

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 7th July 2022

Present - Cllr G Mathias (Chairman), Cllr C Brooks, Cllr M Carter, Cllr B Luck, Cllr K Malin, Cllr A Renshaw, Cllr S King (CCC), Cllr S Clark (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), 32 members of the public

Apologies for Absence - Cllr T Doyle, Cllr M Humphrey (FDC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC)

021/22 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Mathias welcomed everybody to the meeting and explained the rules relating to public participation.

022/22 Urgent Items

None.

023/22 Confirmation of Minutes

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- c) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 23rd June 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

024/22 Matters Arising

- a) Drainage Issues - No further progress.
- b) Parking in Church Lane - The Police will be monitoring this on routine visits.
- c) Parking at Church Lane, Hockland Road, Kirkgate junction - The Police will monitor the situation on routine visits to the village.
- d) Dog waste bins and litter bins - The new dog bins for Hall Bank, Fold Lane and Cats Lane have been installed but one of them is in the wrong place and will be moved. The new litter bin for High Broadgate has also been installed.
- e) Maintenance of the churchyard - The Community Payback team has recommenced operation. The Clerk has asked them to attend.
- f) Allotments - A meeting will be arranged with parishioners who have expressed interest in having an allotment.
- g) Foul Anchor notice board - The area adjacent to the war memorial will be cleared by the Community Payback team shortly.
- h) Crown & Mitre public house - The Chairman reported that the application to add the Crown & Mitre to the District Council's register of community assets had been successful. He thanked the Clerk for preparing the application and Cllr Clark for her support as ward councillor.

- i) Sewage in dyke, Hockland Road - The Clerk reported that the District Council's Environmental Health team had taken action to rectify the situation.
- j) Footbridge on footpath 238/11 off Chapel Lane - The Clerk reported that remedial work is due to take place shortly.

025/22 Police Matters

The Clerk reported that he had met with the Neighbourhood Sergeant. The reorganisation of the local policing teams has been completed and all vacant positions have been filled. The recent presence of an armed response unit in the village was precautionary and no action was taken. Cllr Malin reported that he had attended a round table meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner at which the availability of the Community Payback teams was promoted.

026/22 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King reported that the timetable for the Local Highway Improvements scheme for 2023/24 had been agreed, commencing on 3 October with a deadline of 18 November. A review of the LHI process was underway and members were invited to submit comments. The budget for LHI schemes has been increased by 1.6% for the next bidding round. The repainting of Cross Keys Bridge has been completed.

027/22 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr Clark congratulated the Council on the designation of the Crown & Mitre as an asset of community value.

028/22 Clerk's Report

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

Road closures will be in place at the junction of Hockland Road, High Broadgate and Hall Bank from 18 to 22 July, Cats Lane from 28 to 29 July and a traffic order has been issued for Hannath Road until January 2024 to facilitate the different elements of a surface dressing programme for the entire length of the road.

029/22 Play Equipment Working Group

The group continues to explore options for funding.

030/22 Data Gathering and Digital Mapping

Work is ongoing.

031/22 Member and Parishioner Issues

- a) Tree obscuring street light, Hockland Road - Members asked the Clerk to write to the resident to ask them to cut the tree back from the light. Cllr Brooks reported a similar problem in Church Lane which will be investigated.

032/22 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Members reported that the Jubilee events had been highly successful, despite the inclement weather on the Sunday and they were pleased to see so many residents taking part. They thanked all who had helped to provide the programme of events. Cllr King also congratulated those involved in the events he had visited.

033/22 Portfolio Responsibilities

The Chairman proposed that a separate meeting be held to discuss this.

034/22 Planning

Members considered the following applications:-

F/YR22/0724/F - Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) and 1 x block of 3 x commercial units with ATM (Class E(a)/Sui-Generis) and 1-bed flat above, and the formation of a new access - Land South West of Sapphire Close, accessed from Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles

There is widespread support from both the Council and the community for a village shop, however members expressed concern regarding the current proposal. The applicant has not made himself known to the community or the Council or provided any details of the intended use of the proposed development. Members of the Council voiced their concerns about the scale of the proposed development, the residential elements of the scheme, car parking, and ownership of the access road. Due to the lack of detail provided by the applicant, the Council resolved not to support this application in its current form.

F/YR22/0725/VOC - Variation of condition 09 (site plan reference) and 20 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR21/1050/F (Erect 7 x 3-storey 5-bed dwellings with detached garages) to enable design changes for plot 2 - Land North of Coach Works, Hockland Road, Tydd St Giles

Members resolved to offer no objection.

F/YR22/0746/O - Erect up to 2 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) - Land East of Allenby Farm, Broad Drove West, Tydd St Giles

Members noted that a similar application was submitted last year under reference F/YR21/1412/O which was not supported by the Parish Council and subsequently refused. The current application is, in all material respects, a resubmission of the previous application. The objections put forward by the Parish Council last year remain valid for this application, namely that they consider the application to be an unwarranted incursion into open countryside, contrary to policies LP3 and LP12. The applicant has not provided any evidence of need to mitigate the introduction of substantial executive-style housing in a remote location in a small village. The development would be detrimental to the open character of the location and would set a precedent for further unsustainable development. Members resolved not to support the application.

035/22 Finance

a) The Clerk presented the financial statement as at the end of June showing income of £8,276.56, expenditure of £7,764.07, resulting in a surplus of £512.49 and funds held of £32,276.38.

b) Members noted the following sums received since the last meeting:-

Barclays Bank (interest).....	£	1.56
Crowdfunder Ltd (jubilee plaque)	£	481.74
TM Doyle (jubilee plaque).....	£	293.26
	£	776.56

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

Information Commissioner (registration fee)	£	35.00
D Gibbs (salary June).....	£	669.55
The CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£	445.72
KA & AS Thrower (jubilee plaque).....	£	775.00
Tydd St Giles CC & RG (hall hire)	£	268.00

Citizens Advice Rural Cambs (Section 137 grant)	£	300.00
NEST (pension contributions)	£	<u>130.90</u>
		£ 2,624.17

d) Members approved the following payments:-

D Gibbs (salary July)	£	669.55
The CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£	445.72
TM Doyle (jubilee expenses).....	£	<u>371.38</u>
		£ 1,486.65

e) Members discussed the forthcoming closure of the Wisbech branch of Barclays Bank. They resolved to close the Barclays accounts and open an account with NatWest Group.

f) Members reviewed the list of authorised signatories and resolved that the signatories for the new account should be Cllrs Doyle, Mathias and Renshaw and the Clerk. They also approved the use of a dual authorisation online payment system.

036/22 Speed Monitoring

Members reviewed the data provided by the Clerk from Church Lane, outside Kinderley School. They noted that whilst the average speed was in line with the limit, a significant number of vehicles registered excessive speeds. In view of this, it was agreed that the Police be asked to carry out enforcement at this location once the school reopens in September. Cllr King advised members that the County Council is launching a new scheme to introduce 20mph limits outside schools, for which this location may be suitable.

037/22 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - Cllr Mathias inspected the roads and footpaths and submitted a report to Cllr King. The Clerk noted that the village grass cut had taken place.
- b) Street Lights - Cllr Luck updated members on inspections and matters reported since the last meeting.
- c) Churchyard - In Cllr Doyle's absence, there was no report.
- d) Trees - nothing further to report.
- e) Foul Anchor - See 024/22(g).
- f) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that the bar is now operating successfully and generating much-needed revenue for the charity. A large caravan rally will take place on the Recreation Ground next week.
- g) Waterway Walk - The Clerk reported that the permissive walkway along the North Level Main Drain reopened on 1 June. The Tydd Pumping Station will be open on Saturday 17 September as part of the Heritage Open Weekend.

038/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm