

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 21st January, 2008, there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott (Chairman), N. French, H. Lewis, L. Tyler and A. Cooke. In attendance were the Clerk and six members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Patchett and Mrs. Pycock, District Councillor Mrs. Davidson, County Councillor Fleetwood and PCSO Parker.

2. WLDC STREET WARDEN

Nigel Perriam, one of 7 WLDC Street Wardens, explained that the scheme had been set up to tackle environmental crime, such as fly tipping, dog fouling/control, littering, graffiti, noise, etc., and promotes a partnership with PCSOs. Offenders can be interviewed under caution and fined and/or taken to court. Anybody wanting to report an offence should ring WLDC on 01427 676676. He was asked if dog bins could be emptied regularly and he will check whether there has been a dog bin put on Holmfield. Information on the scheme is to be put in the Parish News.

3. OPEN SESSION

The problem of flooding was again of great concern; backing up of drains and sewage near Five Mile House and water draining off the fields near the school and the shop, as well as localised flooding in other areas of the village. It was AGREED that a letter should be sent to all agencies involved, i.e. Anglian Water, Environmental Health, Environment Agency and LCC Highways. Anglian Water had previously informed the Parish Council that this sort of problem only occurs once every 30 years but we have now had two periods of flooding in six months. It was felt that the drains aren't big enough to cope, so in periods of heavy rain, surface water mixes with sewage, especially along the line of the sewers from Five Mile House to the sewage works. In addition, water comes off the fields at the north of the village onto the roads as the drains and ditches have either been filled in or not maintained. A proper investigation is needed by all authorities concerned to find out what's wrong and then remedied.

A complaint had been received that the road sweeper had not cleaned around The Crescent. It was accepted that this could be due to the amount of cars parked on the road there. The Clerk was asked to contact WLDC to see if this road could be cleaned and whether advance warning of the date could be given so that the cars can be moved. There are potholes at the end of Blacksmith Road at the junction with Chapel Road - the Clerk to inform LCC Highways.

4. POLICE CONSTABLE'S/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

PCSO Parker reported the following crimes via the Clerk: vehicles had been broken into and property taken at Fiskerton Fen Nature Reserve and there had been some local sneak-in burglaries.

5. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of last meeting, previously circulated, were taken as read and signed as a true record.

7. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS AGENDA NOT ON THIS AGENDA

2 - Bridge over north delph. There does not appear to be any public desire to have the fence approach to the gate lengthened. The bridge will be inspected by LCC Footpaths Section at the next opportunity.

2 - Adoption of roads on Chapel Rise estate. LCC Highways investigating.

2 - Street lights along the bottom of High Meadows. LCC Street Lighting team are prepared to replace the existing street light with a free standing lamp post, subject to no objections from the residents on that road. The Chairman suggested writing to those residents asking if they have any objections - AGREED.

2 - Request for speed reduction measures from Fiskerton to Cherry Willingham. All requests for speed limits are currently on hold pending a review of the County Council's speed limit policy. Our request will be added to the list for investigation following completion of the review

2 - Request for foot/cycle path towards Cherry Willingham. Cherry Willingham Parish Council have also requested such a pathway - requests added to list for assessment and will be prioritised along with similar requests for new build footways.

15 - dates of future meetings. The AGM has been rescheduled to Monday 19th May, 2008.

8. ACCOUNTSFINANCE BUDGET 2007/2008

As read.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk outlined the following transactions, which had occurred since the last meeting.

CURRENT ACCOUNTReceipts:

Grazing rental 25.00

Payments:

PWLB (loan) 1026.27

Current Account balance 13457.74

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTReceipts:

Interest 41.86

Deposit Account balance 6890.91

PETTY CASH

Postage 3.24

December telephone 4.00

Total Petty Cash 7.24

Petty cash balance 42.02

GRAND TOTAL 20390.67

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Freeola Ltd (web site freedom pass) 42.32

AGREED

Total after cheques paid out 20348.35

DONATION REQUESTS

A request for funding was requested by West Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau. It was AGREED not to support this year as any financial assistance should go to the Lincoln Branch.

9. GROUND MAINTENANCE QUOTATION

Formally AGREED to accept Serviceteam's quotation.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing raised.

11. PLAY AREA

A meeting with a representative of EON had been held; the sports complex has to be sited at least 9 metres away from the electricity pylon, the contractor has to search for underground cables and safety notices have to be displayed. We are still trying to ascertain the costs of burying the electricity cable. There will possibly be a post and chain fence between the village hall land and the scouts land - this can easily be removed if required. A meeting is to be held with the contractors on 28th January to establish the final sitings and when the problem of fencing will be discussed. Work will hopefully start during the first week of February. All funding is now accounted for. Expected costs for insurance for the equipment will be about £600.

12. CIRCULARS

Nothing was circulated.

13. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting, planning permission had been received for an application for extensions and alterations to existing private dwelling at The Forge, Blacksmith Road.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received the following correspondence:

WLDC - Charter Mark for Planning Services

Govt Office for East Midlands - Publication of the Draft East Midlands Plan Panel Report

CE Electric UK - Preparing for Mother Nature leaflets and posters

WLDC - sandbag provision (urgent request). WLDC are proposing providing bulk bags of sand and sandbags for storage and management by individual Parish Councils. It was AGREED that we are interested in this provision but the problems of storage and who will look after the distribution. The Chairman is pursuing Smiths Gore to ask if we could use part of one of the barns at Manor Farm but all in attendance at the meeting were asked to investigate storage provision as a matter of priority.

15. TO RECEIVE THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

In the absence of District Councillor Mrs. Davidson, the Clerk read her report.

West Lindsey Flood Inquiry - The WLDC Flood Inquiry took place on Saturday 19th July at the new Council Offices at Gainsborough. It involved a Citizens' Jury of 30 residents from throughout the District and was attended by senior representatives of the relevant agencies. Councillors were not allowed to attend but it is hoped that they will be invited to attend future meetings. Senior Citizen Bus Passes - from April 1st 2008 bus passes will be valid nationally. However, due to financial restraints, it is likely that a time restriction will be introduced for bus passes in Lincolnshire - from 9.30 am to 11 pm. At the request of a Short Ferry resident, she is going to try and find out whether an exception can be made in the case of the 9.03 am bus from Short Ferry. West Lindsey Council offices - WLDC is moving to its new offices in Marshalls Yard when all the Council staff will be under one roof instead of scattered in four different buildings. Negotiations are well under way to sell off the old Guildhall and other Council premises and this will offset most of the costs of building the new offices.

16. TO FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

CONFIRMED as Monday, 17th March - the Parish Council meeting at 6.45 p.m. followed by the Annual Parish meeting at 7.30 p.m.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chapel Road sign on The Crescent has been vandalised - the Clerk to inform WLDC.

Provision of trees in the new churchyard. The Chairman suggested we write to the PCC offering support if they would like to plant trees in the new part of the churchyard - AGREED.

The problem of a future village playing field will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Public footpath 115 needs marking at both ends, especially at its junction with no.119 - the Clerk to ask LCC Footpaths Section if they could agree a diversion for this footpath with the farmer.

The street light outside no.2 Priory Drive is not working - the Clerk to inform LCC Street Lighting Section.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

17th March, 2008