

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 3rd February 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 C Mills, Cllr Sapey, Cllr G Place, Cllr E Hearn, Cllr R Savage

Clerk: C Smith

Public: J McManus

170 Apologies and reasons for absence.

170.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Jones.

171. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

171.1. There were no declarations of interest.

172. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 6th January 2014 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

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

173 Police Matters

Crime Statistics - Cllr D Jones reported that there had been one reported crime in Tilney cum Islington resulting in damage to a vehicle.

174 Reports

174.1 Chairman's Correspondence

Council Tax – Cllr Ayres reported that any changes in council tax would only arise from an increase in police funding. The Parish Council and Borough Council were setting budgets to ensure that there would not be a rise from their element of the bill. Some people receiving benefits may also notice a change as the council tax relief grant would be administered in a different way.

Printing – As the amount of printing was becoming difficult for the clerk on her old inkjet printer Cllrs resolved to agree to buy a laser jet printer which would be more efficient and save time. The clerk would get quotes for three printers.

Civic Duties – Cllr Ayres reported that he would be standing as Mayor for the coming year.

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174.2 Footway Lighting Report –No confirmed reports of outages.

174.3 Footpath & Tree Reports – Cllr Appleby reported that he had forwarded the footpath plans to the clerk who had in turn forwarded them to the Ramblers Association. It is hoped that the paths would be included in the grass cutting rota. Cllr Appleby reported that he had contacted NCC to request signs for the new footpath and offered to put them up himself. He had had no response. The clerk would chase this up, Cllr Appleby would forward the contact details.

174.4 Village Hall Report – Cllr Cullen reported the new oil tank was in place. The roundabout would be installed in March. A casino night would be held on 22nd March.

174.5 William Day Centre Report –Cllr D Jones reported that transfer arrangements were progressing. Final transfer was on schedule for the end of March.

174.6 Highway Matters - Cllrs noted the finger signs had been updated. The sunken road on the way to Magdalen had been filled. Cllr Cullen reported that some potholes in Spice chase were very deep presenting a danger. Cllr Savage noted that the footpath on the flyover bridge had been repaired, Cllrs agreed that this was a little used area and it would have been better to make more carriageway repairs. Cllrs noted that the fence at 67 High Rd, Tilney cum Islington was causing concern. The clerk would ask Freebridge Community Housing to look into this.

174.7 Patients Group - To be considered as a separate agenda item.

174.8 Church Report – Cllr Place reported that the internal work including lighting was complete and looked good. Curtains had also been installed. There was still no news about the roof. The application for final faculty for the conversion of the North Transcept to a common room would be made within the next two weeks. A sign saying ‘trip hazard’ would be erected around the memorial for those laying wreaths to take care. The ‘no parking’ sign had been stolen and would be replaced.

174.9 Friends of Tilney St Lawrence School – Cllr Hearn reported that a fundraising quiz night would be held in March.

175 Finance

175.1 Cllrs approved the payments as listed. Cllrs noted the bank balances. Cllrs approved the detailed budget for 2014/15.

176 Planning

176.1 Applications

- 14/00067/F, 14/00068/LB Erection of smoking shelter at The Coach and Horses, Tilney All Saints. Cllrs resolved to make no comment.
- 14/00069/F Conversion of garage to additional restaurant area at the Coach and Horses, Tilney All Saints – Resolved to support the application as it would increase the usage and sustainability of the amenity as well as providing further local employment opportunities.

176.2 Decisions - Cllrs noted the following decisions

13/01596/F – Two storey side extension 2 Workhouse Lane - Granted

13/01679/F – Extension, Eastfield Barn - Granted

13/01674/F – Two storey extension 52 High Rd – Granted

176.3 Planning Enforcement – the clerk would ask planning enforcement to check on a property on High Rd. Cllrs believed that a business was being run from the premises.

177 Review of Financial Administration including: Financial Standing Orders, Duties of the RFO, Effectiveness of Internal Control and Financial and Operational Risk Assessment

Cllrs reviewed the financial administration papers and agreed to adopt them as presented.

178 Tilney cum Islington Bus Shelter

The clerk reported that the bad weather had delayed the start of the work.

179 Report from the Patients Group Representative

Cllr Sapey reported that the surgery had recently carried out a patient survey. 147 out of 5700 patients had taken part. Cllrs were unsure that this level of participation would yield useful information. Cllr Sapey reported that there continued to be a number of difficulties. After full and frank discussion Cllrs agreed that Cllr Ayres would organise a meeting with Cllr Long and local MP's. Cllr Ayres thanked Cllr Sapey for the hard work he had done in trying to resolve this issue.

180 Reeders Bridge Handrails

Cllr Long had been approached about this matter. He had said that he would bring this matter up at an IDB meeting. Cllr Ayres would ask Cllr Long for an update.

181 General Correspondence

181.1 Magpass funding request – in accordance with policy Cllr declined to make a donation.

181.2 SNAP Poster – Cllrs noted that a poster warning residents about oil thefts would be placed on the notice boards.

182 Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Issues

Cllrs noted that the price for Market Trader pitches had risen in King's Lynn and that there had been a general fall in visitors. Cllr Ayres clarified that the money spent on the Saturday Market , gaol house and Town Hall had come from Lottery funding.

183 Items for the next agenda.

183.1 The Parish Assembly would be held before the next meeting.

184 Date of next meeting

184.1 The next meeting will take place on the 3rd March 2014.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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