

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott (Chairman), A. Cooke, Miss A. Chesman, Mrs. M. Howard, S. Canner and B. Patchett. In attendance were District Councillor C. Darcel, Mr. B. Crabb (Flood Warden), the Clerk and nine members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. OPEN SESSION

Nothing was raised.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Not present.

4. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of last meetings, previously circulated, were taken as read and signed as true records.

6. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS AGENDA NOT ON THIS AGENDA

6 - Short Ferry bus turning point. A WLDC officer is frequently in discussions with Stagecoach re the bus turning points at Short Ferry and Five Mile Lane end. No planning application has been submitted yet.

6 - Trailer, St. Clement's Drive. Removed

6 - Play area. WLDC removed the trailer tyre.

7. ACCOUNTS

FINANCE BUDGET 2012/2013

As read. District Councillor Darcel said that WLDC is looking at using precepted money to pay for the new council tax benefits. He wondered if there was any possibility of having traffic calming measures in the village - the Chairman felt that the Parish Plan has to be put in place before any measures are taken.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Scouts - land rental	1.00	
Txf from DA	2000.00	

Payments:

PWLB	1026.27	
Current Account balance		4656.82

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Interest to 31.12.12	2.71	
Txf to DA	2000.00	

Payments:

Deposit Account balance		19043.05
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PETTY CASH

Postage	6.50	
Stationery (paper, env)	3.75	
December telephone	<u>4.00</u>	
Total Petty Cash	14.25	

Petty cash balance		<u>-3.00</u>
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GRAND TOTAL		23696.87
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ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Fiskerton VH Committee (meeting hire)	40.00
Smith of Derby (church clock service)	540.00
Mrs M.Y. Smithson (salary + pc expenses)	1268.17
Mr. A. Cooke (web site expenses)	45.56

AGREED

Total after cheques paid out	<u>21803.14</u>
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DONATION REQUESTS

There were no donation requests.

8. FLOOD WARDEN

Mr. Ben Crabb, the Flood Warden, reported that the flood mitigation scheme defences have worked well during recent heavy rains and he thanked WLDC for their support in this matter. He said that it was worrying to see parts of the culverts deliberately blocked and, if any resident saw anything happening to the culverts, they should inform either himself or the farmer, Mr. P. Good. He felt that we need to know if any resident is at flood risk; he also suggested that residents sign up to the Environment Agency flood alerts and, if possible, look at the information on their web site. He offered to put this information in the Parish News. Sand and bags are still stored in the barn at Manor Farm - keyholders are himself, the Chairman and the Clerk.

9. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDERS

It was AGREED that tenders should be put out to County Landscapes (current contractor), Continental Landscapes and Veolia (previous contractor).

10. PARISH PLAN

District Councillor Darcel hopes to arrange a meeting later this week. All plan details are in hand.

11. TEENAGE SHELTER

The Chairman thanked District Councillor Darcel for all his work on this project. District Councillor Darcel is to get 2/3 quotes for wood and is hoping to use Jewsons who will cut the wood to size. He asked for helpers to install the shelter.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing raised.

13. CIRCULARS

No circulars.

14. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting, planning permission has been given for the teenage shelter in the grounds of the village hall.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received the following correspondence:

Fiskerton village hall committee - thanks for donation towards Christmas tree

RoSPA - brochure for annual playground inspections 2013

WLDC - new Council Tax Support Scheme (replaces Council Tax Benefit Scheme)

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

District Councillor Darcel reported a problem with the planted open space on Holmfield following permission from Morris Homes to put up a 'No Ball' sign. He had canvassed the neighbours immediately adjacent to the area and all but three were in favour of the sign. WLDC had no objection as the land owners had given permission. He felt that WLDC had a very high monthly bank balance and he is trying to negotiate as to how it can be used. There are two judicial reviews going on concerning WLDC. Neil Robinson from LCC Highways had informed him that the provision of a pavement from the Tyrwhitt Arms to the bus stop at Short Ferry is on their future list. District Councillor Darcel wondered if there was any possibility of more grit bins in the village - the Clerk to contact LCC Highways.

17. TO FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

CONFIRMED as Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in the village hall - 6.45 p.m. followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk had been in discussions with the Reephams Sub Postmaster concerning the use of the post office in the village hall. Councillors were concerned that if the facility is not well supported we could lose it in future. Opening hours are:- Monday 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and Thursday 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Two residents from Holmfield were concerned that there had not been sufficient consultation over the proposed 'No Ball' sign. After much discussions, Councillors suggested that a compromise was required, possibly putting the sign on a fence instead of being free-standing.

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

At the Annual Parish Meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 five members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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

3. MATTERS FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA NOT ON THIS AGENDA

Nothing raised.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave a comprehensive report of Parish Council activities during the past year.

5. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2010/2011

The Clerk presented an audited statement of accounts in respect of the financial year 2010/2011

6. VILLAGE HALL ACCOUNTS

Mrs. M. Howard, in her capacity as Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, presented the audited statement of accounts.

7. HODGSON'S CHARITY

Mr. R. Walkinton, in his capacity as Trustee of the Charity, presented the audited statement of accounts in respect of Hodgson's Charity.

8. FISKERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr. P Howarth, in his capacity as Community School Governor, reported on the school activities during the past year.

9. COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Darcel reported 1. there will be no council tax rise this year, 2. WLDC is looking into the provision of the green garden waste bin, 3. WLDC Corporate Plan can be viewed on the internet, 4. Parish Plan, 5. Jubilee Gardens Scheme, 6. Witham Area Forum. He felt that the Third Witham IDB needed to repair outfalls at the rear of St. Clement's Drive and Ferryside.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/OPEN SESSION

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN