

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday, 24th October, 2011 there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott, A. Cooke, B. Patchett and S. Canner. In attendance were District Councillor C. Darcel, the Clerk and ten members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wall, Mrs. Howard and Miss Chesman.

2. OPEN SESSION

Councillors were asked about the progress of redirecting footpaths across the airfield, including the marking out of the footpaths across fields. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC Footpaths for an update on the situation.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Not present.

4. AGE UK FIRST CONTACT SERVICE

Sandie Simonson outlined the Age UK First Contact Scheme which is aimed at keeping over 60's safe and independent and which offers low level support, information and advice. She left brochures to be given to members of the Luncheon Club.

5. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest were made.

6. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

7. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS AGENDA NOT ON THIS AGENDA

6 - Cars parking on pavements. Still no response from Police.

6 - Flood Mitigation Scheme. The Chairman and Councillor Wall had met with Alan Gardner, Engineer to the Witham Third DIDB, and inspected the scheme and the ponds. A copy of a report had been received stating that the Council is responsible for 62m of underground pipe; the Council had replied to this letter stating they were puzzled over the pipe and responsibility for it. Alan Gardner wrote back stating that the 62m length of new pipe connects the western storage lagoon to the existing stormwater sewer and that the Parish Council knew they had responsibility for that. Mr. Piggins of the Witham Third DIDB has suggested that ownership of the scheme be taken over by the Witham Third DIDB.

16 - Open spaces on Holmfield. The Clerk had written again to Morris Homes asking that they reinstate the shrubs on one of the open spaces but has had no reply. District Councillor Darcel had received a letter from Morris Homes in which they said that responsibility of the land had been handed over to WLDC. The Clerk was asked to once more write to Morris Homes asking for a reply to previous correspondence.

8. FINANCE

BUDGET 2011/2012

Noted and AGREED.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Scouts - rental of land at rear of vh	1.00
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Payments:

Fiskerton Village Hall committee (meeting hire - H & A Group)	20.00
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cutting Aug)	312.43
Playsafety Ltd (play area insp)	79.20
Current Account balance	2166.83

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Interest to 30/09	2.37
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Payments:

Deposit Account balance		17030.48
<u>PETTY CASH</u>		
Postage	6.32	
Stationery (ink cartridges)	15.36	
September telephone	<u>4.00</u>	
Total Petty Cash	25.68	
Petty cash balance		<u>19.51</u>
GRAND TOTAL		19216.82

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Fiskerton VH Committee (meeting hire 25/07, 05/09, office rental)	532.00	
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cutting Sept)	260.45	
Heritage Lincolnshire (H/A group talk)	70.00	
<u>AGREED</u>		
Total after cheques paid out		<u>18354.37</u>

DONATION REQUEST

No donation requests.

9. PARISH PLAN

A steering group meeting had been held on 15th September. An article is to be put in the Parish News asking for ideas as to what facilities, services and social opportunities are wanted for the village and ideas as to how the community will develop. Another meeting is to be held during mid-November. District Councillor Darcel asked for new faces and new ideas.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Waiting for dates from the Police; the Clerk was asked to contact PCSO Parker.

11. SPORTS FACILITIES

Waiting for feedback from the village questionnaire.

12. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, FERRY ROAD

There have been recent issues about the use of this area which is in a privately owned area run by a management committee. All owners of the properties on Ridings Close have to be a director of this committee. The pond area has been designated as an open space but further clarification is needed from WLDC. The owners of one of the properties agreed to send a copy of all their correspondence to the Parish Council.

13. PLAY AREA INSPECTION

Following the recent RoSPA inspection of the play area some remedial works needed to be done, i.e. repairing/re-gluing the grass matting under the cone climber and swings, making good worn ground near the double gates, filling in the hole outside the play area double gates, tightening loose swing seat eye bolts and replacing a missing bolt in the back fencing of the goal area. Councillor Wall, in his capacity as Play Area Inspector has filled in the hole and tightened the bolts on the swing seats. Councillor Patchett offered to liaise with Councillor Wall re repairing the grass matting and providing a new bolt for the back of the goal area.

14. GRAZING LAND RENTAL

The Chairman suggested we carry on with the rental of the land for grazing at a cost of £50 p.a. (paid in two tranches), seconded by Councillor Patchett - AGREED.

15. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing was discussed.

16. CIRCULARS

No circulars.

17. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting the Planning Committee had considered an application for the redevelopment of the holiday park at Short Ferry Caravan Park - no comment.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received the following correspondence:

LCC - Tourism signs in Lincolnshire

Edward Leigh MP - Apology for mislaying letter re proposed disposal of Forestry Commission land

WLDC - email re Changes to Waste Collections Seminar 27th October

19. OBSERVATIONS OF THE DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Darcel reported that the Local Boundary Commission proposes amalgamating the Fiskerton Ward with Reepham and Cherry Willingham. He is strongly opposed to this proposal as he feels that voices of Fiskerton will be submerged by those of Cherry Willingham. He asked that correspondence be put on the village web site - AGREED. He also asked for any comments to be directed to himself.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

CONFIRMED as 19th December, 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Residents of Ridings Close have to maintain their roadway and are concerned at the amount of heavy vehicles turning round there damaging the road way. They asked if there was any reason they could not put up a sign saying 'Private Road'. Councillors saw no reason why they could not put up such a sign and suggested they contact LCC Highways for advice.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35p.m.

Chairman

19th December, 2011