

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 1st September 2014 in the Village Hall, Tilney St Lawrence at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr B Ayres (in the Chair)

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

Clerk: C Smith

Members of the Public: Mr McManus.

249. Apologies and reasons for absence.

249.1. Apologies for absence were received, and the reasons accepted, from Cllrs Hearn and Cullen.

250. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

251. Cllr Savage declared an interest in item 8.

252. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 7th July 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.

253 Police Matters

Crime Statistics - Cllr D Jones reported that there had been 4 recorded crimes in the parish during the summer months. This was considered a reasonable statistic as there tends to be more opportunist crimes committed in summer.

SNAP – Cllr Jones reported that police representation on this panel had declined. Cllr Ayres reported that a speeding vehicle had been noted in the village and details would be reported to SNAP. The next meeting would be on 10th September 2014 at Tilney St Lawrence and all residents were encouraged to attend.

TCI- Cllr Calton reported that a crime had been witnessed in Tilney cum Islington, this was investigated by the police with no further action taken. The reportee has since experienced intimidation. Cllr Calton would establish if the resident would like the Parish Council to liaise with the police on this matter.

254 Reports

254.1 Chairman's Correspondence

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Heritage Sunday – Cllr Ayres reported that heritage Sunday would take place on 14th September All public buildings would be open to the public free of charge.

Saturday Market Place – Work would continue to mid-October. Meanwhile the diversions in place were adequate.

254.2 Footway Lighting Report –Cllr Savage reported a dayburner opposite the school.

254.3 Footpath & Tree Reports –No. 1 footpath was currently inaccessible Cllr D Jones would trim the path in the short term to keep it open.

254.4 Highway Matters

Hedges – The clerk reported that Mr Neal had apologised for the overgrown hedge at 27 Magdalen Rd, he would ensure that this was kept off the footway.

254.5 Patients Group - Cllr Sapey reported that he had put up posters for the Norfolk advocacy service. Patients should report all concerns to this service as they are able to action a complaint on behalf of a patient. Cllr Sapey had not received any new complaints since the last meeting.

254.6 Church Report – Cllr Place reported that although the church was in general good repair, some maintenance was required, this was in hand. Pews would not be sold, but re-sited. Harvest festival would be on 13-15 September, all welcome. A number of people attended the church on Saturdays for light refreshments, again all welcome. The burial ground was not well maintained last year and a more extensive contract would be put in place. The clerk would send Cllr Place the details of previous contracts to help facilitate a better schedule.

255 Finance

255.1 Bank balances/6 month budget – Cllrs noted the bank balances and the position of the budget at six months. Finances continued to be managed within overall budgets and an extrapolation of figures currently show a small underspend at year end.

255.2 Cllrs noted the payments made in August and approved the payments for September as listed below.

August

No	Name	Chq	Description	Net	VAT	Total
	Eon		Streetlight elec July	139.01	27.8	166.81
	K&M Lighting		Streetlight maint inv. 1439	107.36	21.47	128.83
	Clerk		salary	382.85	0	382.85
	Clerk		Expenses	11.25	0	11.25
	Total			640.47	49.27	689.74

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September

	Name	Chq	Description	Net	VAT	Total
	Eon		streetlight elec Aug	143.65	28.73	172.38
	K&M Lighting		Streetlight maint inv. 1502	107.36	21.47	128.83
	Heronwood		Grass Cutting inv857	30.00	0	30.00
	Clerk		salary	382.85	0	382.85
	Clerk		Expenses	22.5	0	22.50
	Total			686.36	50.20	736.56

256 Planning**256.1 Applications**

- 14/01206/O Cllrs resolved to support the application but agreed that conditions should be put in place to protect local houses whilst building takes place. Specifically piling should not occur as this could cause neighbouring properties to shake.
- 14/01126/F Cllrs noted that Cllr Ayres had called this application in to be considered by the planning committee as there had been a number of objections by local residents. Cllrs also noted that work had already begun. Cllrs voted to confirm their objections to the plans.
- 14/01129/F Cllrs resolved to object to this application and considered that the agricultural buildings should remain for agricultural use.

256.2 Decisions

- 14/00909/F To erect a timber framed workshop for florist outlet use, Workhouse Lane – Cllrs noted that the application was permitted.
- 14/00828/O Outline application 1 pair semi-detached residential properties, Clare Print Victory House – Cllrs noted that the application was refused.

257 To discuss the Antioch Plot

The clerk reported that negotiations were on-going and the land agent would respond to the offer, which should include the access way, as soon as the position was clarified. The offer had reduced as the size of the original plot had decreased considerably. The access way may have been included in the Highways purchase of the land for the bypass. If so there would be a right of way granted.

258 To discuss the seat and grass area Tilney St Lawrence

Cllr Jones reported that this area needed attention. Cllrs agreed that this would be added to the schedule for grass cutting contracts for next year. In the meantime the clerk would

arrange for the grass to be cut (proposed Cllr D Jones, seconded Cllr C Ayres). Cllrs also agreed (proposed Cllr Mills, seconded Cllr Sapey) that the clerk would investigate getting a bin placed next to the bench and establish emptying costs.

259 To Discuss Notice Board Maintenance

Cllr Calton reported that once the varnish had peeled off the TCI notice board he would oil the woodwork. Cllr Sapey agreed to oil the TSL noticeboard.

260 To Discuss Grass Cutting Contracts

The Clerk tabled a schedule for grass cutting, Cllrs agreed the schedule with the following amendments; ref 1 b - Include 'subject to suitable weather conditions'; ref 4 include 4 times a year, May June July August. Add on Ref 5; Grass area and Seat 10-12 day cut, collect grass.

261 To receive General Correspondence

Healthwatch Focus Groups – The clerk reported that Norfolk Healthwatch hoped to hold focus groups in Tilney St Lawrence to discuss acute services.

Hazardous Waste Amnesty – The Clerk reported that an amnesty for those people wanting to dispose of hazardous liquids, such as paint or bleach, could do so at the saddlebow recycling centre on 6th and 7th September 9am-6pm. Cllr Jones reported that he had experienced an unhelpful operative at the centre and was concerned that such an attitude would not encourage residents to recycle. Cllrs requested that Cllr Long be invited to attend a meeting to outline the new charging structure and take questions on waste services.

262 Norfolk County Council Issues

262.1 Bin Collection - Cllrs discussed the change in bin collection timings, this had had an impact on a number of households. Cllr Ayres had arranged for a further collection. Residents in Tilney cum Islington had not had a helpful response from the depot and were refused a further collection.

263 Items for the next agenda.

263.1 The Antioch Plot

263.2 Grass Cutting

264 Date of next meeting

264.1 The next meeting will take place on the 6th October 2014.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm.

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