

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in the Village Hall, Tilney St Lawrence at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr B Ayres (in the Chair)

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

District and County Councillor B Long

Clerk: C Smith

## **265. Apologies and reasons for absence.**

265.1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mills

## **266. Co-option of J McManus**

After proper consideration Cllrs resolved to co-opt J McManus on to the parish council. Cllr McManus signed the declaration of acceptance of office, and was formally welcomed as a Parish Councillor to the meeting.

## **267. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.**

268. Cllr Savage declared an interest in item 10. Cllr McManus declared an interest in planning 14/01270/O.

## **269. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 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.**

## **270 Cllr Brian Long, Update on Borough Recycling Services**

Cllr Ayres welcomed Cllr B Long, portfolio holder for the Environment to the meeting. Cllr Long gave an up-date regarding the recycling centres and waste services. He then answered Cllr's questions. (A copy of the detailed notes attached.)

## **271 Police Matters**

**Crime Statistics** - Cllr D Jones reported that there had been 2 recorded crimes in TSL in the last month.

**SNAP** –Cllr Ayres reported that there had been a number of incidents of speeding reported in the village and if a vehicle number, time and location could be recorded this information could be passed on to the Police. Problems were also identified with a beach

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buggy speeding around the bullring, Cllrs would report any further incidents to Cllr Jones who would take this to the community police officer at the SNAP meeting.

The clerk reported that Terrington St John Parish Council had asked if Tilney St Lawrence Parish Council would be interested in joining the speedwatch scheme. It was noted that Cllrs had discussed this at an earlier meeting and decided not to be part of the scheme. The clerk would write and confirm detailing the previous decision, and that Cllrs had no wish to change their position.

## **272 Reports**

### **272.1 Chairman's Correspondence**

**BCKLWN** – Cllrs noted that it had been reported that Cory Wheelabrator had received a payment because of the breach of contract, however the amount had not been made public as there were further negotiations to be concluded.

**272.2 Footway Lighting Report** –Cllr Savage reported a dayburner no 10 near Millfield Close.

**272.3 Footpath & Tree Reports** –Cllr Appleby reported that he had spoken to a BCKLWN operative and it is hoped that signs would be in place soon. Cllr Appleby would also prepare a map of the route. Cllrs thanked Cllr Jones for strimming the footpath, this was greatly appreciated. Cllrs noted that signs on the footpath relating to work to be carried out by the drainage board were incomprehensible to most people.

### **272.4 Highway Matters**

Cllr Savage reported that one of the drain covers near the flyover was broken. The Clerk reported that the Rangers would be in the Parish in November. Jobs for them would include the bus shelter, briars hanging over the footpath in Church Rd, removal of unofficial 30mph signs. Cllrs were disappointed that the fingersigns were still not in place.

**272.5 Patients Group** - Cllr Sapey reported that he was concerned that he was not making progress with this group. Cllr Jones felt that on the contrary the group was now more accessible and the community had benefitted from Cllr Sapey's representation of the real issues at the surgery. Concern was expressed that the practice manager had announced that the website would be administered by the Practice, Cllrs felt that the website belonged to the group and not the Practice. Cllr Ayres would attend the next meeting with Cllr Sapey. Meanwhile Cllrs Ayres, Sapey and Hearn would meet with the chair of the group to discuss the website.

**272.6 Church Report** – Cllr Place reported that £1300 had been raised at the flower and harvest festivals. The pews had been sold to a local resident. Works were now all complete except for the roof. Cllr Place was looking at ways to encourage the insurance company to progress the claim.

## 273 Finance

**273.1** Bank balances– Cllrs noted the bank balances £25 895.98 in the Treasurer’s Account and £11 802.61 in the Instant Access Account

**273.2** Audit – Councillors noted that the audit was complete with no observations by Mazars.

**273.3** Cllrs approved the payments for October, as listed below.

| October |              |        |                            |                |               |                |
|---------|--------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| NO      | Name         | Chq No | Description                | Net            | VAT           | Total          |
|         | Eon          | dd     | streetlight elec September | 143.65         | 28.73         | 172.38         |
|         | K&M Lighting | 822    | streetlight maint inv1551  | 107.36         | 21.47         | 128.83         |
|         | Heronwood    | 823    | Grass Cutting inv 890      | 30.00          | 0.00          | 30.00          |
|         | Norse        | 824    | Playing field inv 91737    | 964.6          | 192.92        | 1157.52        |
|         | Mazars       | 825    | External Audit             | 100            | 20.00         | 120            |
|         | B Ayres      | 851    | Chairman's allowance       | 31.23          | 0             | 31.23          |
|         | Clerk        | 852    | salary                     | 382.85         | 0.00          | 382.85         |
|         | Clerk        | 852    | Expenses                   | 33.75          | 0.00          | 33.75          |
|         | <b>Total</b> |        |                            | <b>1793.44</b> | <b>263.12</b> | <b>2056.56</b> |

## 274 Planning

### 274.1 Applications

- 14/01270/O Cllrs noted this application, Cllrs felt that this should be rejected on the same grounds as previous applications for this site.
- 14/01269/F Cllrs noted that following comments received the clerk had submitted a note to planners supporting this application.
- 14/01322/F Cllrs resolved to support this application as the office was a temporary structure and at the back of the property, it was felt that this would not cause any disturbance.

### 274.2 Decisions

- 14/01052/F Cllrs noted that this application had been permitted.

## 275 To discuss the Antioch Plot

Cllrs considered the strengths and weaknesses of purchasing this land. It was proposed by Cllr Sapey and seconded by Cllr C Ayres that the council go ahead with the purchase with a view to providing allotments for the community. 11 Cllrs voted for the proposal. The clerk would progress with the purchase.

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**276 To Discuss Grass Cutting Contracts**

The Clerk tabled the quotes received for the 2015 grass cutting contracts. Cllrs resolved to award the contract to CGM. The clerk would ensure that the small strip at the beginning of School Road was included in the area around the seat cut.

**277 To note Tilney-cum-Islington 30mph speed limit extension scheme is to proceed**

Cllrs noted that this scheme would soon be in place. Cllrs asked the clerk to check and see if the 30mph speed limit signs could be extended along Church Rd.

**278 To receive General Correspondence**

**NALC Norfolk Link** – The clerk circulated the Norfolk Link edition for Councillors.

**Introductory Training** – Cllr McManus expressed an interest in attending the training. The clerk would book a place.

**279 Norfolk County Council Issues**

**Budget Priorities 2015/18** – Cllr Ayres read NCC's letter warning parish councils that due to budgetary pressures there was a three year forecast to cut expenditure.

**280 Items for the next agenda.**

**280.1** None agreed.

**281 Date of next meeting**

**281.1** The next meeting will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014.

Meeting closed at 9.52 pm.