

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 7th September, 2009, there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott (Chairman), H. Lewis, N. French, A. Cooke, L. Tyler and B. Patchett. In attendance were County Councillor I. Fleetwood, District Councillor Mrs. M. Davidson, Pc D. Morgan, the Clerk and eight members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. OPEN SESSION

The owners of 22 Ferryside Gardens reported the problems they have with flood water on their property and showed photographs taken. The footpath outside the property is 1½" above the gutter kerb and there is a manhole in the footpath. They had contacted Anglian Water who would not accept responsibility. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had already contacted LCC Highways, WLDC and Anglian Water and that the problem would be helped by the proposed Flood Mitigation Scheme. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC Highways, WLDC Environmental Health and Anglian Water again and send copies of the photographs. Councillor Fleetwood offered to contact LCC Highways re the kerb problems.

The Clerk was asked to contact BT re the vandalised telephone kiosk.

There is no further information from WLDC Planning Enforcement re the highway problems on Chapel Rise.

Footpaths - A resident asked if it would be possible to have some form of footpath or steps cut into the side of the riverbank at the end of public footpath Fisk/117/2 where it joins Fisk/102/1 as it is very slippery when wet. Another resident reported that the footpath from Reepham Road, along Fisk/119/2 to its junction with Mucky Lane (Fisk/115/1) needs reinstating - the Clerk was asked to inform LCC Footpaths Section.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Pc Dave Morgan to his first meeting. Pc Morgan reported on the last month's crime in the village: Damage to the telephone kiosk (BT are aware); thefts of diesel from Hall Farm (there is CCTV evidence and one person has been arrested); a man was given a fixed penalty public order ticket for urinating on High Street; no further vandalism on the allotments; youths riding trial bikes on bridle paths.

4. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Scott reported a personal interest on item 10 - History and Archaeology Group - as his wife is a member of that group.

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

2 - Refuse collection, High Meadows. Nothing had been heard from WLDC.

6 - Unregistered land. Land now registered.

6 - Earthworks in the play area. Cost less than originally quoted. Councillor Patchett to arrange for the land to be rolled and flattened.

7 - Accounts. Relevant item 9 on the agenda.

7. ACCOUNTS

FINANCE BUDGET 2009/2010

As read.

Precept - WLDC are to change the existing subsidy arrangements with an initial reduction to £1 per elector w.e.f. 2010/2011. The village precept will need to rise to cover this change.

Play Area - Councillor French reported that damage had been caused to the cradle swing but this has been mended. The piston in the double gates has snapped and he had been quoted £280 for the part and £312 for labour. He suggested that we accept the quote but ask if the labour costs could be reduced - AGREED. A local resident offered to look at providing the specialist tool needed for the gate.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Transfer from DA

4000.00

<u>Payments:</u>		
SLCC	55.60	
Clement Keys	299.00	
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	527.71	
Wilson & Sons (play area earth works)	1121.25	
Current Account balance		5706.28
<u>CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</u>		
<u>Payments:</u>		
Transfer to CA	4000.00	
Deposit Account balance		8017.37
<u>PETTY CASH</u>		
Postage	9.30	
July/August telephone	<u>8.00</u>	
Total Petty Cash	17.30	
Petty cash balance		-4.11
GRAND TOTAL		13719.54

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Mrs. M.Y. Smithson (Clerk's expenses)	75.00	
L.E. Tyler (moving noticeboard)	44.00	
<u>AGREED</u>		
Total after cheques paid out		<u>13600.54</u>

DONATION REQUESTS

The members of Fiskerton PCC are intending to hold a Christmas Tree Festival over two weekends in December and wrote asking if the Parish Council could donate money towards the cost of staging the enterprise. The Chairman proposed we donate £25 - AGREED.

8. FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME

Nothing to report at present. Outstanding CCTV works are expected early in September.

9. INTERNAL AUDIT MEASURES

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended) imposes a duty on councils to have competent internal audit measures. The Chairman felt that, as the Clerk reports on the budget at every meeting and then minutes this report, our present arrangements are satisfactory - AGREED.

10. HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

This group is looking at a project to publish a book but any grant funding would need to be managed by a local authority. The group asked for permission to become a Committee of the Parish Council so that monetary matters could be undertaken by the Clerk of the Council and agreed to abide by all standing orders and regulations that apply to Parish Councils. Councillor Tyler proposed that this request be supported - seconded by Councillor Cooke - AGREED. Councillor Scott offered to be the Parish Council representative.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported on works to repair Short Ferry Road at Stainfield. These are to commence on or around 14th September, with the road being closed for approximately seven days. All residents in the area had been informed.

12. CIRCULARS

The Clerk had nothing to circulate.

13. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting, the Planning Committee had discussed an application to erect stables at Barlings View, Ferry Road - no comment. The quad bike track has been used for more times than the 14 per year limit - the Clerk to write to WLDC Planning Enforcement Officer supporting local residents.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received thanks from Lincs Branch CPRE for affiliation fee.

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

District Councillor Mrs. Davidson reported that the start of the new triple bin scheme is imminent - pilot schemes have gone smoothly with recycling rates up significantly. WLDC had received the first repayment from Icelandic banks. The next Lincoln Fringe Villages Area Forum is to be held on 27th October at Our Lady of Lincoln Church Hall, Lincoln and will deal with flooding issues. She had written a chapter in a book about the storage of gas and had presented a copy to WLDC.

Councillor Fleetwood reported that LCC are putting forward a bid to be responsible for all flooding issues in the county. WLDC and parish elections are scheduled for 2010.

16. TO FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

CONFIRMED as Monday, 26th October, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

CHAIRMAN

26th October, 2009