

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2008, there were:

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. M. Pycock.

2. OPEN SESSION

The hedge around the Manor Farm Paddock is obstructing the footpath. The Clerk to inform LCC Highways for them to contact the landowners.

The hedge on Orchard Road belonging to 'Foxholme' needs cutting back – the Clerk to contact the owners.

Large bags of dog excrement are being put outside the dog waste bin near the Old Hall on Chapel Lane; it appears to come from a dog owner's garden. District Councillor Mrs. Davidson offered to contact the Dog Warden to see if anything can be done about this problem. A reminder to be put in the Parish News concerning the disposal of dog waste.

After the grass has been cut on The Crescent, swathes of grass are left. The Clerk was asked to inform the County Council and ask if there is any way this problem can be solved.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Constable Lassmans reported on the following incidents during July and August: Cars broken into at the nature reserve, copper stolen from Hall Lane, a horse lorry broken into, damage to fencing on Holmfield, exposed cabling stolen off the airfield and a window broken at the school. He then left the meeting.

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

6 – Surface water outside 27 Ferry Road. Nothing heard from LCC Highways.

6 – Fence across public footpath 119/permissive footpath at rear of St. Clement's Drive/public footpath 22/path from Corn Close. All footpaths have been cut. Footpath 119 would require a Legal Order to alter its line; this will be investigated and resolved subject to the availability of resources to undertake Legal Order work.

6 – Road sweeping, The Crescent. No dates received.

6 – Village playing field. No response to the advert. If anybody does come forward to organise a junior sports club the school will honour their offer.

6 – Play area. Broken mats under the swings have been replaced by Record RSS Ltd. The notice about danger of overhead lines on the new fence has been removed by vandals. The broken wall in the play area has been replaced by metal fencing. Councillor French proposed a quote for earth works in the vicinity of the tarmac surface of the sports wall - £1580 excl VAT for 3 men for 3 days work (if less time spent, the bill will be reduced) – seconded by Councillor Cooke and unanimously AGREED. £1000 to be vired from the maintenance money from Morris Homes, work to be completed before the end of October. Councillor French to arrange.

6 – CCTV security cameras. The VHMC are to undertake direct crime prevention measures, e.g. strengthening doors and windows and will consider security cameras at a future time.

6 – Quad bike track. Still in use and now being used illegally. Councillor Mrs. Davidson will inform WLDC Enforcement Officer and the Clerk was asked to write to that department asking for them to arrange police action.

7 – Photocopier. A new one has been purchased.

9 – Bus issues. The request for a change of site from outside Tanya to nearer Hall lane will be considered at a later date. Six bus stops are to be made more accessible to travellers, and will include timetable boards and specialist raised kerbs; two will also have solar lights. These improvements were wholeheartedly welcomed.

16 – Reduced library service. No additional hours can be offered at present due to financial restraints. The situation will be kept under review.

16 – Echo Correspondent. No volunteers as yet.

16 – Fencing at The Close. Owners concerned have been contacted.

7. ACCOUNTSFINANCE BUDGET 2008/2009

As read. The donation from Morris Homes to go as a separate item in the expenditure section.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNTReceipts:

Transfer from DA	6000.00
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Payments:

Mrs. M.Y.Smithson (photocopier)	101.70
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cutting July)	523.48
MPC Ltd (play area fencing)	3839.90
Current Account balance	3453.09

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNTPayments:

Transfer to CA	6000.00
Deposit Account balance	7959.84

PETTY CASH

Postage	6.78
Stationery	36.37
July/August telephone	<u>8.00</u>
Total Petty Cash	51.15
Petty cash balance	<u>23.94</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>11436.87</u>

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cutting August)	237.98
AGREED	
Total after cheques paid out	<u>11198.89</u>

DONATION REQUESTS

There were no donation requests.

