

# TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 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 Hale-Smith, Cllr M Jupp, Cllr V Ware, Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr S King (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mrs Simpson (Parishioner)

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr G Minney, Cllr C Seaton (FDC)

## **718/18 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

- a) Election of Chair - Cllr Mallett was nominated by Cllr Ware, seconded by Cllr Taylor and duly elected. He signed the declaration of acceptance.
- b) Election of Vice Chair - Cllr Taylor was nominated by Cllr Jupp, seconded by Cllr Carter and duly elected. He signed the declaration of acceptance.
- c) Review and confirmation of standing orders and financial regulations - the Clerk reported that the Council has adopted standing orders and financial regulations, but that a newer version of the model standing orders is available, which will be considered at a forthcoming meeting.
- d) Confirmation of insurance arrangements - the Clerk confirmed that the Council's insurance policy covers all identified risks and is due for renewal at the end of May.
- e) Confirmation of the Council's register of assets as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 - the Clerk confirmed that the Council's register of assets was updated as part of the process of preparing the accounts and now comprises an accurate record of assets held.
- f) Confirmation of meeting dates for the municipal year - the following dates were agreed for meetings during the current municipal year:

Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> May.

## **719/18 Urgent Items**

Sapphire Close - a 2-bedroom property has become available for any tenant who qualifies under the local occupancy agreement.

## **720/18 Confirmation of Minutes**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

## **721/18 Matters Arising**

- a) Play equipment - Cllr Hale-Smith will carry out safety checks on the play equipment on a weekly basis and records will be kept on a checklist.
- b) Defibrillator - The defibrillator will be installed shortly. The Clerk will arrange training for volunteers.
- c) Planning Applications - The procedure for considering planning applications will be discussed by the Parish Council before the next meeting.

## **722/18 Police Matters**

Monthly updates for March and April were discussed. One theft was reported in March. General concerns included males behaving suspiciously outside properties and entering gardens and outdoor areas looking for scrap metal, tools etc. Large scale theft of snowdrop bulbs has also been reported. Fly-tipping remains a problem in the area.

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had attended an evening event at March Police station, hosted by the new Inspector, Ian Lombardo and the Sergeants who lead the new area teams.

Cllr Ware reported that the Community Contact Point discussed for either the Lunch Club or the Bowls Club did not take place. The Clerk offered to arrange a suitable date in the near future.

## **723/18 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 offices will relocate from Shire Hall, Cambridge to new premises at Alconbury to reduce costs. The lead time for the Local Highway Improvement scheme has been extended to allow officers additional time to develop schemes with the applicants. The deadline for 2019/20 will be 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. The County Council has considered introducing charges for Household Waste Recycling Centres, but any charges would apply to residents of other counties only.

## **724/18 Fenland District Councillor Reports**

Cllr King reported that the results of the District Council's Access Strategy consultation are being developed into specific proposals. The only significant change from the consultation is to the New Bridge Lane proposals, where plans are being altered to retain a potential route for the re-opening of the railway line.

## **725/18 Parishioner Issues**

Mrs Simpson expressed concerns regarding the ongoing works to Broad Drove East in connection with the Sapphire Close development and unannounced closures of the road.

## **726/18 Correspondence**

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

- Community Safety Partnership re link to survey on website
- CCC Highways re online ordering for grit refills for bins
- Cambridgeshire Police re meeting for Parish Council Chairmen, 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Mr Etherington re diversion of footpath, High Broadgate
- Leverington Parish Council re Media & Projects Officer vacancy
- Cambridgeshire ACRE re Village Halls & Community Buildings Conference, 9<sup>th</sup> May
- National Lottery Awards for All re application for disabled car park
- PKF Littlejohn re audit instructions and requirements
- Mr Pateman re Church wall repair, path resurfacing and churchyard maintenance
- Mark 1 Fencing re disabled car park
- CCC Highways roadworks and events bulletins
- CAPALC re national pay scales for Clerks 2018/19
- Ivan Cooper re internal audit
- FDC re street light maintenance tender process
- Clarion Housing re street light power supply at 27 Newgate Road
- Clarion Housing re Sapphire Close handover event

- Cambridgeshire ACRE re events for Clerks and Councillors
- FDC re confirmation of 5-year land supply
- FDC re Wisbech transport schemes consultation outcome
- Mrs Simpson re pedestrian access during closures of Broad Drove East
- Clarion Housing re vacant 2-bed property in Sapphire Close
- Kinderley School re new school sign
- CCC Highways re LHI 2019/20

## **727/18 Planning**

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

- F/YR18/0448/F - Erection of a 3 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings with garages - Land West of Fruit Lodge, Hannath Road, Tydd Gote

The Parish Council is unwilling to support this application. Members expressed concern regarding the unsuitable location of the proposed properties, their appearance, the uniformity of which is out of keeping with all other properties on Hannath Road, the lack of pavement on this part of Hannath Road where there is fast-moving traffic, and the possibility of setting a precedent for further development.

## **728/18 Finance**

- a) Approval of internal accounts for 2017/18 - the accounts were approved.
- b) Approval of the Governance and Management Risk Assessment - the Risk Assessment was approved.
- c) Approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 - the Annual Governance Statement was approved.
- d) Approval of the Accounting Statements 2017/18 - the Accounting Statements were approved.
- e) Approval of the internal audit report - the internal audit report was approved. No issues were raised.
- f) Confirmation of the dates for the period for the exercise of public rights - the period will commence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June and end on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July.
- g) To approve the following payments:

CGM Ltd (grounds maintenance) .....	£	546.62
E.On (phone box).....	£	23.44
Proludic Ltd (play equipment) .....	£	415.75
DA Gibbs (salary April and May).....	£	600.00
I Cooper (audit fee).....	£	130.00
O Williams (tree pruning).....	£	450.00
Fenland District Council (street light removal).....	£	180.00
Fenland District Council (bins).....	£	86.74
		<u>£2,432.55</u>

**RESOLVED** - that the above payments totalling £2,432.55 be approved for payment.

## **729/18 Reports from Members**

- a) Highways - Cllr Hale-Smith reported that the road surface in Chapel Lane was in a poor condition. He agreed to liaise with the site manager at Sapphire Close regarding future closures. Speedwatch training will be arranged shortly. The Community Gritting team will be discussed at the next meeting. He asked the Clerk to enquire about the delivery of the speed monitoring device to be provided by the County Council under LHI.
- b) Street Lighting - Cllr Minney reported that the County Council light in Newgate Road that had been off for some time is now working again.
- c) Churchyard - There is still no date for the Community Payback team to visit the churchyard to undertake routine maintenance work. A vehicle has collided with the end of the wall near the Old Post Office, causing significant damage.
- d) Trees - The trees on Redgate Road, Foul Anchor, have been cut back away from the road. Cllr Carter has inspected the tree in the churchyard nearest to Church Cottage. It is not causing any problems at present, but this will need to be monitored in the future. Cllr Carter will ask the Tree Officer, Graham Causey, to inspect all of the trees in the churchyard. Tree surgeons Arb-Core will be removing the trees at 1 High Broadgate this week and will be asked to cut back the trees on the Broad Drove East frontage of the Community Centre that are overhanging the highway. There are a number of trees along High Broadgate, some in private ownership, that are also overhanging the highway and the owners will need to be identified and asked to take action.
- e) Allotments - Inspection and measuring of the allotments to take place soon.
- f) Foul Anchor - A number of potholes on the road into Foul Anchor have been filled, probably by Lincolnshire highways. It was noted that a community Speedwatch group from Lincolnshire had been seen monitoring the speed of traffic on the A1101 at Tydd Gote
- g) Community Centre - The repainting of the roof will re-commence shortly. The work to extend the disabled car park is under way and should be completed next week. The edge of the dance floor in the hall has been repaired. Members of the Community Centre Management Committee have met with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the proposal from Tydd Football Club regarding future collaboration
- h) Waterway Walk - Meetings are still taking place to finalise the initial elements and to plan for the future. The Pumping Station will once again be open to the public on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September as part of the Heritage Open Weekend.

## **730/18 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm