

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 10th July 2025

Present - Cllr K Malin (in the Chair), Cllr M Connell, Cllr L Slade, Cllr A Osborn (CCC), D Gibbs (Clerk), 8 members of the public

Apologies for Absence - Cllr T Brown, Cllr M Carter, Cllr G Clifton, Cllr B Barber (FDC), Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC)

019/25 Chairman's Announcements

None.

020/25 Public Forum

A resident enquired about the grass cutting schedule for the Recreation Ground. The Clerk will check.

021/25 Urgent Items

None.

022/25 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th May be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

023/25 Matters Arising

- a) Bus service - No update.
- b) Community Gritting scheme - Still awaiting the delivery of the equipment.
- c) Community Speed Watch group - The group is ready to start work once the volunteers have completed the online training and completed their registration forms.
- d) Bird deflectors on overhead power lines - UK Power Networks will visit to assess the site.
- e) Former Village School - The Clerk is preparing a report for submission to the District Council.
- f) Planning Committee and Parish Land Committee Terms of Reference - Members resolved to adopt the revised documents.
- g) Water quality in the Shire Drain - The Clerk has mapped possible sources of pollution and spoken to the North Level District Internal Drainage Board. Further investigation is required.
- h) Overgrown wasteland between Newgate Road and Field Avenue - No work has taken place. The Clerk will contact Clarion Housing Group for an update.
- i) Overgrown watercourse adjacent to Sapphire Close - The Clerk has discussed this with the North Level District Internal Drainage Board who have confirmed that it is a riparian watercourse, meaning that each of the adjoining owners or tenants is responsible for maintaining a part of the watercourse adjacent to their land.

024/25 Police Matters

The Clerk reported that Cambridgeshire Constabulary has reintroduced the practice of designated neighbourhood officers. PC David Lovitt is the designated officer for Tydd St Giles and will be attending events in the village to provide opportunities for residents to voice their concerns.

025/25 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

Cllr Osborn explained that he had nothing to report in Tydd St Giles, but mentioned that he is working to speed up the repairs to Clough Cross Bridge in Parson Drove.

026/25 Fenland District Councillor Reports

In the absence of the District Councillors, the Clerk reported that the Pride in Fenland awards ceremony had taken place and that Jane Melloy, a resident of the Parish, had received a Lifetime Achievement Award for her many roles in the local community.

027/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received, including a National Grid consultation on the Eastern Green Link proposals. He reminded Members that a consultation on the Grimsby-Walpole proposal will take place in the Community Centre on 19 July.

Correspondence included traffic order for a closure of Cross Drove on 8 August, confirmation of the timing of the County Council's Local Highway Improvements applications, which will be presented to the Highways and Transport Committee meeting on 14 October, followed by technical assessment by the end of June 2026, to be delivered by Christmas 2026, an appeal for Food Waste volunteers to promote the new household food waste collection service in local communities, the election of Cllr Brenda Barber as Chair and Cllr Sam Clark as Vice Chair of the District Council, the release of a new edition of Local Councils Explained by the National Association of Local Councils, advance notification of Anglian Water's main replacement works affecting several roads in the Parish during the autumn, and Conrad Energy notification of abnormal loads passing along the A1101.

028/25 Reports from Members

- a) Cllr Allen - Communications, Foul Anchor and Four Gotes - In Cllr Allen's absence, there was no report.
- b) Cllr Carter - In Cllr Carter's absence, there was no report.
- c) Cllr Connell - Highways - The surface dressing of Church Lane has been completed. It was also reported that the surface dressing of the B1165 from the Church to Tretton Bridge and the whole of Hockland Road will take place in summer 2026. Preparatory work will start either this autumn or early spring.
- d) Cllr Malin - Armed forces and flooding - Nothing to report.
- e) Cllr Clifton - Public rights of way, churchyard, trees - In Cllr Clifton's absence, there was no report.
- f) Cllr Slade - Street lights and parish assets - The new street light in Kirkgate has been installed to illuminate the crossing between the two pavements. Cllr Slade and the Clerk carried out a visual inspection of all of the lights and identified nine older bracket lights to be upgraded using funds allocated in this year's budget.

029/25 Member and Parishioner Issues

- a) Parking at Kinderley School - extension of zig-zag lines. Following the surface dressing of Church Lane, the original zig-zag lines were repainted, however it was noted that the school now has a new pedestrian entrance in the southern corner of the site which has no parking restrictions outside. It has been suggested that the zig-zag lines should be extended to encompass this area. It is not clear whether this request came from the school, so the Clerk was asked to liaise with the Headteacher.
- b) Vacant allotments - weed growth and future use. There are three allotments that are currently unoccupied and the tenants of the occupied allotments have complained about weed growth and blown seed. A long term solution is required. Cllr Malin suggested that the Land Committee be asked to resolve this matter.
- c) Sapphire Close - vacant properties. The Clerk reported that two properties had become vacant in Sapphire Close and that there is significant interest from applicants with a qualifying local connection to the Parish, so it is likely that both properties will be allocated under the local occupancy scheme. Clarion Housing Group is evaluating the applications and will allocate the properties accordingly.

030/25 Annual Parish Meeting

There was no specific feedback.

031/25 Play Equipment Inspection

There were no significant matters of concern. The aerial ropeway requires further inspection, including dismantling, examination and re-tensioning of the cable. Members asked the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

032/25 Street Lights

Cllr Slade reminded Members that a street light has been found at the junction of Hannath Road and Sutton Road, Tydd Gote that does not appear on any previous records and therefore is not maintained by anybody. Members reiterated their previous view that this light appears to be a County Council light and the Parish Council has no interest in adopting it.

033/25 Planning

- a) F/YR25/0443/F - Erect a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling - Foxs Barn, Hall Bank, Tydd St Giles.

Members resolved to offer no objection.

- b) F/YR25/0495/F - Erect 1 x self-build/custom build dwelling with garage, and a detached ancillary annexe involving the demolition of existing dwelling - Poplar Tree Farm, Cross Drove, Tydd St Giles.

Members resolved to offer no objection.

- c) F/YR25/0256/F - Erect 1 x dwelling and garage - Land North of Hollingworth House, fronting Cats Lane, Tydd St Giles (re-consultation).

The Council objected to this application in response to the original consultation in April and the minor amendments now proposed have no bearing on the substance of that objection. Members resolved to reiterate their previous objection.

034/25 Consultations

Members considered the following consultations and resolved accordingly:

- a) Local Government Reorganisation - Members discussed the three options. No response required.
- b) Public Rights of Way Hierarchy - Members agreed to examine the documentation in more detail to determine a response.
- c) Grimsby to Walpole Stage 2 consultation - Opportunity to respond through the forthcoming public consultation event.
- d) Great Collaboration climate and environmental survey - The Clerk will respond to the initial survey.

035/25 Finance

- a) The Clerk presented the financial statement as at the end of June showing income of £15,871.20, expenditure of £14,732.68, resulting in a surplus of £1,138.52 and funds held of £50,502.33.
- b) Members noted the quarterly bank reconciliation for the period to the end of June.
- c) Members noted the following sums received since the last meeting:-

Barclays Bank (interest).....	£ 62.36
Fenland District Council (concurrent functions grant)	£ 2,791.00
Fenland District Council (recycling credits).....	£ 167.84

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

Fenland Leisure Products Ltd (play equipment).....	£11,180.40
NEST (pension contributions)	£ 302.86
Information Commissioner (registration)	£ 47.00

- e) Members approved the following payments:-

D Gibbs (salary June and July)	£ 1,547.94
Nurture Landscapes Ltd (grass cutting)	£ 1,599.69
Fenland District Council (street lighting)	£ 7,800.09
CAPALC Ltd (subscription)	£ 517.37
Tydd St Giles CC&RG (hall hire)	£ 138.00

The Clerk advised Members that in previous years the Council has opted to transfer the recycling credits payment to the Community Centre charity. Members discussed the need to identify funds to address the allotment issues highlighted under 029/25(b) and resolved to allocate the recycling credits to the Land Committee for this purpose.

- f) Members noted the contract price increase of 8% from Nurture Landscapes Ltd with effect from 1st July.

036/25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm