

Tilney St Lawrence Parish Council

Serving the villages of Tilney St Lawrence, Tilney cum Islington and Tilney Fen End

Minutes of the Tilney St Lawrence Parish Council meeting held at on Monday 7th April 2014 in the Village Hall, Tilney St Lawrence at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr B Ayres(in the Chair)

Cllr C Ayres, Cllr D Appleby, Cllr D. Calton, Cllr P. Cullen, Cllr J. Day, Cllr R. Jagers, Cllr D. Jones, Cllr E Jones, Cllr C Mills, Cllr G Place, Cllr R Savage, Cllr T Sapey,

Clerk: C Smith

Members of the Public: Mr McManus.

198. Apologies and reasons for absence.

198.1. There were no apologies for absence received.

199. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

199.1. Cllr Mills signed the declaration of interest book in respect of expected discussions about the development at 6 Magdalen Rd.

200. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 3rd March 2014 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting subject to 191.2 6 School Rd was changed to 6 Magdalen Rd.

There were no issues raised by members of the public in attendance therefore the meeting was not adjourned.

201 Police Matters

Crime Statistics - Cllr D Jones reported that there had been one reported crime.

202 Reports

202.1 Chairman's Correspondence

6 Magdalen Rd – Cllr Ayres reported that the business signs were now being kept within the curtilage of the house and at that a hobby business could be run from a residence. Planners would be checking that the new building, currently being constructed, was a permitted development.

97 St Johns Rd – The builders business would be looked at by planning to establish if this was a permitted use of the residence.

202.2 Footway Lighting Report –No outages reported.

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202.3 Footpath & Tree Reports – Cllr Appleby reported that Velcourt had written to ask for their £500 contribution to the costs of the footpath diversion. Cllrs resolved to add this to the list of payments. Cllr Appleby reported that the footpath to Tilney cum Islington would be improved in the Autumn, Cllr Ayres thanked Velcourt for agreeing to do this. Cllr Appleby also reported that he continued to ask NCC to put signs on the modified footpath. Cllr Sapey reported that there were two fallen trees blocking footpaths on both sides. Cllr Cullen and the clerk would obtain quotes for having the trees logged.

202.4 Village Hall Report – Cllr Cullen reported that the new trim trail and roundabout were opened by Cllrs Barry and Christine Ayres in their official capacity as Deputy Borough Mayor and Mayoress. The committee expressed their gratitude for their attendance. Refreshments were served and the event had proved popular.

202.5 William Day Centre – The hand over to the new management had taken place and as the Parish Council had no further responsibilities this item would be removed as a regular agenda item.

202.6 Highway Matters – Cllr Ayres reported that he had met with Andy Wallace, NCC. Mr Wallace has agreed that the road from Antioch bridge towards Tilney All Saints would be considered for improvement. Schemes to be put in place and works scheduled included School Road and Spice Chase, as soon as priorities allow. He was also shown the pavements around Westfields, the rangers would clear these areas and resurfacing would go ahead when the budget is available. Mr Wallace was also shown the run down verges in Tilney cum Islington and reminded about moving the 30mph sign.

Cllrs expressed concern that money had been spent on new footpaths to the power station that would not be used.

It was agreed that the clerk would ask for the telephone boxes to be removed. The clerk also reported that the road at Islington Green was not an adopted road, and that rights of access would be explored with the PCC.

202.7 Patients Group - Cllr Sapey reported that a meeting would take place on 14/4/14. There had been concerns raised that members of staff were not identifying themselves clearly. Cllr Jones had been given the assurance that all members of staff would wear a badge identifying them and their position.

202.8 Church Report – Cllr Place reported that Faculty was awaited for the removal of the pews and storm damage repairs. As the architect was unavailable Cllr Place would now oversee these works and was awaiting quotes and specification from the stonemason.

202.9 Friends of Tilney St Lawrence School – Cllrs resolved to remove this as a regular agenda item.

203 Finance

203.1 Cllrs approved the payments as listed.

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Date ST	Name	Chq	Description	Net	VAT	Total
	Eon	DD	Streelight elec mar	129.52	25.90	155.42
	K&M	770	Streetlight Maint Apr	107.36	21.47	128.83
	NALC	771	Subscription	245.96	0	245.96
	SLCC	772	Subscription	109.00	0	109.00
	IDB	773	Drainage rates	27.63	0	27.64
	Clerk	774	Salary	382.85	0	382.85
	Clerk	774	Expenses	42.75	0	42.75
	Clerk	774	Office	250.00	0	250.00
	Total			1295.07	47.37	1342.45

203.2 Accounts 2013/14. The clerk tabled a draft of the final accounts. These would be available next month. The external audit forms had been received and internal audit would be done by the same audit group as in previous years.

203.3 NALC briefing – repeal of s.150 LGA 1072. – Cllr Ayres introduced the NALC briefing paper that confirmed that, subject to proper controls in place, Parish Councils could move to settle bills by electronic transfer rather than payment by cheque with two signatures. Cllrs noted the paper and confirmed that current arrangements would continue.

204 Planning

204.1 Applications

- 13/00385 – Cllrs noted that this application had been made.
- 14/00404/F Development of 14 semi-detached dwellings at 27 Magdalen Rd – Cllr Ayres read the letter received by the clerk from Mr Hix regarding this development. Cllrs were aware that this had had planning permission for a development of 9 houses some time ago. Although the inclusion of affordable homes was welcome, Cllrs noted the concerns about overlooking and increased traffic. As it was considered that there were already traffic issues around the post office area Cllrs resolved to object to the new plans.

204.2 Decisions

- 14/00069/F – Coach and Horses, Conversion of a garage to additional restaurant area – Cllrs noted that this application had been permitted.
- 14/00070/LB - Coach and Horses, Conversion of a garage to additional restaurant area – Cllrs noted that this application had been permitted.

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- 14/00067/F – Coach and Horses Smoking Shelter -Cllrs noted that this application had been refused. Cllr Savage reported that the applicants were unhappy that the parish council had not supported this application. Cllr Ayres reiterated that the Parish Council was only a consultative body and did not make the planning decisions. No comment was made on this application as it was retrospective, all other applications had been supported by the Parish Council.
- 14/00068/LB - Coach and Horses Smoking Shelter -Cllrs noted that this application had been refused.
- 13/01716/F- The Walnuts, Tilney All Saints, External solid wall insulation – Cllrs noted that this application had been permitted.

204.3 Enforcement

- **Demolition of house High Rd** – the clerk reported that the planning authorities were aware of the demolition.

205 Tilney cum Islington Bus Shelter

205.1 No further progress to report.

206 General Correspondence

206.1 Healthwatch Norfolk – the flyer for this organisation was passed to Cllr Sapey as they may be able to help with the ongoing issues at the surgery.

206.2 Chalk Rivers – the clerk tabled a flyer for events to walk the chalk rivers in West Norfolk.

207 BCKLWN Issues

207.1 Incinerator – Cllr Ayres reported that the incinerator would not go ahead in West Norfolk.

207.2 Civic Duties – Cllr Ayres reported that he would be the Borough Mayor next year.

208 Norfolk County Council Issues

208.1 Gritting – Cllr Ayres confirmed that any savings from gritting this year would be used in the budget for Highways.

209 Items for the next agenda.

209.1 Reeder's Bridge

210 Date of next meeting

210.1 The next meeting will take place on the 12th May 2014.

Meeting closed at 9.06pm..

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