

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 5th March, 2012 there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott (Chairman), A. Cooke, B. Patchett, Mrs. M. Howard, Miss A. Chesman, S. Canner and R. Wall. In attendance were District Councillor C. Darcel, the Clerk and seven members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest were made.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Not present.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

5. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS AGENDA NOT ON THIS AGENDA

2 - Steps on riverbank. LCC Footpaths had reported in 2009 that they had no intention of putting steps in at that time but that improvements may be looked at in future in conjunction with the Environment Agency. The Clerk to write again.

2 - Morris Homes: Chapel Rise open spaces. The Clerk outlined correspondence between Morris Homes, WLDC Planning Department and the Parish Council about the public open spaces on Holmfield dating from September, 2007. A recent letter from the Technical Director of Morris Homes (Midlands) Limited does state that liability for maintenance of the open spaces has passed over to the Parish Council and that this occurred when the funding was provided for the Village play area. Morris Homes say they had informed WLDC of this. However the council had further correspondence from Morris Homes in 2007 after they had given the money stating that until the pumping station was adopted they would keep ownership of the open spaces. This letter goes on to say that the Council would be informed, in writing, when the transfer of the Open spaces was to take place. Unfortunately the Council has had no further information from Morris Homes. The Clerk has been ask to write to WLDC stating that we are still in doubt as to ownership of the land and asking them to contact Morris Homes as soon as possible for official clarification of the ownership of the Open spaces. District Councillor Darcel has suggested that the disputed open space should be planted through the Jubilee Gardens Fund which seems in principle a fine idea but councillors were concerned that the Parish Council needs to have the official confirmation that they now own the land, and that it is also the wish of nearby property owners to have the open space planted up. District Councillor Darcel also provided an original planting guide for the area and was going to try to establish which plants had originally been used so a similar scheme could be proposed. Councillor Mrs. Howard was asked if her husband could cast an expert eye over this guide. To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

6 - Neighbourhood Watch. Councillor Cooke had not heard back from PCSO Parker - to try to contact her again.

6. ACCOUNTS

FINANCE BUDGET 2011/2012

As read.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Transfer from DA	2000.00	
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Payments:

Freeola	10.80	
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Current Account balance		3918.76
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CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Payments:

Transfer to CA	2000.00	
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Deposit Account balance		12032.54
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PETTY CASH

Postage	3.24	
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Stationery (paper)	3.87	
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January/February telephone	<u>8.00</u>	
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Total Petty Cash	15.11	
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Petty cash balance		<u>28.14</u>
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GRAND TOTAL		12032.54
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ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Staffing expenses	1458.33	
LALC (subs)	301.10	
AGREED		
Total after cheques paid out		10273.11

DONATION REQUESTS

A request for a financial grant had been received from the Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society - AGREED not to support.

7. SIGNING OF PRECEPT

AGREED and signed.

8. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE QUOTATION

Councillor Cooke had had conversations with both Veolia (ES) UK Limited and County Landscapes. Veolia had reduced their tender to £2500. The owner of County Landscapes has two full time and three/four part time staff and would be prepared to hire more machinery and staff if necessary. He offered references. Councillor Wall proposed we accept his tender - AGREED - all in favour.

9. REQUEST FROM BARDNEY PARISH COUNCIL TO JOIN SIMPLE SID SCHEME

AGREED as long as the other Parishes concerned have no objection. The Clerk to contact the Police asking if we can have a schedule of times and locations for Simple SID.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing was discussed.

11. CIRCULARS

No papers were circulated.

12. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting, planning permission had been granted to two applications: Application for extension to rear of existing property at Seven Acre Farm, Ferry Road and Application for single storey extension at Old Hall, Chapel Road

13. CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation had been received from Community Lincs to enter the Lincolnshire Best Kept Villages and Small Towns Competition 2012.

14. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH MEETING

CONFIRMED as Annual General Meeting on 21st May, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There is still a need for footpaths between Fiskerton and Cherry Willingham/Reepham. District Councillor Darcel suggested it be raised at the next meeting of the Witham Area Forum.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

21st May, 2012