

# Tydd St Giles Parish Council

## Elections and Co-options 2019 - 2021

Public elections were called for all seven seats on Tydd St Giles Parish Council on 2 May 2019, in accordance with the normal quadrennial cycle. Cllrs Taylor, Jupp and Ware decided not to offer themselves for re-election, creating three vacancies. Thomas Doyle and John Maxwell submitted nomination forms, leaving one remaining vacancy, so no public election was held. Messrs Doyle and Maxwell were duly elected. The Declaration of Result is attached as Appendix A. Legislation requires the Parish Council to co-opt to fill a vacant seat "at the earliest opportunity." At their meeting on 9 May 2019, the Parish Council co-opted Helen Hillam, as the only person who had expressed an interest in the role.

In November 2019, Cllr Mallett resigned from the Council. The Notice of Vacancy was posted on Fenland District Council's website, the Parish Council's website and the two Parish Council notice boards on 19 November 2019. The Notice (attached as Appendix B) stated that:

*"If by the **9 December 2019** (14 days after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish Council, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option."*

A valid petition was submitted and a Notice of Election was posted on Fenland District Council's website, the Parish Council's website and the two Parish Council notice boards on 9 January 2020 for a public election on 13 February 2020. The Notice (attached as Appendix C) stated that:

*"Nomination papers must be delivered during normal office hours (9.00 am to 4.00pm) to the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council from the day after the date of this notice but not later than 4pm on 17 January 2020."*

*Nomination papers may be obtained, during normal office hours, from the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council."*

One valid nomination was submitted by Geoff Mathias, who was not a signatory to the petition. With only one candidate nominated, no election was held and Mr Mathias was duly elected.

In July 2020, Cllr Minney resigned from the Council. The Notice of Vacancy was posted on Fenland District Council's website, the Parish Council's website and the two Parish Council notice boards on 14 July 2020. The Notice (attached as Appendix D) stated that:

*"If by the **3 August 2020** (14 days after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish Council, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option."*

No petition was submitted, so the Parish Council was required to fill the vacancy by co-option. In order to encourage members of the community to come forward, Councillors delivered a flyer to every household in the Parish to make people aware of the vacancy and invite them to find out more about the role of Parish Councillor. The flyer is attached as Appendix E.

As a consequence, more than a dozen people expressed an interest and there were five candidates seeking co-option at the Council's meeting on 10 September 2020. The minutes record the process as follows:

*"Five residents expressed an interest in the vacant position and submitted a short written profile. Members voted for their preferred candidate, with the candidate receiving the fewest votes eliminated in each round. With an equal number of votes being cast for the final two candidates, the Chairman used his casting vote and Caroline Brooks was co-opted onto the Council."*

In September 2020, Cllr Hale-Smith resigned from the Council. The Notice of Vacancy was posted on Fenland District Council's website, the Parish Council's website and the two Parish Council notice boards on 15 September 2020. The Notice (attached as Appendix F) stated that:

*"If by the **5 October 2020** (14 days after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish Council, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option."*

*However, as a result of the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and The Coronavirus Act 2020, if the vacancy is called to an election, the poll will not take place until 6 May 2021. Should this legislation be amended this position will be revisited."*

A valid petition was submitted and a Notice of Election was posted on Fenland District Council's website, the Parish Council's website and the two Parish Council notice boards on 25 March 2021 for a public election on 6 May 2021. The Notice (attached as Appendix G) stated that:

*"Nomination papers must be delivered during normal office hours (9.00 am to 4.00pm) to the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council from the day after the date of this notice but not later than 4pm on Thursday 8 April 2021."*

*Nomination papers may be obtained, during normal office hours, from the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council."*

No valid nominations were submitted, so no election took place. The vacancy remained to be filled by election at a future date and, if contested, the Parish Council must pay the full cost of the election process, likely to amount to several thousand pounds.

A second election was scheduled and a Notice of Election was posted on Fenland District Council's website, the Parish Council's website and the two Parish Council notice boards on 19 May 2021 for a public election on 24 June 2021. The Notice (attached as Appendix H) stated that:

*"Completed nomination papers must be delivered during normal office hours to the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council from the day after the date of this notice but not later than 4pm on 27 May 2021."*

*Nomination papers may be obtained, during normal office hours, from the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council."*

No valid nominations were submitted, so no election took place.

A third election was scheduled and a Notice of Election was posted on Fenland District Council's website, the Parish Council's website and the two Parish Council notice boards on 8 July 2021 for a public election on 12 August 2021. The Notice (attached as Appendix I) stated that:

*"Nomination papers must be delivered during normal office hours to the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council from the day after the date of this notice but not later than 4pm on 16 July 2021.*

*Nomination papers may be obtained, during normal office hours, from the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council."*

One valid nomination was submitted by Kearn Malin. With only one candidate nominated, no election was held and Mr Malin was duly elected.

In November 2020, Cllr Maxwell resigned from the Council. The Notice of Vacancy was posted on Fenland District Council's website, the Parish Council's website and the two Parish Council notice boards on 18 November 2020. The Notice (attached as Appendix J) stated that:

*"If by the **8 December 2020** (14 days after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish Council, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option."*

No petition was submitted, so the Parish Council was required to fill the vacancy by co-option. The Council intended to conduct this process at their January meeting, however several additional candidates expressed an interest in the days leading up to the meeting, so to give everybody a chance to be considered, this process was delayed until the March meeting.

In February 2021, Cllr Hillam resigned from the Council. The Notice of Vacancy was posted on Fenland District Council's website, the Parish Council's website and the two Parish Council notice boards on 10 February 2021. The Notice (attached as Appendix K) stated that:

*"If by the **3 March 2021** (14 days after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish Council, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option."*

No petition was submitted, so the Parish Council was required to fill the vacancy by co-option. There were five candidates seeking co-option at the Council's meeting on 11 March 2021. The draft minutes record the process as follows:

*"The Clerk reported that twelve people had expressed an interest in joining the Council, however three had subsequently withdrawn and a further four had not confirmed their candidacy. Members were asked to vote on the anonymised profiles of the remaining five candidates. After two rounds of voting, Barrie Luck and Adam Renshaw were announced as the successful candidates to fill the two vacant positions on the Council."*

The processes for filling vacancies on Parish Councils are set out in the Local Government Act 1972 and subsequent legislation. They are managed and overseen by the Elections Officer of Fenland District Council and the Chief Executive of the District Council, who holds the title of Returning Officer. Tydd St Giles Parish Council has complied fully with every requirement of the legislation in its handling of the eight vacancies outlined above.

**Election of Parish Councillor**  
for the  
**TYDD ST. GILES PARISH**

## DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL UNCONTESTED

**Date of Election: Thursday 2 May 2019**

**I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that at the election of Parish Councillors for the above-mentioned Parish, the following persons, the only candidates, will be duly elected as Parish Councillors:**

<b>Surname of Candidate</b>	<b>Other Names of Candidate</b>	<b>Home Address</b>
Mallett	Rex Godfrey	Newfields Hockland Road Tydd St Giles Wisbech PE13 5LF
Maxwell	John Andrew	The Smithy Hockland Road Tydd St Giles Wisbech PE13 5LF
Carter	Malcolm John	9D Field Avenue Tydd St Giles Wisbech PE13 5LJ
Hale-Smith	Martyn Keith	The Folly 18 High Broadgate Tydd St Giles Wisbech PE13 5LS
Minney	George	Sherwood Hockland Road Tydd St Giles Wisbech PE13 5LF
Doyle	Thomas Martin	Paget Hall Hockland Road Tydd St Giles Wisbech PE13 5LF

Dated: 04 April 2019

Paul Medd  
Returning Officer  
Fenland District Council  
County Road  
March  
Cambridgeshire

PE15 8NQ

# NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

for the

## TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that due to the resignation of Councillor Rex Mallett, a vacancy has arisen in the office of Councillor for the Tydd St Giles Parish Council.

If by the **9 December 2019** (14 days after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish Council, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option.

