

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the small room of the Community Centre Tydd ST Giles

**Present** R Mallett (Chairman), M Carter(cllr), M Hale-Smith(cllr),L Groves(Clerk) C Ross, Mr & Mrs Simpson, S Clark (FDC Cllr),V Ware (cllr), M Taylor(Vice-Chair)

**Apologies for Absence** M Jupp, G Minney, Cllr Seaton, Cllr Humphrey  
Cllr King and Cllr Hales-Smith will be late due to other commitments

### **636/17 Confirmation of minutes**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

### **637/17 Matters Arising**

a) **Old School House** – Further to minute 624/17(a) No new information to add

b) **Tydd Waterway Route** – Further to minute 624/17(b) – Cllr Clark reported that since the walkway has been open there has been an issue arisen. Coming down from the Head of the Drainage Board all dogs must be kept on a lead. Apparently when one man was approached on the matter his reply was a tirade of verbal abuse. In order for this not to re-occur people need to be made aware. Cllr Clark said that she would try to get something put into the next parish magazine to make people more aware of this.

c) **Church Grounds** – Further to minute 624/17 © – Cllr Jupp has dealt with matters. Bushes have been trimmed back through the public right of way. The big patch of brambles have not been removed yet. A tree surgeon has been out to inspect the tree but have not received his report yet, but he did not seem to be concerned about the tree.

d) **Village Sign** – Further to minutes 624/17(d) – Still in hand. Cllr Ware reported that the W.I is 90 years old next year so it would be nice to do something then.

Cllr Hale-Smith arrived.

### **638/17 Police Matters -**

February has been a relatively quiet month in the north rural area's of Wisbech as far as crime is concerned. We have though, been very busy following the aftermath of Storm Doris, where we have attended various locations mainly to attend to fallen trees. If there are any trees that you are concerned about, please contact the Highways Department at your local County Council.

There have been several hare coursing incidents in the rural locations of Wisbech, where hare coursers have been spotted at numerous locations. We continue to pursue this matter, and we would encourage anyone who has any information regarding hare coursing to report it to the police as soon as possible.

We continue to attend schools in the rural villages at the beginning and end of school times, to engage with the children, parents and teachers. I am pleased to report that during February, there were no issues or concerns.

### **COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT**

We would like to thank everyone involved for the use of the foyer at Gorefield Community Centre where we held our Community Contact Point on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017, and for the hospitality we received from the art group. Our next community contact point will be held at The Cave in Parson Drove on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017. I will be in attendance with a member of staff from Fenland District Council between 10.00am and 11.00 am. There will not be a community contact point in March as Sophie Wilkinson from FDC will be taking up a new position within FDC, and they have yet to confirm a replacement. The main aim of the Community Contact Point is for local residents to have their say on any issues they are having in the area in which they work and live. We would love to see as many people as possible, so if you are free, please come along and take the opportunity to ask us any questions you may have about any issues or concerns that you may have in the area's

where you live and work. If you are unable to attend, you can still complete an online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WisbechCommunitySafety>.

Results from these surveys will be displayed on the Community Safety Partnership blog every 3 months at [www.communitysafetypartnership.worldpress.com](http://www.communitysafetypartnership.worldpress.com). The results will be used to identify the local policing priorities for the following 6 months.

### **CRIMES REPORTED IN THE TYDD ST GILES AREA FEBRUARY 2017**

1 X Theft of cash and a mobile phone. During a party at the Community Centre, unknown persons gate-crashed the party, and have gained entry to the kitchen area where a mobile phone and cash were stolen from a handbag.

1 X Theft at Foul Anchor – unknown persons have gained entry into an outside unsecured building, and have stolen a set of house keys.

