

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 10th November 2022

Present - Cllr G Mathias (in the Chair), Cllr M Carter, Cllr B Luck, Cllr K Malin, Cllr A Renshaw, D Gibbs (Clerk), 20 members of the public

Apologies for Absence - Cllr C Brooks, Cllr T Doyle, Cllr S King (CCC), Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC)

Public Time - Mr Horspool raised concerns regarding the measurement of parish land at Quaney Field and the inclusion of uncultivated areas in the tenancy agreement. The Clerk will investigate and respond accordingly.

Mr Grainger noted that items mentioned during conversations at a previous meeting were not recorded in the minutes. The Clerk advised him that the minutes are not a verbatim account of the proceedings.

056/22 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Mathias welcomed everybody to the meeting. In view of the public interest in the planning applications, he announced that agenda item 067/22 would be taken first.

057/22 Urgent Items

None.

058/22 Confirmation of Minutes

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st September 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2022 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

059/22 Matters Arising

- a) Drainage Issues - All drains in the village have been cleaned but some outlying ones may have been overlooked. Work is ongoing in Hockland Road.
- b) Allotments - A list of potential sites will be brought to the January meeting.
- c) Former village school - The Clerk reported that the District Council is considering the request to issue a notice under Section 215 of the Town & Country Planning Act.

060/22 Police Matters

The Clerk reported that no meetings had taken place.

061/22 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr King submitted a written report. Cats eyes on Church Lane will be replaced if they meet the Highways Operating Standards criteria. The rusty supporting post on the directional signs at the junction of Hockland Road and Cats Lane has been replaced. A new round of Cultivate Cambs grants has been launched with a deadline of 16 December.

062/22 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr Clark reported that the District Council was concerned about Home Office plans to place asylum seekers in the Rose and Crown Hotel. The decision will be challenged in the courts. Increases in energy costs have impacted upon the Council's leisure centres, particularly the swimming pools, and cost-cutting measures will be required, possibly including a reduction in opening hours and staffing levels.

063/22 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received, including a planning training session on enforcement, community gritting scheme applications, Fenland District Council cost of living support events and free energy-saving home improvements, community safety drop-ins, and the national pay award for local government for 2022/23.

064/22 Play Equipment Working Group

Cllr Mathias will submit a report to the January meeting.

065/22 Data Gathering and Digital Mapping

Cllr Luck reported that he is continuing to work with the online mapping system and will use it to assist the Clerk in measuring Quaney Field.

066/22 Member and Parishioner Issues

- a) Request for dropped kerb at High Broadgate/Broad Drove East junction - The Clerk reported that a request had been received from a resident for a crossing to facilitate access to the Community Centre. To be considered under item 070/22 as a potential project for LHI funding.
- b) Parish Council elections 2023 - The Clerk reminded members that elections for the District and Parish Councils will take place on 4 May.

067/22 Planning

Members considered the following applications:-

F/YR22/0724/F - Construction of building containing three units for use as a hot food takeaway (unit 1); retail shop with post office (unit 2) and retail convenience store (unit 3) with a one bedroom flat above units 1 and 2, with vehicular access, car park to the front and delivery and turning area to the rear with 1.8 metre close boarded boundary screening. - Land South West of Sapphire Close, Accessed From Broad Drove East, Tydd St Giles (re-consultation)

Several local residents addressed the meeting, speaking both for and against the proposed development. Concerns raised by members of the Council and residents included the viability of the three shops, the concerns raised by the Police in respect of the ATM, the opening hours of the proposed hot food takeaway, ownership of the access road, and the need for lighting. Members were informed by the landowner that the applicant is an experienced businessman capable of delivering the proposed uses and that the access road to the development will remain the property of the landowner. In view of the Parish Council's desire to see a village shop return to the village and the level of public support for a village shop, 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 (re-consultation)

Members noted that they have previously considered this application twice under references F/YR21/1412/O and the current reference F/YR22/0746/O. On both occasions, they resolved not to support the applications. No material changes have been submitted for the re-consultation. Members' views have been consistent throughout. 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.

F/YR22/1005/VOC - Variation of condition 14 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR17/0886/F (Erection of a 3-storey 5/6 bed dwelling with attached double garage with gym/annexe over and formation of a new vehicular access) in relation to landscaping - Land North of Hollingworth House, Hockland Road, Fronting Cats Lane, Tydd St Giles (re-consultation)

Members noted that the site originally contained a continuous screen of mature trees to the rear and the planning consent granted in 2018 required these trees to be protected and retained. The plans also included the addition of a continuous hedgerow of mixed native species along the entire rear boundary of the site. The revised proposal still bears no resemblance to the agreed plans and for this reason, the Council is unable to support it.

F/YR22/1223/VOC - Variation of condition 4 (access), condition 7 (layout, siting, drainage, parking, turning area), condition 8 (approved plans) of planning permission F/YR16/0258/O (Erect 1 dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access)) and, variation of condition 3 (parking/turning area layout/surfacing), condition 5 (driveway/access), condition 9 (approved plans) of planning permission F/YR19/0560/RM (Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission (F/YR16/0258/O) - relating to new access arrangements - Land East of Field House, Hockland Road, Tydd St Giles

Members resolved to offer no objection.

068/22 Finance

a) The Clerk presented the financial statement as at the end of October showing income of £24,657.89, expenditure of £19,044.40, resulting in a surplus of £5,613.49 and funds held of £37,377.38.

b) Members noted the National Agreement on Local Government Salaries for 2022/23 which includes an increase of £1 per hour for all grades.

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

Barclays Bank (interest).....	£	6.39
Fenland District Council (precept).....	£	7,500.00
R Horspool (rent).....	£	2,416.98
H Howlett (rent).....	£	3,666.96
		<u>£13,590.33</u>

d) Members ratified the following payments issued since the last meeting:-

PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit fee).....	£	240.00
The CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£	222.86
Tydd St Giles CC&RG (hall hire)	£	92.50
Brigstock & Wren's Charity (rent)	£	135.00
D Gibbs (salary October).....	£	669.55
NEST (pension contributions)	£	130.90
		<u>£ 1,490.81</u>

e) Members approved the following payments:-

The CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd (grounds maintenance)	£	248.66
D Gibbs (salary November and backpay).....	£	988.49
NEST (pension contributions)	£	193.41
		<u>£ 1,430.56</u>

- f) Members reviewed the report of the External Auditor. No issues were raised requiring their attention.
- g) The Clerk reminded members of the need to consider items for inclusion in next year's budget, which will be finalised at the January meeting.

069/22 Policies and Procedures

Members reviewed the following policies and procedures and resolved to re-adopt them:

- a) Complaints Procedure
- b) Grievance Policy
- c) Disciplinary Policy

070/22 Highways

- a) Local Highway Improvement scheme 2023/24 - Members discussed three options; a third chicane in Church Lane, village gateway signage or a dropped kerb at the junction of High Broadgate and Broad Drove East. They resolved to submit an application for the dropped kerb. The Clerk will prepare and submit the application.
- b) Speed monitoring - The Clerk presented data from the MVAS device in Church Lane outside Kinderley School, as follows:

Speed limit - 30mph

Number of vehicles - 13,766

Minimum speed - 5mph

Maximum speed - 86mph

Average speed - 29.2mph

85th percentile speed - 37mph

Number over speed limit - 46.55% - 6,408 vehicles

Number over prosecutable limit (10%+2 above limit) - 25.39% - 3,495 vehicles

Number over disqualification limit (30mph above limit) - 0.12% - 17 vehicles

071/22 Reports from Members

- a) Highways - Cllr Mathias is inspecting and will report faults.
- b) Street Lights - Cllr Luck reported that there are 5 faults outstanding.
- c) Churchyard - It is hoped that the outstanding removal of vegetation can take place during the winter months.
- d) Trees - nothing further to report.
- e) Foul Anchor - awaiting a visit from the Payback team.
- f) Community Centre - Cllr Carter reported that the Christmas Fair will take place on 26 November. A fish and chip van will visit the Community Centre between 3.30 and 5.30 every Thursday.
- g) Waterway Walk - nothing to report.

072/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm