

# TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Present** - Cllr T Doyle (Chairman), Cllr C Brooks, Cllr M Carter, Cllr B Luck, Cllr K Malin, Cllr A Renshaw, Cllr S King (CCC) (until 092/21), Cllr S Clark (FDC) (until 100/21), D Gibbs (Clerk), B Dawson, D Grainger, M Holman, S Holman, C Ross (Parishioners)

**Apologies for Absence** - Cllr G Mathias, Cllr C Seaton (FDC)

**Public Time** - Mr Holman reported cars parked on pavements causing an obstruction. The Chairman mentioned that the Council has written to residents of Church Lane and could do so again. Mr Grainger asked whether the Council could assist in making provision for Ukrainian refugees. Cllr Clark confirmed that the District Council has responsibility for housing and would coordinate such activities. Mr Dawson offered to work with the Council to improve and maintain the roadside verge in Cats Lane. The Clerk will meet with him to discuss this further.

### **086/21 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman expressed the Council's sympathy for the people of Ukraine at this difficult time.

### **087/21 Urgent Items**

None.

### **088/21 Confirmation of Minutes**

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **089/21 Matters Arising**

- a) Defibrillators - The defibrillator at Foul Anchor did not need a new battery, but required new pads, which have now been installed.
- b) Sutton Bridge Power Fund - A grant application for the replacement of the local history signage in Foul Anchor was discussed. Cllr Mathias offered to lead this project with local residents.
- c) Parish Council e-mail accounts - The outstanding account has been set up.
- d) Green Dog Walker scheme - The District Council reported that two people expressed an interest in the scheme. No further action required.
- e) Drainage Issues - Work continues on the borehole in Hockland Road. The Clerk will check on progress regarding the foul water outlet into a dyke in Hockland Road.
- f) Parking in Church Lane - The Clerk noted that residents of Cornfields continue to park on the pavement. A reminder will be delivered.

- g) Parking at Church Lane, Hockland Road, Kirkgate junction - Members noted that several of the cars belong to residents of neighbouring properties. The Police have been asked to monitor the situation on routine visits to the village.
- h) Local Highway Improvements - The Clerk reported that the application for 2022/23 was considered by the assessment panel on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and their recommendations will be ratified by the Highways and Transport Committee at their April meeting. Representatives of five Parish Councils met with the Leader of the County Council to discuss the LHI scheme and a further meeting will be arranged in the near future.
- i) Dog waste bins - The new bins for Hall Bank, Fold Lane and Cats Lane should be installed soon. A new litter bin for High Broadgate will be ordered.
- j) Damage to play equipment - The damaged item has been repaired and Cllr Luck offered to repaint it.
- k) Maintenance of the churchyard - The Community Payback team is unable to attend due to Covid restrictions on shared use of vehicles.
- l) Allotments - A consultation is under way on allotment provision with a deadline of 30 April. The Leverington Feoffees may have land available in Tydd St Giles.
- m) Foul Anchor notice board - The area adjacent to the war memorial will be cleared by the Community Payback team when they are able to visit.
- n) Crown & Mitre public house - An application to designate the pub as an asset of community value will be submitted shortly.
- o) Trees in High Broadgate - The work has been completed.
- p) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - A meeting of representatives of village organisations took place on 9 February. Residents have been asked for ideas and offers of assistance. There has been a positive response and several ideas are being pursued. A goody bag of souvenirs will be offered to all children of primary school age and younger. The Council resolved to contribute up to £1,000 towards this.
- q) Annual Parish Meeting - The meeting will take place on either 28 April or 5 May, subject to the availability of the speakers. The Police, Neighbourhood Watch and the District Council's Emergency Planning Officer will be invited to speak.

### **090/21 Police Matters**

The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting with the Neighbourhood Sergeant. The modernisation of Wisbech Police Station has been completed and staff have returned to the building. The Community Safety Partnership has expanded its remit with new funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Neighbourhood Watch website now has many useful resources to help people to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

### **091/21 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**

Cllr King expressed his concern at the deteriorating situation in Ukraine and his support for projects to provide accommodation for refugees. He reported that the County Council's share of the Council Tax will increase by 4.99% this year, of which 3% is ring-fenced for adult social care. Funding has been allocated for new 20mph speed limits and criteria are being developed. Staffing levels in Highways remain low, especially in project delivery, and additional funding has been allocated for temporary staff. An allocation of funding for the

Communities Capital Fund was put forward in December, but was removed from the final budget, so this will not be available as anticipated. Details of an alternative funding stream will be announced in due course. Repainting works have commenced on Cross Keys Bridge and will continue until July.

### **092/21 Fenland District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Clark reported that the District Council will oversee the local delivery of the Government's scheme to house Ukrainian refugees, when details are announced. The first Golden Age Fair since the pandemic takes place in Gorefield on 1 April.

Cllr King left the meeting.

### **093/21 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received since the last meeting.

Fly-tipping has been reported in Hannath Road and at the entrance to the Quaney Field in Middle Broad Drove. The Drainage Board has given consent for a reduction in the 9 metre maintenance access to their dyke in Quaney Field. The recent storms have highlighted the importance of emergency planning, with a number of trees down in Tydd St Giles and prolonged power cuts in neighbouring villages. The pavement outside The Smithy in Hockland Road was repaired after a visitor tripped on it. A foodbank has been set up in the bus shelter in High Broadgate, with basic provisions left for those in need.

### **094/21 Working Group**

Cllr Renshaw reported that the Play Working Group was investigating the availability of funds and had hoped to apply to the County Council's Communities Capital Fund. They intend to consult the community for ideas regarding equipment in the coming months.

### **095/21 Data Gathering and Digital Mapping**

Cllr Luck reported that he had updated all known assets, but required assistance in clarifying the data and verifying the District Council's street light register. Options to make the data available publicly also need to be clarified.

### **096/21 Member and Parishioner Issues**

- a) Maintenance of public rights of way - A resident had reported difficulty in using footpaths 238/4 south of Kirkgate Bridge and 238/10 off Hall Bank due to farming activities. The Clerk has written to the farmer at Hall Bank and is hoping to identify the owner of the other field. Mr Grainger expressed concern regarding the presence of bulls on path 238/6. The Clerk will investigate.
- b) WI Jubilee tree planting - The WI has asked permission to plant a rowan tree on the Recreation Ground near the Community Centre. Members agreed to support the project.
- c) Meeting with Kinderley School - The Chairman reported that he had met with the Headteacher of the school. The school has reminded parents of the need to park responsibly when dropping off or collecting pupils. It was suggested that the Council might purchase character bollards to deter parking directly outside the school, but members resolved to wait and see whether other initiatives resolved the problem. Volunteers are required to form a new Governing Body for the school.

## 097/21 Policies and Procedures

Members considered the following draft policy documents prepared by the Clerk:-

- a) Equality and diversity policy.
- b) Homeworking policy.
- c) Expenses policy.

They resolved to adopt the documents.

## 098/21 Armed Forces Covenant

Members considered an invitation to sign the Armed Forces Covenant to demonstrate the Council's commitment to supporting current and former service personnel and their families. They resolved to sign the covenant.

## 099/21 Portfolio Responsibilities

The Chairman proposed that this item be deferred for further consideration and members agreed.

## 100/21 Finance

- a) The Clerk presented the financial statement as at the end of February, showing income of £20,444.00, expenditure of £25,667.83, resulting in a shortfall of £5,223.83, and funds held of £33,851.30.

- b) Members ratified the following payments made since the last meeting:-

D Gibbs (salary February) .....	£	716.03
Fenland Leisure Products (play equipment repair) .....	£	599.56
North Level District Internal Drainage Board (access byelaw consent) .....	£	50.00
		<u>£ 1,365.59</u>

- c) Members approved the following payments:-

D Gibbs (salary March plus backpay) .....	£	849.30
D Gibbs (expenses) .....	£	322.99
HMRC (national insurance) .....	£	7.13
Tydd St Giles Community Centre and Recreation Ground (hall hire) .....	£	60.00
East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (defib pads) .....	£	58.20
CAPALC Ltd (affiliation fee) .....	£	473.04
		<u>£ 1,770.69</u>

- d) Members resolved not to consider potential funding applications until the County Council has clarified the details of new funding streams.

Cllr Clark left the meeting.

## 101/21 Planning

- a) Members considered the following applications:-

F/YR22/0268/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/1008/O to erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 4-bed) - Land East of 17 Newgate Road, Tydd St Giles

Members resolved to offer no objection.

F/YR22/0270/F - Erect a detached double garage/workshop with storage over involving demolition of existing garage and kennels - Fir Tree Farm, Bees Lane, Tydd St Giles

Members resolved to offer no objection.

b) Members noted the following application:-

F/YR22/0236/AG1 - Erect an agricultural storage building - Land South West of Rubylin, Church Lane, Tydd St Giles

### **102/21 Speed Monitoring**

The Clerk presented a report on data recorded by the MVAS speed monitoring device in Kirkgate, Newgate Road, and High Broadgate as follows:-

#### Kirkgate

Monitoring period	11.7.21 to 15.8.21 (35 days)
Number of vehicles	13,079
Maximum / 85 <sup>th</sup> percentile / average speeds	85 / 40 / 31.39mph
Violations / prosecutable / disqualification	1,629 / 480 / 5 vehicles

#### Newgate Road

Monitoring period	5.9.21 to 16.10.21 (40 days)
Number of vehicles	13,555
Maximum / 85 <sup>th</sup> percentile / average speeds	68 / 36 / 28.21mph
Violations / prosecutable / disqualification	6,114 / 2,988 / 6 vehicles

#### High Broadgate

Monitoring period	2.12.21 to 13.1.22 (42 days)
Number of vehicles	7,401
Maximum / 85 <sup>th</sup> percentile / average speeds	73 / 36 / 28.5mph
Violations / prosecutable / disqualification	2,864 / 1,460 / 6 vehicles

Further analysis of the data will provide details of priority times for enforcement action. Members noted that the data demonstrates the need for a Speedwatch group in the village and further efforts will be made to identify suitable volunteers for this purpose.

### **103/21 Street Lights**

Consideration of options for the replacement of street lights was deferred to a future meeting.

### **104/21 Reports from Members**

- a) Highways - Cllr Mathias will include the condition of pavements on his next routine inspection. It was noted that the construction of a new house in Hockland Road has caused damage to the pavement which will need to be rectified by the developer.
- b) Street Lights - Cllr Luck reported outstanding queries on lights requiring repair or replacement. The Clerk will pursue these.
- c) Churchyard - Cllr Doyle reported that bulbs have been planted in the green burial area.
- d) Trees - See 089/21(o).
- e) Foul Anchor - See 089/21(b) and (m).
- f) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that a consultant was investigating options for the replacement of the heating system with a cheaper greener solution. The Clerk advised members that the Council had been paying the cost of the commercial waste removal service for the Community Centre for many years. The protocol signed by the two

parties requires the Community Centre to assume responsibility for all costs. Members resolved to transfer the waste contract to the Community Centre charity.

- g) Waterway Walk - The Clerk reported that he had met with the Drainage Board to discuss the possible reopening of the permissive walkway. Further details will be available for the next meeting. The Tydd Gote Pumping Station will be open to the public on Saturday 17 September as part of the Heritage Open Days weekend.

#### **105/21 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be confirmed in due course.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm