

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott (Chairman), N. French, H. Lewis, A. Cooke, J. Patchett and Mrs. M. Pycock. In attendance were County Councillor I. Fleetwood, District Councillor Mrs. M. Davidson, the Clerk and nine members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L. Tyler.

2. OPEN SESSION

Nothing was raised.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Not present.

4. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

6. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS AGENDA NOT ON THIS AGENDA

4 - Surface water outside 27 Ferry Road. LCC Highways will inspect again during rainfall.

4/21 - Fence across public footpath 119/permissive footpath at rear of St. Clement's Drive/public footpath 220. No reply from LCC Footpaths Section. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC Footpaths and inform them that the public footpath from Corn Close is overgrown.

7 - Road sweeping, The Crescent. District Councillor Mrs. Davidson reported that a new timetable is being drawn up and the Clerk should be informed of future dates.

9 - Village playing field. No-one had offered to help set up a junior sports club. The Chairman suggested we ask the school if they are still willing to let an organised sports club use their facilities and re-advertise in the September newsletter - AGREED.

12 - Play area. Councillor French had been informed of a villager who can provide top soil mixed with grass seed to the area surrounding the tarmac surface of the sports wall - work to be done towards the end of September - but he is still waiting for a price. If the price is too steep, he will look for another company to tender. Part of the wall in the fenced off play area has been broken down - it was AGREED that it should be replaced with a metal fence which could be added to the rear fence contract - the Clerk to contact MPC Ltd.

14 - CCTV security cameras. The Chairman outlined the report from the Police Crime Prevention Officer, a copy of which had been sent to the Village Hall Management Committee for their consideration. It was AGREED to wait for the VHMCA to make any decision.

17 - Quad bike track. Legal action is still pending. The Chairman suggested putting an item in the Parish News asking for evidence of use - AGREED.

21 - Hole at side of manhole cover, The Crescent. ACIS had agreed on maintenance.

7. ACCOUNTS

FINANCE BUDGET 2008/2009

As read. It was noted that National Insurance contributions now have to be paid for the Clerk, backdated to last year.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Payments:

Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cutting May)	523.48	
Mrs. K.L. Wiswold (internal audit)	48.60	
Current Account balance		3404.13

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

No movements

Deposit Account balance		13910.56
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PETTY CASH

Postage	8.02	
Stationery	3.21	
May/June telephone	<u>8.00</u>	
Total Petty Cash	19.23	
Petty cash balance		<u>0.09</u>
GRAND TOTAL		<u>17314.78</u>

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Mrs M Y Smithson (expenses)	75.00	
HM Revenue and Customs (back N.I. contribs)	49.20	
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cutting June)	285.49	
AGREED		
Total after cheques paid out		<u>16905.09</u>

DONATION REQUESTS

A request for funding was requested by Victim Support Lincolnshire. We had last supported them in 2006 and the Chairman proposed we donate £50.00 towards their services; seconded by Councillor Mrs. Pycock - AGREED.

PHOTOCOPIER

The Clerk asked for permission to replace the photocopier which had been bought for £188.00 in 2002. Councillor Patchett proposed that the Clerk should be allowed to replace the old machine; Councillor Cooke suggested that she be allowed to spend up to £100 (excluding VAT) - AGREED.

8. FLOODING PREVENTION MEASURES

The Chairman reviewed responses received from the agencies involved. He suggested that we wait to hear from WLDC following their negotiations with Anglian Water and Morris Homes and keep the Environment Agency in the background in case more effective measures are needed - AGREED. The Flood Warden is to attend a training evening run by the Environment Agency and will report back at the next Parish Council meeting - to be an agenda item. District Councillor Mrs. Davidson had been contacted by a resident from Hall Lane concerning debris in the ditch in front of some of the properties. She is to investigate further. In connection with flooding on Ferry Road, Councillor Fleetwood reported that the surface of the road had been top dressed over several years, leaving parts of the road potentially higher than some kerbs.

9. BUS ISSUES

District Councillor Mrs. Davidson had been asked if the bus stop outside Tanya could be moved to nearer Hall Lane - she had been in touch with Stagecoach who have no objections to this proposal. The Clerk was asked to write to LCC Highways asking them to review bus stop locations (copy to Stagecoach) and ask if there is any possibility of upgrading the bus stops to include make them disability friendly and include timetables.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing raised.

11. CIRCULARS

The Clerk circulated the following papers:  
 CE Electric UK - Parish Council Liaison  
 WLDC - Best Value Performance Plan 2008/09  
 WLDC - Code of Conduct Training/Awareness Seminar  
 WLDC - Notice of Meeting of the Council, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2008  
 WLDC - Minutes of Committee Meetings since 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008  
 WLDC - notice of meetings

12. PLANNING MATTERS

An application to construct a new bunded area, security fencing and to carry out an extended well test at Reepham Well, disused airfield, Fiskerton was discussed. The Chairman suggested No Comment where the drilling was concerned but that LCC should put a clause in whereby the appearance be made good as soon as possible after use - AGREED.

Since the last meeting, planning permission had been received for applications to erect single storey side extension to form a family room at The Paddocks, Nelson Road and to construct front boundary dwarf wall with coping and cast iron railings incorporating gates for pedestrians and vehicular access at Five Mile House, High Street. Planning permission has been refused for an application to erect single storey porch/sun lounge extension with balcony over to existing detached house at Applegarth, Ferry Road.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received the following correspondence:

Public Works Loan Board - loan repayment due 14<sup>th</sup> July

Nat West bank - change of name for Capital Reserve Account

CPRE - thanks for affiliation fee

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

District Councillor Mrs. Davidson reported that the Police Authority had had their precept capped and all residents should get a reduction in their council tax bill. The Police Authority has to bear the cost of the re-billing. She had been to the new Epic Building at the showground and had seen a display of a new type of sandbag - WLDC are hoping to set aside monies to help householders purchase these bags. The Local Councillor Initiative Fund is continuing. She had been informed that plant containers had been stolen from a garden on The Crescent.

Councillor Fleetwood was concerned that the surface on the road to Short Ferry is still not good. It is expected that another 500 metres will be done in next year's budget. He was asked if traffic lights could be installed during future road works so that the road need not be closed.

15. TO FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

CONFIRMED as Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Councillors were asked about implications of children climbing onto the teenage shelter roof and falling off; Councillor French reported that the shelter is inspected regularly and noted to be safe for the use it was installed for.

Residents are concerned that the Library Service is being reduced and asked the Parish Council to support keeping the service going - AGREED.

There does not appear to be any information from Fiskerton reported in the Lincolnshire Echo - it was AGREED to advertise for a correspondent in the Parish News.

The fencing around land at The Close is in a bad state - District Councillor Mrs. Davidson to inform the Enforcement Officer at WLDC.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

15<sup>th</sup> September, 2008