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Minutes of the Tilney St Lawrence Parish Council meeting held at on Monday 5th September 2011 in the Village Hall, Tilney St Lawrence at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr B. Ayres (in the Chair)
Cllr C. Ayres, Cllr D. Calton, Cllr P. Cullen, Cllr J. Day, Cllr E. Hearn,
Cllr R. Jagers, Cllr D. Jones, Cllr E. Jones, Cllr C. Mills,
Cllr G. Place, Cllr A. Sapey & Cllr R. Savage.

Clerk: Mrs M. Meyrick
Norfolk Constabulary: Inspector Bates

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320. Apologies and reasons for absence.

320.1. Cllr Appleby – on holiday.

321. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

321.1. Cllr Savage declared a prejudicial interest on item 328.1 as he is the current tenant.

322. Minutes.

322.1. The minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th July 2011 – Amendment – Page 74 item 310.2, second line should read 'PCSO Lee and not Leigh subject to this amendment the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

There were no questions raised in the public session.

323. Police Matters

323.1. Inspector Bates thanked the Council for inviting him to attend the meeting. He has been at the Downham Market branch now for around 9 years and he has seen a few changes in that time. Two to three years ago the Chief Constable decided to re-organise the way we work, most of the police went to King's Lynn. The idea was that emergencies would be deal with 6 groups of police. There has now been a management restructure which has meant that all the police that were transferred are now back to Downham Market. Downham Market will have the Safer Neighbourhood Team and quick response but if any Inspectors, Chief's and Sgt's leave they will not be replaced which will mean a lot more work for the Inspectors and Sgts. You will not see much change in this area. A double crew will come from Downham Market to the Terrington beat base for the day. There are plans to work more closely with Suffolk to try and reduce costs. 300 officers and 50 PCSO's will be lost over the next 3 years. Things like fetes and community events may not be well attended by the police. We have seen a 10% reduction on last year's crimes but the big problem at the moment is burglary dwelling especially along the A17 corridor to the Heacham/Dersingham area. Where we see a problem we will concentrate our teams for a period of time. Tilney St Lawrence and Tilney cum Islington have a very low crime rate. There was a recent drug crime in Tilney cum Islington.

323.2. Councillors highlighted the issue of heavy goods vehicles using Tilney cum Islington as a cut through. Various police officers have been spoken to about this problem that have investigated it and say that the vehicles are on a designated route for where they are going. Cllr Jones reported

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that he has raised this issue previously and officers have spoken to drivers of the vehicles. The Inspector advised that this could be something brought to a SNAP meeting to deal with and to have contact with the local PCSO too. The next SNAP meeting is due on the 12th October at Marshland Village Hall.

323.3. The issue of parking on pavements was also raised. The Inspector stated that if they put a ticket on one vehicle they would have to do this everywhere and we don't want officers taking time to deal with that. Verbal warnings can be given if there is a clear obstruction, we will gladly deal with it, and parking on pavements is an offence. This could be another issue for SNAP to deal with. Inspector Bates stated that he would like PCSO's to attend parish council meetings which the Council would like to see from time to time.

324. Reports

324.1. Chairman's Correspondence/Report – A request was received to move the meeting dates of the Council to a Wednesday to accommodate a booking in the village hall but this is no longer needed. The bench that was acquired from the Borough Council will be placed to the left of the village noticeboard. The grit bins have been delivered and will go in position once grit is available. The Chairman received a two page response regarding the postal deliveries but there was no commitment and no comments just information about why they have to make changes. Royal Mail has advised that if you are not happy with the response to go to appeal. Cllr B. Ayres will continue to talk to the operation service manager.

324.2. Footway Lighting Reports

- No 37 – Church Road, intermittent and a day burner.
- No 1 – School Road, day burner.
- No 44 – Magdalen Road, day burner.
- No 10 – St John's Road, out.

324.3. Footpath & Tree Reports – Cllr Ayres had received an update from Cllr Appleby – The Open Spaces Society could not withdraw their initial objection despite the site meeting that took place. The options open to us are for a dedication of a new footpath or re-location, Norfolk County Council are dealing with this at the moment.

