

# **TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Present** - Cllr T Brown (Chairman), Cllr B Allen, Cllr M Carter, Cllr G Clifton, Cllr K Malin, Cllr L Slade, Cllr B Barber (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), 9 members of the public

**Apologies for Absence** - Cllr M Connell, Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC)

### **036/25 Chairman's Announcements**

None.

### **037/25 Public Forum**

A resident noted that the repainting of the white line and other markings in Church Lane had not been completed. The Clerk will check. The locations of the proposed National Grid temporary lorry passing places was questioned. It is hoped that National Grid will address the concerns raised during the recent consultation. A pothole was reported at the junction of Newgate Road, Broad Drove East and High Broadgate. The Clerk will report this. Questions were asked about the former village school and the part-built house on Kirkgate. The Chairman confirmed that the Council is discussing enforcement action with the District Council.

### **038/25 Urgent Items**

The Chairman proposed that the Council purchase four British Legion Tommy figures to be placed around the village. Cllr Carter suggested that Foul Anchor be included. Members agreed to purchase five figures at a cost of £145 each.

### **039/25 Confirmation of Minutes**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **040/25 Matters Arising**

- a) Bus service - The Chairman proposed that a survey be drafted to confirm current and future demand for the bus service.
- b) Community Gritting scheme - The Clerk will re-register for this year's scheme.
- 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 - The Clerk will contact UK Power Networks to encourage them to take action.
- e) Former Village School - The Clerk is preparing a report for submission to the District Council.
- f) Water quality in the Shire Drain - No evidence of sewage pollution has been found, so this may have been an isolated incident, but it will be monitored to see if there is an ongoing issue.

- g) Overgrown wasteland between Newgate Road and Field Avenue - No work has taken place. The Clerk will contact Clarion Housing Group for an update.
- h) Parking outside Kinderley School - The Headteacher has confirmed that the school would like the zigzag lines to be extended.

#### **041/25 Police Matters**

The Chairman and Clerk met the new Neighbourhood Police Officer. He will be attending events in the village to provide opportunities for residents to voice their concerns.

#### **042/25 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report**

In Cllr Osborn's absence, there was no report.

#### **043/25 Fenland District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Barber reminded Members that grants are available for electrical safety projects. More volunteers are required for the Street Pride Litter Picks to support the usual three regular attendees.

#### **044/25 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on correspondence received, including traffic orders for the closure of Black Dyke, Park Road and Black Lane from 1 September to 24 October, and for the pre-surface dressing works in Cats Lane and Hockland Road from 1 October onwards, invitations to the District Council Chairman's Civic Reception and Coffee Morning, a Golden Age Fair at Wisbech St Mary on 26 September, and the annual Open Day at Tydd Pumping Station on 13 September.

#### **045/25 Reports from Members**

- a) Cllr Allen - Communications, Foul Anchor and Four Gotes - Cllr Allen reported subsidence in the road surface on the A1101 at Four Gotes.
- b) Cllr Carter - Community Centre and Play Equipment - Cllr Carter reported that the new LED lighting had reduced the Centre's energy costs significantly. The monthly Coffee Morning is well-attended.
- c) Cllr Connell - Highways - In Cllr Connell's absence, there was no report.
- d) Cllr Malin - Armed forces and flooding - Cllr Malin promoted the next Armed Forces Breakfast at Bygones restaurant.
- e) Cllr Clifton - Public rights of way, churchyard, trees - Cllr Clifton reported that the churchyard is looking good. He will be checking the TPO register of preserved trees with the Clerk shortly.
- f) Cllr Slade - Street lights and parish assets - Nothing to report. The Clerk will ask the District Council for an update on the street light that was removed from High Broadgate without consultation.

#### **046/25 Member and Parishioner Issues**

Churchyard grass cutting - request to cut additional area. The Churchwarden has asked whether the Parish Council could arrange for the meadow at the end of the churchyard to be cut by the Council's contractor. Members asked the Clerk to obtain a quote for this.

#### **047/25 Play Equipment Inspection**

- a) Members approved a quote of £568.60 from Online Playgrounds for the service and re-tensioning of the aerial cableway.
- b) Members considered three quotes for the fence around the under 5s play area. They resolved to accept a quote of £5,757.34 plus £95 delivery from Fencing Direct with an additional £366 for the post mix. The shortfall in the budget will be taken from reserves.

#### **048/25 Community Centre**

- a) Members resolved to accept a quote of £2,138 from Emmerson Doors for the replacement fire doors in the south east corner of the main hall.
- b) Members resolved to ask the Clerk to prepare and submit an application to the National Lottery Awards for All programme for funds to repair and recoat the roof of the Community Centre.

#### **049/25 Planning**

- a) F/YR25/0596/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR23/0935/O to erect 1 x dwelling and the formation of an access - Land North of Greenacres, Hannath Road, Tydd Gote.

Members resolved to offer no objection.

- b) F/YR25/0641/CERTLU - Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing): Change of use of land for the siting of 1 x residential mobile home - Land at Crane Cottage, Cross Drove, Tydd St Giles.

Members resolved to offer no objection.

#### **050/25 Consultations**

Members considered the following consultations and resolved accordingly:

- a) Local Nature Recovery Strategy - Due to the short deadline, Members resolved not to respond.
- b) Local Government Reorganisation Option A - Members discussed the various options. Cllr Barber stated that the District Council had not yet selected a preferred option. Members resolved not to respond.

#### **051/25 Policies**

Members considered the draft Information Technology policy provided by the Clerk. They resolved to adopt the policy.

#### **052/25 Finance**

- a) The Clerk presented the financial statement as at the end of August showing income of £18,371.20, expenditure of £27,731.54, resulting in a shortfall of £9,360.34 and funds held of £40,003.47.
- b) Members noted the 2025/26 Local Government pay settlement.
- c) Members noted the following sum received since the last meeting:-

Grange Wind Farm (grant).....£ 2,500.00

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

NEST (pension contributions) .....	£ 302.86
HMRC (tax and national insurance) .....	£ 190.92
North Level District Internal Drainage Board (drainage rates) .....	£ 640.42
S C Hubbard (allotment preparation).....	£ 60.00
J Heanes Electrical (allotment preparation).....	£ 135.00
Nurture Landscapes Ltd (grass cutting).....	£ 575.89

e) Members approved the following payments:-

D Gibbs (salary August and September).....	£ 1,542.09
Nurture Landscapes Ltd (grass cutting).....	£ 575.89
PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit fee).....	£ 252.00

#### **053/25 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

#### **054/25 Confidential Item**

Members considered a confidential report regarding future enhancements to the Community Centre. They resolved to continue to explore the potential and draft basic plans to ascertain an approximate budget. They asked the Clerk to investigate potential sources of funding, but ruled out loan funding.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm