

TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tydd St Giles Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday 13th November 2025

Present - Cllr T Brown (Chairman), Cllr B Allen, Cllr M Carter, Cllr M Connell, Cllr K Malin, Cllr L Slade, Cllr B Barber (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), 6 members of the public

Apologies for Absence - Cllr G Clifton, Cllr A Osborn (CCC), Cllr S Clark (FDC), Cllr C Seaton (FDC)

055/25 Chairman's Announcements

None.

056/25 Public Forum

A resident noted that there had been a delay in the publication of the papers for this meeting. The Chairman apologised for the unavoidable delay.

057/25 Urgent Items

None.

058/25 Confirmation of Minutes

- a) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11th September be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.
- b) RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd October be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

059/25 Matters Arising

- a) Bus service - The Chairman reported that a survey had been drafted to confirm current and future demand for the bus service. The survey will be distributed online with paper copies also available.
- b) Community Gritting scheme - The Chairman confirmed that the group had been re-registered for this year's scheme.
- c) Community Speed Watch group - The group is ready to start work once the equipment becomes available.
- d) Bird deflectors on overhead power lines - No progress.
- e) Former Village School - The Clerk is preparing a report for submission to the District Council.
- f) Overgrown wasteland between Newgate Road and Field Avenue - No work has taken place. The Clerk has contacted Clarion Housing Group for an update.
- g) Churchyard grass cutting - The contractor has been asked to quote for the work.

060/25 Police Matters

The Chairman read a report from PC Lovitt. People and vehicles have been reported acting suspiciously during the hours of darkness, possibly linked to machinery thefts.

Cllr Malin confirmed that an Anglian Water digger was stolen from Black Dike.

Residents are encouraged to report all incidents of hare coursing and sightings of suspicious vehicles. Active hare coursing should be reported on 999 with all other reports submitted on 101 or online. Residents are also asked to look out for signs of cold callers targeting vulnerable people.

061/25 Cambridgeshire County Councillor Report

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

062/25 Fenland District Councillor Reports

Cllr Barber reported that the District Council had agreed its response to the Government on the issue of Local Government Reorganisation. The Council has called on the Government to halt the process to allow time for a full and independent review. Of the available options, the District Council has selected Option D, bringing together Fenland and East Cambridgeshire District Councils with eastern and southern areas of Huntingdonshire.

063/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on correspondence received, including traffic orders for the pre-surface dressing works in Cats Lane and Hockland Road from 1 October onwards, the closure of Cats Lane from 10 November to 19 December, the closure of Hannath Road on 19 November, the closure of Front Road and Redgate Road in Foul Anchor from 24 November to 5 December, and Bedford Row, Foul Anchor from 8 to 16 December.

Dr Bike will be offering free bicycle health checks in Wisbech Market Place on 17 November. Postal voters who registered before 2023 must re-apply before elections in 2026. The District Council Chairman's Carol Service takes place at St Peter's Church in Wisbech on 5 December. The Christmas Golden Age Fair takes place in March on 12 December and the Golden Age gift collection for older people and Wisbech Fire Station toy collection for children have been relaunched. The NHS Older People's Healthwatch Partnership Board is seeking new members.

064/25 Reports from Members

- a) Cllr Allen - Communications, Foul Anchor and Four Gotes - Cllr Allen reported a good attendance at the Foul Anchor War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and thanked the residents who maintain the area around the War Memorial. The Clerk confirmed that the public space improvement project will recommence shortly.
- b) Cllr Carter - Community Centre and Play Equipment - Cllr Carter reported that the Community Centre was busy preparing for the Christmas Fayre with around 25 stalls anticipated.
- c) Cllr Connell - Highways - Nothing to report.
- d) Cllr Malin - Armed forces and flooding - Cllr Malin thanked those who had attended the Remembrance Sunday service and promoted the next Armed Forces Breakfast at Bygones restaurant. He also advised Members of an upcoming amber flood alert.
- e) Cllr Clifton - Public rights of way, churchyard, trees - In Cllr Clifton absence. There was no report.
- f) Cllr Slade - Street lights and parish assets - Cllr Slade noted that lights had been removed or replaced without consultation. Further investigation is required. The Chairman suggested a meeting be arranged with the relevant officers at the District Council.

065/25 Member and Parishioner Issues

Street Pride planters - future management and maintenance. A resident asked who was responsible for the planters, some of which appear not to be maintained. Street Pride installed the planters and arrangements were in place for maintenance at that time. Cllr Barber explained that she had asked for volunteers to adopt the planters, but received no response. If nobody is willing to care for them, removal could be considered. Members were unsure how many planters there are or where they are located. Further investigation required.

066/25 Play Equipment

- a) An order has been placed with Online Playgrounds for the service and re-tensioning of the aerial cableway. The Clerk reported that he has requested an update.
- b) The installation of the fence around the under 5s play area will need to be completed by the end of December to enable a further application to be submitted to the Grange Windfarm Community Fund in January. Mr Mallett offered his assistance with the installation. The fencing will be ordered for delivery to Paget Hall for safekeeping. Cllr Carter will oversee the installation process.

067/25 Community Centre

- a) The deposit payment for the replacement fire doors in the south east corner of the main hall is to be approved at this meeting.
- b) The application to the National Lottery Awards for All programme for funds to repair and recoat the roof of the Community Centre requires three comparable quotes. The Clerk is investigating suitable contractors.

068/25 Brigstock & Wren's Charity

Following the expiry of their terms of office, Members resolved to reappoint Cllrs Brown and Carter as Trustees of the charity in accordance with clause 7 of the charity's governing document. Cllr Malin proposed a vote of thanks for their contribution to the work of the charity.

069/25 Wisbech Incinerator Campaign

Members considered a request to lobby local councillors to oppose the awarding of future waste processing contracts supplying waste to the proposed Wisbech Incinerator. They resolved to ask the Clerk to write to each of the local councillors representing the Parish in support of the campaign.

070/25 Planning

- a) F/YR25/0758/F - Installation and operation of up to 49.9MW ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels with associated substation, ancillary plant and infrastructure, and erection of security fencing and CCTV cameras on poles - Land North West of Treading Bank, Tydd St Giles.

Members resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:-

- Use of Best and Most Versatile Land, contrary to national policy;
- Lack of an acceptable sequential test;
- Threat to food security;
- Lack of an acceptable community benefit fund for Tydd St Giles;
- Precedent for further solar farm proposals; and
- Lack of clarity on arrangements and funding for decommissioning.

- b) F/YR25/0783/VOC - Variation of conditions 2 (materials), 4 (access, parking and turning areas) 5 (visibility splays) and 6 (list of approved drawings) of planning permission F/YR22/1035/F (Erect 2 x dwellings (2-storey, 4-bed) and change of use of land to form additional car park at Aayo Gurkhali) - Land South of Aayo Gurkhali, Main Road, Tydd Gote.

Members resolved to offer no objection.

071/25 Highways

- a) The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Connell and the Clerk had a positive meeting with the new highway maintenance officer to view and discuss some of the key issues around the village.
- b) The Clerk advised Members that the Council’s application to the Local Highway Improvements scheme for 2025/26 to install a street light at the junction of Broad Drove East, Newgate Road and High Broadgate has been awarded funding. The target date for the installation of the new light is the latter half of 2026.
- c) Members considered potential projects for an application to the Local Highway Improvements scheme for 2026/27. Street lights along the new pavement in Kirkgate or at the junction of Newgate Road and Church Lane were suggested. Members resolved to apply to install a new street light at the junction of Newgate Road and Church Lane with a contribution of £1,000 towards the cost. They asked the Clerk to prepare and submit the application.

072/25 Policies and Procedures

Members considered the following policies and procedures and resolved to readopt them:-

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

073/25 Finance

- a) The Clerk presented the financial statement as at the end of October showing income of £31,265.20, expenditure of £32,272.56, resulting in a shortfall of £1,007.36 and funds held of £48,356.45.
- b) Members noted the confirmation of the completion of the audit for 2024/25.
- c) Members noted the quarterly bank reconciliation for the period to the end of September.
- d) Members noted the following sums received since the last meeting:-

Barclays Bank (interest).....	£	94.00
Fenland District Council (precept).....	£	12,800.00

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

Royal British Legion (Tommy figures)	£	850.00
NEST (pension contributions)	£	335.06
HMRC (tax and national insurance)	£	191.89
Nurture Landscapes Ltd (grass cutting).....	£	575.89
Tydd St Giles CC&RG (hall hire).....	£	76.00
Brigstock & Wren’s Charity (rent)	£	135.00

f) Members approved the following payments:-

D Gibbs (salary October and November)	£ 1,704.47
Emmerson Doors Ltd (fire door deposit).....	£ 1,282.80
Royal British Legion Wisbech (poppy wreaths).....	£ 50.00
Nurture Landscapes Ltd (grass cutting).....	£ 575.89
M J Carter (hire of digger).....	£ 25.00

g) Members considered potential projects for inclusion in the budget for 2026/27.

074/25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm