

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2012 there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott, A. Cooke, R. Wall and S. Canner. In attendance were the Clerk and eleven members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. Patchett, Ms A. Chesman and Mrs M. Howard and District Councillor C. Darcel.

2. OPEN SESSION

Road dressing, Blacksmiths Road. Potholes were back and the dressing was coming off within a day of the road being resurfaced. The Clerk was asked to inform LCC Highways, including the fact that surfaces are breaking up on many footpaths, especially the one from Primetake to High Meadows.

Dog Fouling. A recurring problem, especially on Chapel Road. This can be reported to WLDC Dog Warden, especially if the names of owners are known. Dog walkers were reminded that dogs should be under their control at all times, preferably on a lead. An item to be put in the Parish News.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Not present. Councillor Wall drew the meeting's attention to a police item in the Parish News about Help and Assistance Required in an Unusual Case. He asked anybody with information to contact the police at Nettleham.

4. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest were made. Councillors signed the new Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. 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.

6. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS AGENDA NOT ON THIS AGENDA

2 - Dangerous condition of road to Short Ferry. LCC Highways have instructed their contractor to fill the potholes and edge damage, with the works being undertaken in the near future.

2 - Open space/newt pond area, Ridings Close. WLDC are happy with how the area is being maintained. The area is cut once per year and is well accessed. This is a wildlife area and the pond and surrounding area is kept as such.

10 - Teenage shelter. The Chairman showed some plans of shelters made from wood but it was agreed that the original shelter would be more suitable. A planning application had been submitted but further statutory requirements are needed, including detailed maps and drawings. District Councillor Darcel had offered to assist with the drawings. The Clerk was given permission to spend money on obtaining the necessary maps.

15 - Higher Level Stewardship, Manor Farm. The Chairman had contacted Mr. Good who is applying for the Higher Level Stewardship. He is keen to keep the permissive footpaths open but if he does not get the Stewardship the land will most likely have to go back to arable land.

7. FINANCE

BUDGET 2012/2013

Noted and AGREED.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Payments:

Freeola	10.80	
WLDC	85.00	
Current Account balance		2993.69

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Deposit Account balance		24037.41
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PETTY CASH

Postage	7.00	
Stationery (paper clips, envelopes paper, receipt book)	8.35	
July, August telephone	<u>8.00</u>	
Total Petty Cash	23.35	
Petty cash balance		<u>10.94</u>
GRAND TOTAL		27042.04

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Fiskerton V H Committee (office hire)	550.00
AGREED	
Total after cheques paid out	<u>26492.04</u>

DONATION REQUESTS

There were no donation requests.

8. PARISH PLAN

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting when it was agreed to try to simplify the Plan and include a short summary in the Parish News. Full results will be published on the village website.

9. OPEN SPACE, HOLMFIELD

Morris Homes had replied to a letter asking for them to give the Parish Council permission for a planting schedule - they confirmed as owners of the public open space they gave their permission for the Council to undertake planting at its convenience and cost. The Parish Council would pay some of the planting costs. District Councillor Darcel had agreed to inform all residents of the planting scheme and it was felt important to make sure that he had the finance for the plants and that he had been in touch with all involved residents.

The meeting was informed that some of the verges at the bottom of Holmfield needed cutting - the Clerk was asked to inform the contractor that the whole estate in within their contract area and to ask why some areas had not been cut recently.

PCSO J. Parker arrived.

10. PLAY AREA INSPECTION

Councillor Wall reported on his recent inspection. Signs had been pulled down but had been replaced. The gate near the teen shelter has been forced back off its hinges and he felt that we may have to look into the possibility of replacing the gate and hinges. RoSPA Inspectors view this as a finger entrapment hazard. One of the shackles on a small swing seat has been forced back and will need specialist equipment to repair. He felt that the evidence of low level vandalism and rubbish is getting worse - the Chairman had received a complaint about the amount of litter in the area. It was felt that more litter bins were needed around the site. An item to be placed in the Parish News encouraging all users of the play area, including parents with young children, to clean up the site and informing them that there is a danger of the play area being closed if vandalism carries on. The Village Hall Committee is looking into upgrading the CCTV equipment. The Council was informed that some teenagers were prepared to cut the hedges back under adult supervision.

POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

PCSO Parker reported that there had been three incidents last month - 1. Human excrement on Reephram Road, 2. Burglary at the works site on the airfield and 3. Report of a large cat in the river area. She was asked if anything could be done about speeding cars in the village - she reported that the police were trying to do as much as possible. Simple SID is in the village at present. She felt that it would be very unlikely that speed bumps could be put on roads as buses use them. She then left the meeting.

11. 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 Cooke - AGREED.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS

No further matters.

13. CIRCULARS

No circulars.

14. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning permission has been granted to 31 Ferry Road - detached double garage and small rear extension and Swallow Grange, Nelson Road - extension to existing dwelling.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received the following correspondence:

- ❖ Nat West bank - update on technical problems
- ❖ Audit Commission - confirmation of Grant Thornton UK LLP as external auditor from 2012/13

16. OBSERVATIONS OF THE DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Not present

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

CONFIRMED as Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Cooke asked for permission to develop the web site, to include changing the hosting people - at an annual fee around £35. AGREED.

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

Chairman

22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012