The Returning Officer's address is Electoral Services Office, Room 3, Fenland District Council, March, Cambs, PE15 8NQ.

This notice is dated 19 November 2019.

*Dave Gibbs*

Clerk to Tydd St Giles Parish Council

# In computing any period of time for this purpose, a Saturday, Sunday, day of the Christmas Break, of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning must be disregarded.

# NOTICE OF ELECTION

**Election of a Councillor  
for the  
TYDD ST. GILES PARISH  
to be held on  
Thursday, 13 February 2020**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT**

1. An election is to be held for ONE Parish Councillor for the TYDD ST. GILES PARISH.
2. Nomination papers must be delivered during normal office hours (9.00 am to 4.00pm) to the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council from the day after the date of this notice but not later than 4pm on 17 January 2020.
3. Nomination papers may be obtained, during normal office hours, from the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council.
4. If the election is contested, the poll in respect of such election will take place on 13 February 2020 between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm.
5. Applications to be included in the Register of Electors must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council by 5pm on Thursday, 6 February 2020
6. Electors should take note that new applications to vote by post or to change applications to change or cancel an existing postal or proxy vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council not later than 5pm on 29 January 2020 if they are to be effective for this election.
7. New applications to vote by proxy must be received by the Electoral Registration Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council not later than 5pm on 5 February 2020 if they are to be effective for this election, except applications to vote by proxy on grounds of emergency (medical or work related) occurring after 5pm on 5 February 2020. Such applications may be made not later than 5pm on 13 February 2020.

DATED 9 January 2020

Returning Officer  
Paul Medd

# **NOTICE OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR**

**for the**

## **TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that due to the resignation of Councillor George Minney, a vacancy has arisen in the office of Councillor for the Tydd St Giles Parish Council.

If by the **3 August 2020** (14 days# after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish Council, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option.

However, as a result of the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and The Coronavirus Act 2020, if the vacancy is called to an election, the poll will not take place until 6 May 2021. Should this legislation be amended this position will be revisited.

The Returning Officer's address is Electoral Services Office, Room 3, Fenland District Council, March, Cambs, PE15 8NQ.

This notice is dated 14 July 2020.

*Dave Gibbs*

Clerk to Tydd St Giles Parish Council

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The Parish Council meets bi-monthly on a Thursday evening, with occasional committee meetings at other times.

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For further information, email the Clerk, Dave Gibbs, at [clerk@tyddstgilesparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@tyddstgilesparishcouncil.org.uk) or call 870083.

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# **NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR**

**for the**

## **TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that due to the resignation of Councillor Martyn Hale-Smith, a vacancy has arisen in the office of Councillor for the Tydd St Giles Parish Council.

If by the **5 October 2020** (14 days# after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish Council, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option.

However, as a result of the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and The Coronavirus Act 2020, if the vacancy is called to an election, the poll will not take place until 6 May 2021. Should this legislation be amended this position will be revisited.

The Returning Officer's address is Electoral Services Office, Room 3, Fenland District Council, March, Cambs, PE15 8NQ.

This notice is dated 15 September 2020.

*Dave Gibbs*

Clerk to Tydd St Giles Parish Council

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# NOTICE OF ELECTION

## Election of a Councillor

For the

## TYDD ST GILES PARISH

To be held on

**Thursday 06 May 2021**

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

1. An election is to be held for ONE Parish Councillor for the Tydd St Giles Parish.
2. Nomination papers may be obtained, during normal office hours, from the Returning Officer at the address shown below.
3. Completed nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council at the address shown below, on any day after the date of this notice, during normal office hours but no later than 4pm on Thursday 8 April 2021.
4. If the election is contested, the poll will take place on Thursday 6 May 2021 between the hours of 07:00 and 22:00.
5. Electors should take note that the deadline for new applications to vote by post or to change existing postal or proxy arrangements e.g. cancellation or re-direction etc. must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the address shown below by 5pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021 if they are to be effective for this election.
6. New applications to vote by proxy must be received by the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021.
7. The deadline for new applications to be received by the Electoral Registration Officer to vote by proxy on grounds of a medical or work related emergency arising after Tuesday 27 April 2021 is not later than 5pm on Thursday 6 May 2021.

**DATED Thursday 25 March 2021**

Paul Medd  
Returning Officer  
Fenland District Council  
Fenland Hall  
County Road  
March Cambs PE15 8NQ

# NOTICE OF ELECTION

**Election of a Councillor**

**for the**

**TYDD ST GILES PARISH**

**To be held on**

**Thursday 24 June 2021**

## **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT**

1. An election is to be held for ONE Parish Councillor for the TYDD ST GILES PARISH.
2. Nomination papers may be obtained, during normal office hours, from the Returning Officer at the address shown below.
3. Completed nomination papers must be delivered during normal office hours to the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council from the day after the date of this notice but not later than 4pm on 27 May 2021.
4. If the election is contested, the poll in respect of such election will take place on 24 June 2021 between the hours of 07:00 and 22:00.
5. Electors should take note that new applications to vote by post or to change applications to change or cancel an existing postal or proxy vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council not later than 5pm on 9 June 2021 if they are to be effective for this election.
6. New applications to vote by proxy must be received by the Electoral Registration Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council not later than 5pm on 16 June 2021 if they are to be effective for this election.
7. The deadline for new applications to be received by the Electoral Registration Officer to vote by proxy on grounds of a medical or work related emergency is not later than 5pm on 24 June 2021.

**DATED 19 May 2021**

**Returning Officer**  
Paul Medd

# NOTICE OF ELECTION

**Election of a Councillor**

**for the**

**TYDD ST GILES PARISH**

**To be held on**

**Thursday 12 August 2021**

## **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT**

1. An election is to be held for ONE Parish Councillor for the TYDD ST GILES PARISH.
2. Nomination papers may be obtained, during normal office hours, from the Returning Officer at the address shown below.
3. Nomination papers must be delivered during normal office hours to the Returning Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council from the day after the date of this notice but not later than 4pm on 16 July 2021.
4. If the election is contested, the poll in respect of such election will take place on 12 August 2021 between the hours of 07:00 and 22:00.
5. Electors should take note that new applications to vote by post or applications to change or cancel an existing postal or proxy vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council not later than 5pm on 28 July 2021 if they are to be effective for this election.
6. New applications to vote by proxy must be received by the Electoral Registration Officer at the offices of Fenland District Council not later than 5pm on 4 August 2021 if they are to be effective for this election.
7. The deadline for new applications to be received by the Electoral Registration Officer to vote by proxy on grounds of emergency (medical or work related) is not later than 5pm on 12 August 2021.

**DATED 8 July 2021**

**Returning Officer**  
Paul Medd

# **NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR**

**for the**

## **TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that due to the resignation of Councillor John Maxwell, a vacancy has arisen in the office of Councillor for Tydd St Giles Parish Council.

If by the **8 December 2020** (14 days# after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option.

However, as a result of the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and The Coronavirus Act 2020, if the vacancy is called to an election, the poll will not take place until 6 May 2021. Should this legislation be amended this position will be revisited.

The Returning Officer's address is Electoral Services Office, Room 3, Fenland District Council, March, Cambs, PE15 8NQ.

This notice is dated 18 November 2020.

*Dave Gibbs*

Clerk to the Tydd St Giles Parish Council

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# **NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR**

**for the**

## **TYDD ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that due to the resignation of Councillor Helen Hillam, a vacancy has arisen in the office of Councillor for Tydd St Giles Parish Council.

If by the **3 March 2021** (14 days# after the date of this Notice), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Fenland Hall, County Road, March PE15 8NQ by **TEN** electors of the Parish, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the said vacancy will be filled by co-option.

However, as a result of the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and The Coronavirus Act 2020, if the vacancy is called to an election, the poll will not take place until 6 May 2021. Should this legislation be amended this position will be revisited.

The Returning Officer's address is Electoral Services Office, Room 3, Fenland District Council, March, Cambs, PE15 8NQ.

This notice is dated 10 February 2021.

*Dave Gibbs*

Clerk to the Tydd St Giles Parish Council

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