Crime statistics can also be found on the following websites:-

[www.cambs.police.uk/help/crimemaps/](http://www.cambs.police.uk/help/crimemaps/)

[www.ukcrimestats.com/Police\\_Force/Cambridgeshire\\_Constabulary](http://www.ukcrimestats.com/Police_Force/Cambridgeshire_Constabulary)

### **GENERAL CONCERNS**

There have been several reports of criminal damage to vehicles in other Wisbech locations during February. Several cars have had paintwork damaged, windows smashed, and tyres slashed. Although this does not appear to be an issue in the more rural locations, please remain vigilant, and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Two police officers were present. Helen Norton-Smith went through the report. She asked when groups were held in the Community Centre in a view to hold a Community Contact Point. They would set up in the foyer when there was an event on – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is the Luncheon Club 12.00 – 1.30. Bowls Tue Evening 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

Community Speed Watch – will liaise with Street Pride.

**639/17**            **Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**    no report

**640/17**            **Fenland District Council** – Cllr Clark reported – Golden Age Meeting – with the permission of the parish council, she wishes to hold a Golden Age Fayre in June, either 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> (check to see when hall is available.). Would the PC be willing to pay for the hire of the hall. RESOLVED – all councillors agreed to pay for the hire of the hall.

Cllr Hale-Smith reported that Cllr Seaton and Alex Warner (Highways Dept) have reported back that there will be only 1 passing place as there is not enough traffic on the road to warrant two passing places. Also it is on the plans of the development for 1.8m from development boundary wall. Cllr Seaton said that it will not require any use of the Highway. During the build the development is responsible for the state of the pathways. Cllr Hale-Smith said that the wall is in the wrong place but has been there a long time, the path would narrow past the wall. Cllr Clark said that she would forward an e-mail from Cllr Seaton to Cllr Hale-Smith.

**641/17**            **Correspondence**

- (a) E-mail received from S Burgess – previously circulated to all councillors. Pathways – exact locations of pathways not known therefore will discuss once this information has been received. Street Lighting – Cannot answer this as FDC are still at the moment in talks about the street lighting so we are still no further forward. Speeding – Will review once the new Community Speed Watch group has been set up and working. Clerk will e-mail S Burgess with replies.

**642/17**            **Planning**

Applications for which observations are requested.

Cllr Clark declared an interest and left the room.

F/YR17/0156/F Mr & Mrs Bushell – Erection of single-storey extension rear of dwelling - approved

Cllr Clark returned.

#### 643/17 Highway Matters/Street Lighting

- a) **Highway Matters** – Cllr Minney and Cllr Hale-Smith have inspected and both got nothing to report. Bedford Rd is flooding badly, Cllr Hale-Smith has followed this up. Cllr Hale-Smith reported that as a priority requirement the Parish Council need to write to J Henry as they have left property in a state and that they need to review their work urgently. All council agreed.
- b) **Church Grounds** – No concerns at the moment, just waiting for the report from FDC about tree.
- c) **New Street Names** – Previously circulated to Councillors – The Parish Council Has been asked to decide between the names Sapphire Close or Lilibet Close for the new road in Tydd St Giles. After a discussion its was RESOLVED to go with Sapphire Close.  
Cllr King Arrived
- d) **Street Lights** – Cllr King reported that FDC are continuing to have problems with Balfour Beattie and have been let down by them. They are now looking into entering into different contracts with other sources. As they feel they have been undermined they don't know whether Balfour Beattie will live up to their promises in the future. A lack of consistency is still ongoing.

#### 644/17 Income & Expenditure

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

Cams Acre	Registration Fee	£ 54.00
FDC	Wheelie Bin	£ 84.00
R Wright	Consulting Fee	£ 52.50
L Groves		£212.14
R Hilliam	Benches	£1224.00
M J Barton Signs		£ 40.00
Fenland DC		£153.80
L Groves	Clerks Salary	£212.14
R Wright	Consulting Fee	£ 54.25
L Groves		£ 212.64
O Williams	Tree Cutting	£ 125.00

RESOLVED actions be approved

**645/17 Foul Anchor** – Cllr Taylor reported that Cllr Jupp has not contacted him but he has said that he will meet with him He also asked for the address to apply for funding from the wind farm.

**646/17 Community Centre** –.Cllr Carter reported that the condition of the roof is causing concern. It will need to be either re-painted or re-covered. After a recent incident at a party the CCTV needs updating. These will be reviewed.

#### 647/17 Date of Next Meetings

Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> A.G.M 7.15 p.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 20.30 p.m.

PUBLIC TIME

None requested