**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 November 2014 in the Village Hall, Tilney St Lawrence at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr D Jones (in the Chair)

Cllr D Appleby, Cllr P Cullen, Cllr D Calton, Cllr J. Day, Cllr G Place, Cllr T Sapey, Cllr R Savage, Cllr J McManus, Cllr Mills

Clerk: C Smith

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence.**
   1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B and C Ayres who were attending to civic duties, Cllr E Jones who was unwell and Cllr E Hearn who was working.
2. **Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.**
3. Cllr Savage declared an interest in item 9.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 6th October 2014 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllrs agreed that the supporting notes of the presentation by Cllr Long would be made available on the website.

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

1. **Police Matters**

**Crime Statistics -** Cllr D Jones reported that there had been not been any recorded crimes in Tilney St Lawrence, Tilney cum Islington or Fen End the last month.

1. **Reports**

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* 1. **Footway Lighting Report –** The clerk would report the light outside the post office as it was not working.
  2. **Village Hall Report –** Cllr Cullen reported that a new storage area had been completed and fridge/freezer purchased. The lease for the William Day centre was under negotiation and a new unit would be installed on the playing field for Tilney Green Lions Football Team. The Lions have started football training on a Tuesday evening for local youngsters. Fundraising events include a craft fair 30/11/14, Bingo on 18/12/14 and a clairvoyant evening on 28/1/15.
  3. **Highway Matters**

Speedwatch - Cllr Appleby asked that Cllrs reconsidered setting up a speedwatch scheme. Cllr Jones reminded Cllrs that this issue had already been considered on more than one occasion and it was decided that any speeding issues would continue to be reported to the police at SNAP.

Church Rd Footpath – Cllrs agreed that a footpath for walkers along Church Rd would improve road safety. The clerk would look at costing this scheme.

Workhouse Lane – Cllr Place reported that the Lane was extremely muddy and asked for this to be added to the list of jobs for the rangers.

* 1. **Patients Group** - Cllr Sapey reported that the next meeting would be on 11th December. Cllr Ayres had not yet had an opportunity to arrange a meeting with Mr Butters but would do so at the first opportunity.
  2. **Church Report –** Cllr Place reported the roof damage claim had not progressed but would be pursued. The tiled floor now exposed by the removal of the pews shows where more maintenance is required. Coffee Mornings may extend beyond the summer due to popular demand. The contract for the burial ground maintenance was being drawn up. In response to the theft of lead from churches, whilst our church showed little exposed lead, all metal goods have been treated with smartwater.

1. **Finance**
   1. Half year Budget Report, Bank balances– Cllrs received the half year budget report and noted that payments were running well within budget. Bank balances were noted at £24 754.07 in the Treasurer’s Account and £11 802.61 in the Instant Access Account.
   2. Cllrs approved the payments for November, as listed below.



1. **Planning**
   1. **Applications**

* 14/01405/F Extension to dwelling at 19B Westfields, Tilney St Lawrence. Cllrs noted that this application which had been circulated between meetings. Cllrs had no objections to the application.
  1. **Decisions**
* 14/01129/F Ivy Farm Lynn Rd Tilney All Saints –proposed change of use from agricultural out-buildings to domestic use and the retention and completion of an extension and alterations to existing dwelling - Cllr noted that this Application had been permitted.
* 14/01206/O Land north of 89 High Rd Tilney cum Islington – outline application for proposed semi-detached houses **–** Cllr noted that this Application had been permitted.
* 14/01269/F 59 School Rd, Tilney St Lawrence – proposed extensions and alterations to dwelling to adapt house for disabled occupant – Cllr noted that this Application had been permitted.

1. **To consider the Maintenance of the Bus Shelter, telephone box and grass area at St John’s Rd**

The clerk reported that the bus shelter had been cleaned and a bill would be received for £140. Cllrs agreed that the brick built structure was an eyesore that facilitated anti-social behaviour. It’s design also allowed a build-up of dirt and debris making it an unpleasant place that was rarely used. Cllrs agreed that the clerk would put together a scheme to replace both brick built structures in Tilney St Lawrence. Cllr Calton confirmed that residents in Tilney cum Islington were happy with the bus shelter there.

Cllrs agreed that the telephone box was in an unacceptable state but they would like to keep the facility if possible. The clerk reported that BT had confirmed that the box could be removed. The clerk would investigate the possibility of BT refurbishing the box, making it upright and also look at getting the community pay back workers to clean it.

The grass strip would be included in the grass cutting contract for next season.

1. **To discuss the Antioch Plot**

The clerk reported that the purchase of the land had been agreed, Frazer Dawbarns had been instructed to undertake the conveyancing. Agreement documents were awaited from Browns.

1. **To receive General Correspondence**

**Oil Club** – The clerk circulated the information on the oil club operating in the area.

**New Property High Rd** – Cllrs noted the new property address at The Fox and Goose Inn, 68 High Rd, Tilney cum Islington.

1. **Norfolk County Council Issues**

**Parish Partnership Scheme Initiative** – The clerk reported that bids could be made for highway improvement schemes. The clerk would draw up bids for this funding to include the bus shelters and the footpath, Church Rd.

1. **Items for the next agenda.**
   1. Phonebox.
2. **Date of next meeting**
   1. The next meeting will take place on the 1 December 2014.

Meeting closed at 8.34 pm.

**Cllr David Appleby**

Cllrs noted that David had handed his resignation to the clerk. Cllr Jones thanked David for all his hard work on behalf of the community. He will be much missed and everyone wished him well in his future endeavours.