

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th March 2021 on the Zoom platform, commencing at 7.00pm.

Chaired by Cllr A Magnus

Also, present: County Cllr P Coupland. District Cllrs Wilkinson and Tyrell, Mrs J Ripley Parish Clerk and 10 members of the public.

**1. The Chairman welcomed all present.**

**2. The Chairman gave a report on council activities during the past year:**

I was voted in as Chair in October 2020 following the resignation of John Ley the previous Chair and also the previous Clerk.

I have been lucky to be able to draw on my fellow councillors for support, whose numbers have increased since my appointment, as well as LALC, Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils.

I have also had much needed guidance from Jane Ripley who was originally brought in on a temporary basis and she has now joined the Council as Clerk.

There have been many challenges over the last few months, the biggest being Covid which has touched fellow parishioners in our community, and I would like to pass on my sincere sympathy and best wishes to all affected. The pandemic has meant that all our meetings are still currently held via Zoom and I thank everyone for embracing this and your patience with me and my I.T limitations.

However, the Council has made much progress despite this and I am delighted that Tydd Gote now feels more engaged in the Parish and has 2 new energetic and positive Councillors to represent them.

I am delighted to report that both villages now have defibrillators and would like to thank Paula and Jason Mallett for their help with these and Lisa at Tydd Stores and Simon at Fenland Church for accommodating them.

The Council is making progress with reducing speeding in the villages and on the A1101 and there will be much more to follow once Covid allows.

It is great to see a post box back at the centre of the village, although I cannot take credit for that but thank everyone who put pressure on Royal Mail to replace the old one.

There is a new agreement with the Parish Council and Playing Field Committee in place which will cover future events after lockdown is lifted.

The Council has completed some much-needed free work around the play area in Tydd Gote and also provided Christmas trees for both villages.

The Playing Field Committee have reported that they have successfully raised funds to provide new outdoor gym equipment on the Glebe field as well as resurfacing the play area. They are seeking new members to join the committee to help continue these and future projects.

Thank you.

Annette Magnus

**3. The Clerk gave a brief Financial report for the last year.**

For the financial year 2020-2021 the total income for Tydd St Mary Parish Council is expected to be in the region of £31560.00 with expenditure estimated at £28200.00.

The Precept for the year was £23782.00.

Other income has been generated from Allotment rents at £3100.00 and grant funding of £3100.00.

The Accounts for the previous year were signed off by the internal and external Auditors.

#### **4. Topics for discussion**

- a. Speeding within the Parish
- b. Road Conditions within the parish
- c. Redevelopment of Bowling area at Glebe field

a. Cllr Magnus informed those present of her recent meeting with County Cllr Coupland (Highways) and Mr John Wise from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP).

Following this meeting the following are being/have been carried out:

Archer speed survey Station Rd Tydd Gote

An Archer speed survey on A1101 near Common Way

(the above will give data enabling consideration and suitability of enforcement options for the LRSP. Data will be passed to LCC for consideration in the requested speed limit reduction requested by the Parish Council.

The overgrown trees and hedges at the common pit, junction of A1101 and Common Way are to be cut back.

More Speed signs are to be placed in Tydd St Mary.

The Parish Council have raised grant funding to purchase a second Interactive Speed sign to enable both villages to have one permanently.

Community Speed watch have been contacted and once Covid restrictions are lifted training will recommence. This is an initiative the Parish Council endorse and will back with funding once enough support and volunteers from the community have signed up to participate.

Other suggestions put forward at the meeting and passed to County Cllr Coupland to look into and report back to Council:

More streetlighting at junction of A1101 and Common Way

Flooding at the above junction

Concerns over speeding and HGVs through the whole of Common Way and Main Road Tydd St Mary.

A highly visible safety barrier to be erected around the Common pit at junction of A1101 and Common Way

b. Potholes in the Parish have been inspected and are now being dealt with.

c. Ideas put forward:

A Multipurpose all weather Games Area.

Something that would provide a facility for all ages across the community.

To involve the School.

To be run by a working party from across the community.

The need to Canvas the entire community.

#### **5. Any other matters from members of the public.**

Items discussed: None.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 7.33pm.

Confirmed and approved.

Sign:

Date:

