

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held on Thursday 18th October 2018
in the Small Room of the Community Centre, Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles.

Present - Cllr R Mallett (Chairman), Cllr M Carter, Cllr M Jupp, Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr S King (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), Mr & Mrs Simpson, Mr & Mrs Maxwell (Parishioners)

Apologies for Absence - Cllr M Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Hale-Smith, Cllr G Minney, Cllr V Ware, Cllr C Seaton (FDC),

Public Time

Residents raised the issue of cracking of the road surface in Broad Drove East. Cllr King offered to report this matter to the local highways officers.

747/18 Urgent Items

None.

748/18 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

749/18 Matters Arising

- a) Play equipment - Cllr Hale-Smith has installed the new seats on the see-saw.
- b) Defibrillator - The defibrillator has been installed and the Clerk will arrange training for volunteers. A refresher course will also be provided for people who attended training at the Golf Club or other locations.
- c) Local Highway Improvement bid - The application for funding for speed reduction measures on Broad Drove East has been submitted. The Clerk will present the application to the assessment panel on 22nd November.
- d) Sapphire Close highway works - The installation of the new pavement and completion of other works has been delayed by legal matters. There is no start date for these works at present.

750/18 Police Matters

Monthly updates for July, August and September were discussed. As these reports are now being issued on a district-wide basis, with no parish data, it was agreed that they will no longer be included in the agenda for Parish Council meetings. Any relevant matters will be brought to the attention of the Council as they arise.

There have been several reports of hare coursing and lead theft from churches in recent months, including St Giles Church.

751/18 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King reported that he will be a member of the assessment panel for the Local Highway Improvement scheme, but will be unable to vote on applications from his own division. The backlog of highway repairs from last winter's unseasonably bad weather had been addressed. Gritting routes have been revised, but this will not affect Tydd St Giles. He mentioned that the

County Council is supporting the establishment of Community Gritting Schemes and snow clearance by farmers, both of which are being developed in Newton-in-the-Isle. These schemes are fully supported by the County Council, with no cost to the Parish Council, but rely on willing local volunteers.

Cllr King provided details of a funding opportunity for churches setting up social action projects from the Cinnamon Network, funded by the County Council through the Innovate & Cultivate Fund.

The Chairman asked Cllr King why the serious issues relating to the management and funding of the Fenland Association for Community Transport had not been picked up sooner. Cllr King explained that a previous investigation into FACT had found no evidence of wrongdoing and the legislation on driver licences in community transport organisations was unclear. As a board member of FACT, appointed by the District Council, Cllr King acknowledged that some board members had minor concerns about specific issues and that it is now obvious that things could have been done better. Changes have already been made and the vital work of the organisation must continue. For this reason, the County Council has agreed to continue funding FACT.

752/18 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr Clark reported that she has been discussing with Mrs Melloy the difficulty some older or less mobile people face in accessing their free flu jab. If suitable public transport is not available, the cost of a taxi may make the journey unaffordable. A programme of vaccinations in village halls and community centres may be a viable solution. It is too late to arrange anything for this winter, but the District Council's Golden Age team will look into this for future years.

753/18 Parishioner Issues

- a) Cats Lane - Pedestrian safety. Ms Racey reported that Cats Lane is an unlit road with no pavement and fast moving traffic, that presents a danger to anybody walking there after dark. The cost of installing a pavement, without funding from a third party, would be prohibitive, however street lighting may be an option. The Council agreed to consider this once the main programme of street light renewal has been completed.
- b) Footpath 8 - High Broadgate to Church Lane. On several occasions during the summer, walkers failed to follow the correct line of the path, as part of it became overgrown. The Clerk agreed to acquire waymarking discs from the County Council to mark out the route.
- c) Waterways Walk - motorbikes on open section. Mrs Savill reported seeing motorbikes or other motorised vehicles on the section of the waterways walk between Kirkgate Bridge and Church Lane Bridge. It was not possible to identify those responsible, but there appears to have been no recurrence of this issue. Residents in that area have been asked to report any further problems.
- d) Dangerous dog - Field Avenue. A dog being walked on a lead was attacked by another dog in Field Avenue, causing significant injury. The matter is in the hands of the Police, who are investigating with a view to charging the owner.

754/18 Churchyard

The Clerk explained that following further detailed investigation, it had been confirmed that the churchyard at St Giles Church has not been closed. This means that the Parochial Church Council, rather than the Parish Council, has full financial responsibility for its maintenance. The Chairman proposed that further discussion on this matter be deferred to the next meeting, when it is hoped all members will be present.

755/18 Allotments

It was resolved to increase the rent on the allotments in 2019, with a final figure to be confirmed once the allotments have been measured. The Clerk will write to the allotment holders asking them for their field maps from the Rural Payments Agency, showing the size of each holding. They will also be notified that rents will increase next year.

756/18 Street Lights

- a) Service Level Agreement - Following discussion, it was agreed that the Service Level Agreement offered by the District Council was the only viable option available to the Council for the maintenance of its street light stock. The Chairman signed the agreement on behalf of the Council.
- b) FPC3, 27 Newgate Road - A new power supply for this light has been created using an underground cable from the original source. This work was carried out by UK Power Networks at no cost to the Council.

Faulty lights in Church Lane have been reported, but are still not working. The light in Church Lane nearest Church Lane bridge has been replaced, but the vegetation around it is casting shadows along the road. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the hedge to ask for it to be cut back. The section of Hockland Road immediately to the west of the Crown & Mitre, including the Methodist Chapel, is in relative darkness. Consideration could be given to the installation of an additional street light, subject to an acceptable location being identified. To be considered once the main programme of street light renewal has been completed.

757/18 Correspondence

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

- CCC Highways re traffic orders for Kirkgate, Sutton Road, Middle Broad Drove, Park Road, Community Gritting Scheme, LHI Panel meeting
- CCC re 'Stronger for Longer' campaign for the elderly
- Cambridgeshire ACRE re AGM and Parish Council Conference
- Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire archives re temporary closure for relocation
- Cambridgeshire FA re football development
- Cambridgeshire Police RCAT re church lead theft
- CAPALC re training for Clerks and Councillors
- Care Network re database of social groups in Tydd St Giles
- CGM Group re damage to bollard in car park
- FDC re transport focus groups, consultations on polling districts and polling stations
- FDC Planning re Peer Review, Trees briefing, Affordable Housing briefing, planning training for Parish Councillors
- Brigstock & Wrens Charity re inclusion on Parish Council website
- East of England Ambulance Service Trust re defibrillator training
- Steve Barclay MP re Parish Council Round Table event
- North Brink Surgery re extended hours
- North Level District Internal Drainage Board re Tydd Pumping Station open day
- Street Pride re use of noticeboard

758/18 Planning

- a) Updates on the outcomes of applications previously considered:-
 - F/YR18/0505/F - Erection of stable block with store rooms attached - Land South of Sefton

House, Black Lane, Tydd St Giles
Parish Council response - No objection
Decision - Granted

F/YR18/0547/F - Erection of barn and stables, and formation of menage with 1.3m high surrounding fence and 6 x 4.0m high LED flood lights - Land South of Peartree Villa, Cross Drove, Tydd St Giles
Parish Council response - No response
Decision - Granted

F/YR18/0619/F - Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling - The Bungalow, Grangehill Road, Tydd St Giles
Parish Council response - No objection
Decision - Granted

F/YR18/0725/O - Erection of up to 2 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) - Land South West of Fern House, Swallow Lane, Four Gotes
Parish Council response - Not supported
Decision - Refused

