Cllr Minney reported that the paving around the village has got very rough due to damage from the road sweeper and frost. Potholes need to be looked at – Hockland Road, Church Lane, Newgate Rd.
-Cllr Hales-Smith reported that he had completed a tour of the Parish roads but hasn't found anything yet that would warrant the Highways Dept fixing, but he is keeping an eye on it.
- c) **Trees** – Cllr Carter reported that in Field Ave the deadwood has been removed and the unsafe tress taken down. Grange Hill Road- cables in the trees, nothing will be done about this until somebody complains. The Electric Board says they are not their cables. Cats Lane – trees hanging over the road, (further to minutes 617/16c, the Highways Authority are responsible for letting Home owners know about trees causing a problem. They can issue a 14 day notice for the job to be done, if not completed they can then issue a warning. Cllr Hale-Smith said he would have a word with Steve at the Highways Dept.
- d) **Church Grounds** – Cllr Carter has declared an interest in the following item, so he will abstain from

this discussion. A phone call of complaint has been received that there are tree branches hitting the house next to the yard and keeping the occupant awake. Both Cllr Jupp and Cllr Hale-Smith have inspected all around the area and cannot see where this would be possible as the house is too far away from the trees. Cllr Minney reported that he had also had a walk round and he could not see the problem either. Could we contact the FDC tree officer, Cllr Seaton said that there isn't one but ring and put a request in for the problem to be looked at and arrange a visit. Agreed. Proposed Cllr Jupp, seconded Cllr Hale-Smith.

631/17 Income & Expenditure

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

R Wright	Consulting Fee	£129.10	
L Groves	Clerks Salary	£212.19	
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W Rowell		£165.00	
Littlejohnlp	audit	£120.00	
L Groves	Clerk	£212.24	
CGM Ltd	grounds maintenance	602.50	
L Groves	Clerk	212.14	
Howlett	Allotment Rent		1446.43
A Ryan	Rent		320.10
R Horspool	Rent		1429.90
T Ward	Rent		1043.92

RESOLVED actions be approved

b) Precept – Clerk went through Income and Expenditure report with councillors and it was agreed that the precept would be £21000.

632/17 Allotments – All rents have been paid and all allotments are in good shape.

633/17 Foul Anchor – At the memorial service it was noticed that it needed concrete slabs putting round – this was agreed, Cllr Jupp will have a word with Cllr Taylor.

There is a Flood Meeting in London on 27th April, anyone can attend

634/17 Community Centre –.Cllr Carter reported that the Sausage Supper was a success.

635/17 Date of Next Meetings

Thursday March 16th 7.15 p.m.

Thursday May 18th A.G.M

Thursday July 20th 7.15 p.m.

Thursday October 12th 7.15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 20.17 p.m.

PUBLIC TIME

None requested

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