

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Village Hall, Tilney St Lawrence at 7.30pm.

In attendance, Councillor D. Jones (in the Chair), Councillor D. Calton, Councillor P. Cullen, Councillor J. Day, Councillor E. Hearn (from 8:15pm), Councillor E. Jones, Councillor J. McManus, Councillor C. Mills, Councillor G. Place.

Clerk: Mr. R. Smith

**15/001 Apologies and reasons for absence.**  
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Ayres who was recuperating from an operation; Councillor C. Ayres who was looking after her husband; and Councillor T. Sapey who had unavoidable work commitments.

**15/002 Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.**  
There were none made.

**15/003 Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**  
The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March were agreed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.

**15/004 Matters Arising/Clerk Report**  
**I. New Bin** – The new bin had not arrived as scheduled and minuted under 352.1. The supplier Broxap stated that manning shortages over the Easter break caused problems for their paint supplier. A new delivery date is to be determined.  
**II. Footpath outside 28 Westfields** – as detailed under minute 354.3 this had been reported to highways.

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

**15/005 Police Matters**  
**I. Crime Statistics** - Councillor D. Jones reported that there had been six crimes reported to the Police. Five were in Tilney St. Lawrence: one assault involving a domestic dispute; two thefts, one involving a domestic dispute, one regarding a stolen rabbit from The Chase; and two sexual offences. There was one reported crime in Tilney cum Islington of harassment relating to unwanted communication.

**15/006 Reports**  
**I. Chairman's Correspondence including BCKLWN issues**  
Nothing to report  
**II. Footway Lighting Report** – No outages were reported.  
**III. Footpath and Tree Reports** – as reported under minute 354.3 an intoxicated individual had again been loitering on the footpath and by the

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bench. If a nuisance was being caused, then this should be immediately reported to the Police.

**IV. Village Hall Report** – Councillor Mills reported:

- i) There was a problem with people using E-cigarettes in the village hall. Appropriate signs had been posted.
- ii) The raising of external funding to help finance the resurfacing of the car park was being investigated by the committee.
- iii) The removal of the old porta cabin, owned by the football club was being investigated as it was no longer in use.
- iv) It was reported that The William Day Centre lease was in the process of being negotiated.

**V. Highway Matters**

- i) Councillors discussed the issue of speeding, which some considered to be an ongoing problem, particularly along Church Road. Councillor D. Jones reported that previous Police spot checks had not indicated a particular problem in the Parish.
- ii) Councillors noted that a highway and community Ranger visit was scheduled for Tilney St Lawrence on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015, to carry out work identified through inspections and reported by the parish. Areas identified by Councillors to be reported to highways for Ranger action were: overgrown vegetation on Church Road, School Road and Magdalene Road; and a build-up of mud opposite driveway on Workhouse Lane.

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**VI. Church Report** – Councillor Place reported:

- i) The Saturday morning coffee, tea and light lunches appeared popular and would assist greatly towards the cost of the conversion of the North Transept.
- ii) The heating chandeliers installed last month were considered to have been a worthwhile investment.
- iii) Two quotations have now been requested by insurers for the repair of the storm damage caused to the South Transept. Invitations to tender have issued to contractors.
- iv) The new contractor for the maintenance of the burial ground had recently started work and an immediate improvement had been evident.

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**15/007 Finance**

**I. Payments** – Councillors approved the payments for April, as listed below:

Apr-15

Date ST	Name	Chq	Description	Net	VAT	Total
	Eon	DD	Streelight elec mar	129.7	25.95	155.69
	K&M		Streelight Maint Apr	107.3	21.47	128.83
	IDB		Drainage rates	27.6	0	27.63
	BCKLWN		Dog bin empty TSL	24	48	288
	BCKLWN		Dog bin empty TCI	60.0	12.00	72.00
	Previous Clerk		Final Payment	191.8	0	191.83
	Previous Clerk		Expenses	22.5	0	22.50
	Clerk		Office	250.0	0	250.00
	Clerk		Salary	176.4	0	176.40
	Clerk		Expenses	22.5	0	22.50
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1227.9</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>1335.38</b>

**II. Bank Balances/ Income** – Bank balances were confirmed as Business Instant Access - £11,806.11 and Treasurer’s Account - £20,293.00.

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Councillors noted that the precept of £18,645.00 had been received and would be banked shortly.

**15/008**

**Planning**

**I. Applications**

15/00412/F – Variation of condition 8 of planning permission 11/01108/F at Former Fox and Goose Inn, 68 High Road, Tilney cum Islington – Councillors **RESOLVED** to make no comment.

**15/009**

**CGM Maintenance Agreement**

Councillors **RESOLVED** for the Chairman to sign the contract with CGM. This was duly undertaken.

**15/010**

**Future of the Post Office**

As discussed under previous minute 358, the Clerk had contacted the Post Office. The Post Office responded by stating that they had not received notice that the Post Master wished to retire and until such time as they did, they could take no action. Councillor D. Jones stated that he had been in contact with the Post Master and that she was likely to propose moving to 3 days/week from June 2015. Given that her notice period was 3 months, it was likely that a service would continue until at least September 2015. Councillor D. Jones had asked the Post Master to keep him informed of developments.

**15/011**

**The Antioch Plot**

The contract for sale and registry documents were available for signature. Councillor D. Jones proposed that signing the document was postponed until Councillors had been given the opportunity of examining the contract of sale in more detail. This was unanimously agreed by Councillors.

**15/012**

**Elections**

Councillors noted that they were all standing for election to the Parish Council unopposed.

**15/013**

**General Correspondence**

**I. Light Pollution Survey**

Councillors noted the results of the survey.

**II. Fields in Trust**

It was reported that if the playing field could be identified as having been an original Carnegie Field there was the opportunity to apply for a £5,000 improvement grant. As the administration of the playing field is the responsibility of the Village Hall Trustees, Councillor Cullen offered to pass the details onto them to consider.

**III. King's Lynn Library's 110 birthday celebrations**

Councillors noted the Library's 110<sup>th</sup> birthday on 18<sup>th</sup> May and the celebratory events that had been organised.

Cllr  
Cullen

**15/014**

**Norfolk County Council Issues**

**I. Tilney cum Islington extension of 30mph**

Councillors noted the proposals for the extension of the 30mph limit.

**II. Councillors **RESOLVED** for the bus stop and TCI footway funding**

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agreements to be signed by the Chairman and noted the expenditure required. The agreements were duly signed.

**15/015 Appointment of New Clerk**

Councillor D Jones raised the appointment of the new Clerk - Mr. R. Smith and stated that whilst it was unusual to appoint the spouse of the previous Clerk, Mr Smith was well qualified and had been appointed on his merits alone. Other members of the appointments committee who were present concurred with this statement.

**15/016 Items for the next agenda**

- I. Lighting Contract Review
- II. History Group

**15/017 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.