F/YR18/0841/O - Erection of up to 4no dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) - Land West of Magnolia Cottage, Kirkgate, Tydd St Giles
Parish Council response - Not supported
Decision - Pending

b) Applications for consideration

F/YR18/0866/F - Part conversion/part demolition of existing barn and erection of a single-storey side extension to form a part 2-storey/part single-storey 4-bed dwelling, and the erection of a detached 2-bay car port - Barn South East of Ashdown, Cross Drove, Tydd St Giles
Parish Council response - Members agreed to support this application

c) Appeal decision

Appeal ref:-APP/D0515/W/18/3192582 re application F/YR17/0967 - Land North of The Gables, High Broadgate, Tydd St Giles
Original decision - Refused
Appeal decision - Appeal allowed and planning permission granted

759/18 Finance

- a) External auditor's report - the auditor confirmed that, from the information provided, he is satisfied that the Council's affairs are being managed in accordance with proper practices and he is not aware of any matters giving cause for concern. The level of reserves was highlighted as an issue for the Parish Council in setting future precepts, however this has already been addressed.
- b) Updated financial statement - The accounts to the end of September showed income of £12,912.11 and expenditure of £43,908.59, leaving a shortfall of £30,996.48 and balances in hand of £62,783.10.

- c) Kinderley School sign - The design of the sign was approved. It was noted that the cost had risen from the original estimate of £900 to £1,340. Members agreed to meet the full cost of the school sign, but not the additional cost of 'No Parking' signs.
- d) Approval of planning application for storage container - Members agreed to submit the application to provide additional storage capacity for outdoor equipment for the Community Centre.
- e) To approve the following payments due now:

CGM Group Ltd (grounds maintenance).....	£ 1,254.62
DA Gibbs (salary September and October)	£ 600.00
Brigstock & Wren's Charity (allotment rent)	£ 135.00
CAPALC (data protection officer subscription).....	£ 25.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit fee).....	£ 240.00
	<u>£ 2,254.62</u>

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £2,254.62 be approved for payment.

- f) To approve the following payments due before the next meeting:

CGM Group Ltd (grounds maintenance).....	£ 979.86
DA Gibbs (salary November and December).....	£ 600.00
Fenland District Council (bin collection)	£ 86.74
	<u>£ 1,666.60</u>

RESOLVED - that the above payments totalling £1,666.60 be approved for payment.

760/18 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - In Cllr Hale-Smith's absence, no report was received.
- b) Street Lighting - In Cllr Minney's absence, no report was received.
- c) Churchyard - The Community Payback team visited the churchyard on Saturday to undertake routine maintenance work, including ivy removal and nettle and bramble clearance. A complaint has been received from a resident in Kirkgate regarding the floodlight in the churchyard shining into their windows. This is not a Parish Council matter, but will be passed on to the PCC.
- d) Trees - Cllr Carter reported a number of overhanging trees and bushes obstructing pavements and roads, which may require attention. A full list will be compiled. The ownership and maintenance responsibility for the hedge on Broad Drove East opposite Sapphire Close needs to be clarified, as work will be required here shortly. Discussion of trees in the churchyard was deferred until the next meeting in view of the uncertainty highlighted in item 754/18.
- e) Allotments - See item 755/18.
- f) Foul Anchor - The Remembrance Service will take place on 11th November at 10.00am. The Environment Agency has undertaken grass cutting along the riverbank.
- g) Community Centre - The repainting of the roof has been completed and members resolved to pay the bill. The management committee will shortly be installing cigarette bins outside every fire exit to reduce the amount of cigarette litter on the Recreation Ground. A 25th Anniversary celebration event will take place in the Community Centre on Saturday 8th December.

- h) Play equipment - Equipment is now being inspected on a regular basis and all is in order.
The wooden shelter requires repairs to the roof.
- i) Waterways Walk - The Pumping Station Open Day on Saturday 15th September as part of the Heritage Open Weekend was a great success and will now become an annual event.
Meetings are taking place to develop further plans for the future.

761/18 Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.55pm