324.4. Village Hall Report – A cheque for £100 was handed to the Parish Council which is the contribution from the Village Hall Committee for the recent upgrade of the CCTV.

It was agreed for the Clerk to write a thank you letter to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

324.5. William Day Centre Report – There was a meeting that took place with Norfolk County Council who informed the Day Centre that the meals on wheels service will cease on the 31st March 2012. Personal Budgets of service users are being used more by N.C.C. The AGM of the Day Centre will take place on the 13th September at 6.45pm. Cllr B. Ayres attended one of the recent open days and thanked the Day Centre for the welcome he received.

324.6. Highway Matters – Cllr Jagers brought up the issue of the rubbish that is still in place by the flyover of the old road. The problem is establishing who owns that area now. The Clerk

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reported that she has asked the local highways representative the question but as yet has not had a response. There were a number of problems reported which are as follows: -

- The Avenue, Tilney cum Islington – Give Way sign has been knocked and is gradually being dismantled.
- Church Road down to Clough Bridge – The road surface is undulated and getting worse.
- New Road adjacent to Antioch Farm/Walnut Tree House – tarmac is breaking up and the drain needs cleaning out.
- 118 High Road, Tilney cum Islington – The hedge is still not been cut. The Clerk reported that this was passed onto the highways team following the last meeting but it is not a quick issue to deal with. The highways team has to write to the owner giving them so many days to cut the hedge, if this is not done they have to write to them again.

325. Finance

325.1. Payments since last meeting.

NO	Name	Chq No	Description	Net	VAT	Total
52	Hodson Engineering	630	Reimburse Des Calton	96.00	19.20	115.20
53	Mrs M Meyrick	631	Salary - August	229.88	0.00	229.88
54	Mrs M Meyrick	631	Salary - Sept	229.88	0.00	229.88
55	Mrs M Meyrick	631	Expenses	39.03	0.00	39.03
56	HMRC	632	Tax payments	172.40	0.00	172.40
57	E-on	DD	Street Light Electric May	140.13	28.03	168.16
58	E-on	DD	Street Light Electric June	140.13	28.03	168.16
59	E-on	DD	Street Light Electric July	140.13	28.03	168.16
60	MHB	DD	Street Light Maint August	101.91	20.38	122.29
61	SM Web Designs	633	Web yearly site renewal	221.98	0.00	221.98
62	CGM	634	Churchyard Maint April	185.00	37.00	222.00
63	CGM	634	Churchyard Maint May	277.50	55.50	333.00
64	CGM	634	Churchyard Maint June	185.00	37.00	222.00
65	CGM	634	Churchyard Maint July	185.00	37.00	222.00
			Total	832.50	166.50	999.00
66	SLCC	635	Regional Training	16.25	3.25	19.50
67	ESE Ltd	629	3 x Grit Bins	437.73	87.55	525.28
68	Mrs E Hearn	636	Mileage Claim	44.80	0.00	44.80
	Total			3630.45	547.47	4177.92

The accounts for September were agreed as listed

325.2. Quarterly reports – The Council were given a copy of the quarterly reports, any questions the Clerk will be happy to answer.

325.3. Report from Internal Monitor – Cllr C. Ayres reported that she received all the reports & paperwork relating to the first quarter's accounts. She was able to cross reference the details of the accounts appropriately. She stated that the Clerk should be congratulated on making the accounts clear and easy to read.

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325.4. A grant request was received from Vitalise who give essential breaks for disabled people.

It was agreed not to give a grant to Vitalise as the Council has a policy to consider giving grants to local organisations.

326. Planning

326.1. Planning applications.

11/01108/F – Demolition of existing cottage & outbuilding, construction of new chalet bungalow & garden/store – 68 High Road, TCI

A response to this was due on the 18th August. Details of the plans were given to each councillor. Subsequently comments were made as follows: -

Objection - The front fence aspect is too high which is not recommended by Police Secure by Design. Other Comments: - The basic proposal is approved by the council i.e. demolition of old public house and rebuild in centre of plot.

Since this comment an amendment was received that kept the front boundary as it exists today.