8. FLOODING PREVENTION MEASURES

Nothing has been heard from WLDC following their negotiations with agencies involved – District Councillor Mrs. Davidson is to find out what is happening. If nothing has been heard by the next meeting, it was AGREED that a letter be sent to the Flood Working Group at WLDC. Mr. B. Crabb, the Flood Warden reported that sandbags are to be used at our discretion where we see fit and to whom we deem as a priority. The 2006 Flood Plans are to stand. If bags are used, they will be replaced, hopefully at no cost. In the event of a flood, the Environment Agency would contact the Flood Warden who would then co-ordinate the situation – the Environment Agency has given him a list of residents classed as vulnerable. I tem linked with next one.

9. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

WLDC suggest that each Parish Council prepare its own Community Emergency Plan. It was AGREED that it needs to be filled in carefully and kept up to date. The Chairman suggested that the draft WLDC plan be circulated to all Parish Councillors, with the aim of a sub-committee being set up. To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The sign for Plough Lane has fallen off and been taken to the Parish Office – the Clerk to inform WLDC. A resident has written in complaining about speeding traffic on Chapel Road and asking if more 30 mph signs could be installed. Councillor French said that it is not legally possible to put up repeater 30 mph signs and County Councillor Fleetwood said that vehicle activation signs were not suitable for this village. It was AGREED to ask the Police and Road Safety Partnership to undertake speed traps/checks, with a copy of the letter of complaint being sent to them.

11. CIRCULARS

The Clerk had no items to circulate.

12. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman outlined the East Midlands Regional Plan (Regional Spatial Strategy). He felt there were no real changes – most of the development is to the south of the river. WLDC has already allocated enough land for their share of development. He proposed no comments – AGREED.

Since the last meeting, the planning committee had considered the following applications: Development to carry out workovers and extended well tests on disused airfield – no objection to oil extraction but concerns over possible danger of spillage and pollution into dykes and watercourses, landscaping, length of planning application and traffic movements. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED; Application for single storey extension at Swallow Grange, Nelson Road – no comment. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED; Application for extension to form utility room and extra bedroom space at Silvergates, Nelson Road – no comment. PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED; Application to erect single storey porch/sun lounge extension with balcony over to existing detached house at Applegarth, Ferry Road – no comment.

Planning permission has been granted to an application to construct a new bunded area, security fencing and to carry out an extended well test for hydrocarbons at Reepham Well, disused airfield, Fiskerton

It was AGREED that any planning applications that would affect the villagers will be announced in the Parish News – stating that further information and any comments should be directed to WLDC.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received the following correspondence:

Environment Agency – thanks for comments on River Witham Catchment Flood Management Plan

WLDC – Corporate Plan 2008/11 – now published

LCC – Section 154 Highway Act: Removal of foliage obstruction light from a public lamp. *Work undertaken within time limit*

WLDC – postal numbering: Chapel Road

Lincolnshire Police Authority – Local Police and Community Forums (*Councillor Tyler reported that the KIN group had been disbanded*)

Record RSS Ltd – completion of work at play area (replacement grass mats under swings) (*Inspection and Maintenance leaflet given to Councillor French*)

Lincoln Villages Area Forum – 13<sup>th</sup> October, Nettleham Infant School

Macmillan Cancer Support – World's biggest coffee morning, 26<sup>th</sup> September

City of Lincoln Council – new website

LCC – Highway Verges – Amenity Cutting

Fiskerton PCC – re trees in the churchyard – *AGREED in principle – to write and ask for further details.*

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

District Councillor Mrs. Davidson reported that amended council tax bills are being sent out. Discussions are in hand to provide free green bins to pensioners. She had visited Hall Lane in response to a request for an overgrown ditch to be reinstated and gave the Parish Council copies of photographs taken. She was asked if this problem could be raised with the Flood Action Group. The District Councillor Initiative Fund is running again this year and she asked all to consider any projects that met the criteria.

Councillor Fleetwood reported that stone chippings have been put on some of the road towards Short Ferry. Some of the road towards Barlings had also been chipped and the area near Denmar has been marked up for remedial work. Cherry Willingham Parish Council are endeavouring to the road towards Lincoln upgraded to 'B' class – this would have to start from the disused railway bridge near Bardney.

15. TO FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

CONFIRMED as Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.