

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 15th March 2018
in the Small Room of the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

Present - Cllr R Mallett (Chairman), Cllr M Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr M Jupp, Cllrs S King (CCC)(from 711/18), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mr & Mrs Simpson, Mrs Ross and Ms Henriques (Parishioners)

Apologies for Absence - Cllr M Hale-Smith, Cllr V Ware, Cllrs S Clark, M Humphrey and C Seaton (FDC), PCSO H Norton-Smith

705/18 Urgent Items

Matters raised and attended to since the last meeting will be reported under Parishioner Issues.

706/18 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

707/18 Matters Arising

- a) Old School House - The Clerk has written a second letter to the owner on behalf of the Parish Council. No reply has been received. At this point, no further action is possible.
- b) Tydd Waterway Route - The Open Day will take place on Saturday 15th September from 10.00 to 4.00.
- c) Children's Play Equipment - The paperwork for the weekly checks has been created and the spare parts for the see-saw are on order.
- d) Defibrillator - Order to be placed shortly. Grant application for £500 submitted and approved.

708/18 Police Matters

Monthly updates for January and February were discussed. Crimes reported were one theft of motor vehicle, one theft from motor vehicle, one interference with motor vehicle, one theft, one business burglary, one fraud (internet scam).

709/18 Parishioner Issues

No items raised.

710/18 Correspondence

The Clerk outlined the correspondence received since the last meeting, including the following:-

- Sapphire Close occupation delayed to June/July
- Grange Wind Farm grant for disabled car park approval
- Planning advice note re 5-year housing land supply
- E-mail re Police online reporting facility for non-urgent issues
- Planning Inspectorate decision re Land East of Field House, Hockland Road
- E-mail from new Police Inspector re changes to neighbourhood policing
- E-mail from FDC re Tidy Fenland Dog Campaign
- Correspondence with Mr & Mrs Hughes, Lavender Cottage, re access issues

- Tydd St Mary Football Club re use of facilities
- Barclays Bank re change of signatories
- National Lottery Awards for All re application for disabled car park
- E-mail from FDC re Community Safety Partnership Survey
- Planning guidance re siting of shipping containers
- Roadworks & Events bulletins
- Planning Inspectorate consultation re diversion of public bridleway 13
- Request for information re Geoff Andrews, formerly of 7 Newgate Road
- CCC Highways re road markings, Cross Drove
- Community Payback re work in Churchyard

Cllr King joined the meeting at 7.35pm

711/18 Local Highway Improvement bid for 2018/19

The application for speed monitoring warning signs to be used at agreed locations around the village was successful. The signs will be delivered and installed early in the new financial year.

712/18 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King reported that the County Council is reviewing highways performance indicators and new indicators might include re-repair of previous potholes. The County Council's share of the Council Tax will increase by 2.99%, plus a further 2% for the adult social care precept.

713/18 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr King reported that the District Council has increased Council Tax by 1.97%.

714/18 Planning

Updates on the outcomes of applications previously considered were included in the agenda. The following applications have been received:-

- F/YR18/0191/F - Erection of a 3-storey 5-bed dwelling with integral garage - Land East of Magnolia Cottage, Kirkgate, Tydd St Giles
- Parish Council response - Pending
- Decision - Pending
- F/YR18/0224/O - Erection of up to 5no dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) - Land West of Magnolia Cottage, Kirkgate, Tydd St Giles
- Parish Council response - Pending
- Decision – Pending

Members expressed concern regarding the loss of natural habitat, the over-development of Kirkgate and the transformation of the village gateway from rural to housing estate. They chose not to make a decision on either application until the views of the absent members had been heard.

It was agreed that the means of considering and commenting upon planning applications should be discussed at the next meeting.

715/18 Finance

- a) The financial statement for the period to the end of February was examined. Income of £43,416.81 was received. Expenditure of £19,121.77 was incurred. The outstanding VAT repayments have been received.

RESOLVED - to approve the financial statement to the end of February 2018.

b) The following payments were presented for approval:

CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd.....	£	24.00
DA Gibbs (Salary).....	£	300.00
DA Gibbs (Expenses).....	£	<u>72.72</u>
	£	396.72

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £396.72 be approved for payment.

716/18 Reports from Members

- a) Highways – In Cllr Hale-Smith’s absence, there was no report.
- b) Street Lighting – In Cllr Minney’s absence, there was no report. Details of tendering process for new lighting contractor awaited from FDC.
- c) Churchyard – The Community Payback team will visit the churchyard shortly to undertake routine maintenance work, comprising removal of ivy from trees, walls and monuments, removal of brambles and nettles, and clearing of the footpath.
- d) Trees – Trees and bushes on Redgate Road, Foul Anchor are growing over the road and touching vehicles passing by. Establishing ownership would be time-consuming and potentially costly, so it was agreed that the Council would arrange for them to be cut back, after consultation with the residents. The Clerk to write to residents explaining the proposal. Trees at Langdale Lodge, 1 High Broadgate covered by TPO 4/1975 require felling. Owner to submit application to FDC shortly to fell and replace two trees, but others will need felling later. FDC Tree Officer has approved works. Tree Officer has also contacted CCC Highways regarding condition of trees in Field Avenue.
- e) Allotments - Inspection and measuring of the allotments to take place when weather improves.
- f) Foul Anchor – Improvements to War Memorial still to be completed.
- g) Community Centre – A secure cabinet is required to house the CCTV system components. A larger cabinet would provide secure storage for important documentation. Cllr Carter to investigate and obtain quotes. The applications to the Grange Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund for £5,000 and National Lottery Awards for All for £10,000 were both successful. Work on the disabled car park extension will commence shortly. The Community Centre Management Committee has met with representatives of Tydd Football Club regarding future collaboration. It was suggested that the Parish Council meets with the Management Committee to discuss this.

717/18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 10th May in the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

NB – since this meeting the date of the next meeting has been deferred until Wednesday 16th May to allow for the completion of the internal audit of accounts.