11/01322/F - Erection of Platisol coated steel framed stable/hay store and construction of ménage - Land NE of Westcott New Road

No Objection

326.2. Late planning decisions

11/01108/F – Permission granted for Demolition of existing cottage & outbuilding, construction of new chalet bungalow & garden/store – 68 High Road, Tilney cum Islington

326.3. Notification of the withdrawal of planning application 11/01026/CU was received for the change of use of existing two storey annex to pre-school nursery/day care unit.

327. Bus Stop near the Coach & Horses.

327.1. Cllr Jagers was approached by the current owners requesting a bus stop near the pub as a number of visitors use public transport. Norfolk Green uses a hail and ride scheme so it may not be necessary. Any bus stop requests have to be put to Peter Cudby of Norfolk County Council, Cllr Jagers will pass this onto the pub owners.

Cllr Calton gave his apologies and left the meeting at this point.

Cllr Savage left the meeting at this point while the next issue was being discussed.

328. Brickyard Lease.

328.1. The brickyard lease is due for renewal in October. There were some concerns relating to a notice of quit that was not issued and legal advice is being sought from a solicitor who deals in these matters. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue. The idea of making the lease a longer term was discussed but this could not be acted upon until the legal advice has been received. The Council were mindful of the fact that October is fast approaching and any tenant

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would have to start cultivating the land for next season so a decision would have to be made. Cllr Sapey proposed and Cllr D. Jones seconded under the circumstances to allow the current tenant to have another year's lease at the current rent.

It was unanimously agreed to offer the current tenant a further 1 year's lease at the current rent.

329. On-going issues.

329.1. Noticeboard for Tilney cum Islington – Cllr Calton gave an update earlier in the meeting concerning the noticeboard. He had a company in King's Lynn make the steel frame but now is obtaining quotes for the wooden part of the noticeboard.

329.2. Quality Council Status – There was no update, to place on next agenda.

329.3. Postal Deliveries – Cllr B. Ayres gave an update at item 324.1.

329.4. Bus Shelter, Tilney cum Islington – Following the last meeting the Clerk had obtained the cost of anti-vandal/climb paint for the roof of the shelter. The Clerk informed the Council that signs would have to be purchased which is a legal requirement when using this type of paint. Cllr Calton had volunteered to put the paint on the roof.

It was agreed for the Clerk to purchase anti climb paint and the necessary signs up to the value of £50.

330. General correspondence.

330.1. A letter was received from National Grid giving an update of the Norwich to Walpole power lines. The letter informed the Council of the temporary road closures that will occur from 6th October – 13th November from the High Road (by White Hall Farm) to Wiggenhall St Mary. There will be night work on the A47 TSL between Terrington St John and Tilney All Saints starting on the 12th November and finishing on the 13th November.

330.2. Information was received from the West Norfolk Sports Council. The sports council is making available to local sports clubs a number of small grants of up to £200 to help stage events or initiatives linked to the Olympic Games. Sports involved would need to be amongst those that are included in the Games.

330.3. Correspondence was received from the National Horticultural Society who is encouraging the parish council to get involved in the Britain in Bloom campaign by getting volunteers involved also.

330.4. The July Norfolk RCC newsletter was received.

330.5. A copy of the Clerks & Councillors Direct September newsletter was received.

330.6. A copy of the Norfolk ALC Annual Report and the agenda for their AGM was received. An invitation to an event to discuss 'Why Quality Status' was received.

It was agreed for Cllr Sapey and Cllr Hearn to attend this event.

330.7. A copy of the Norfolk Constabulary pocket fact guide was received.

331. Borough Council of KL & WN issues.

331.1. A copy and notice of Adoption of the LDF Core Strategy was received.

332. Norfolk County Council issues.

332.1. An acknowledgement of planning application comments by the Parish Council relating to the Willows planning application was received.

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333. Items for the next agenda.

333.1. Update on improvements to the Parish Church.

333.2. Emergency Plan.

333.3. It was reported that the bottle bank located at the Coach & Horses are full which is causing a big problem. They are supposed to be emptied on a fortnightly basis. The Clerk will look into this.

334. Date of next meeting

334.1. The next meeting will be held on the 3rd October 2011.

Meeting closed at 9.25p.m.

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