

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 25th March, 2013 there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott (Chairman), A. Cooke, Mrs. M. Howard, Miss A. Chesman, S. Canner and R. Wall. In attendance were County Councillor I. Fleetwood, District Councillor C. Darcel, Kevin Dunne, the Clerk and ten members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Patchett.

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

16 - Grit bins. If we give LCC a list of possible locations for grit bins they will score them against the assessment criteria and write to us with the outcome. Gangs are routinely filling all bins across the area.

6. KEVIN DUNNE, WLDC COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER

Mr. Dunne outlined his responsibilities following the Localism Act, 2011 - he helps communities help themselves for funding applications. He left after leaving information leaflets.

7. ACCOUNTS

FINANCE BUDGET 2012/2013

As read.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Hist/Arch receipts 105.00

Payments:

Freeola 10.80

Current Account balance 2857.29

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Deposit Account balance 19043.05

PETTY CASH

Postage 7.50

Stationery (paper, env) 8.95

Jan/Feb telephone 8.00

Total Petty Cash 23.45

Petty cash balance 47.55

GRAND TOTAL 21947.89

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

LALC (subs) 306.50

Mrs M.Y. Smithson (salary) 1193.16

AGREED

Total after cheques paid out 20448.23

DONATION REQUESTS

There were no requests for donations

CHURCH CLOCK REPAIRS

During the recent service of the church clock it was found that the hammer lifting lever needed repairing at a cost of £1208.00 + VAT. The PCC were looking into grant funding and were hopeful that they would receive at least half of the repair cost. Councillor Canner proposed we be prepared to match fund as there are monies left in the grass cutting budget; seconded by Councillor Wall - AGREED as a one-off gesture. The Clerk was asked to contact Kevin Dunne to see if there was any possibility he could assess funding.

8. SIGNING OF PRECEPT

AGREED and signed.

9. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE QUOTATION

The Clerk had sent for three tenders; County Landscapes (present contractor), Veolia Ltd and Continental Landscapes. County Landscapes had not replied to the letter. She proposed that the contract be given to Veolia Ltd as they had been our contractors previously and they were also cheaper than Continental Landscapes - unanimously AGREED. The Memorial on the air field was to be added to the contract.

10. TEENAGE SHELTER

Works on building the shelter had started and all equipment has been delivered but it is too cold to do any work.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing was discussed.

12. CIRCULARS

No papers were circulated.

13. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting, planning permission had been granted for a single storey extension to the activity room at the Old Hall, Chapel Road

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

Community Lincs - cease to hold Best Kept Village and Market Town competition

Cherry Willingham Parish Council - Introduction of Dog Control Order in Cherry Willingham - to put in parish news

NHS Lincolnshire - changes to the NHS in Lincolnshire

CPRE - Best Kept Village and Market Town competition

WLDC - Notice of LCC Elections, 2nd May, 2013

15. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH MEETING

CONFIRMED as Annual General Meeting on 20th May, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PCSO Payne arrived.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Cooke reported that the web site has been updated and is easier to access.

Path to bus stop, Short Ferry. Residents have been informed that LCC feel that it is not high enough priority ranking.

The Clerk was asked to write to LCC Highways, sending a copy to Kevin Dunne: people are scared to go to the bus stop because of the dangerous road surface, there are no footpaths and the road is busy.

Representatives from the Post Office are coming out to discuss the possibility of the post office closing - it definitely is Use It or Lose It!.

Witham Third Internal Drainage Board have pruned the trees on the river bank but left the footpath on the top of the bank deeply rutted - the Clerk to contact them.

Outside 3 Hall Court mud is oozing out of a hole in the road and a drain cover has sunk, outside Ridings Close a drain cover is cracked and broken, on Ferry Road near the Five Mile Lane End junction the surface dressing had fallen apart and needs repairing, the kerbs are higher than the road outside 25 and 29 Ferry Road so they are having flooding problems, there are potholes on Lincoln Road towards Cherry Willingham and on The Crescent near the school, scheduled footpath works have not been undertaken from High Meadows towards Primestake, cars parking on the grass verges on Chapel Road have left the verges in a mess - the Clerk to inform LCC Highways

Cars are parking on the footpaths on Ferry Road - PCSO Payne informed the meeting that most parking issues are now dealt with by LCC Traffic Enforcement officers - the Clerk to contact them. An item to be put in the parish news

A dog waste bin is required on Ferry Road between The Crescent and Hall Lane, possibly on the grass area at the junction of Ferryside. The Clerk to contact WLDC Dog Section

The fence at the back of the open space on Holmfield is falling down and dangerous. The land is owned by Morris Homes but they will not do any remedial action. Councillor Fleetwood suggested that the Clerk contact WLDC Planning Enforcement Officer asking them to chase Morris Homes with a view to having the fence repaired.

PCSO Payne reported that the bungalows next to the school had been damaged; apart from that, the village is very quiet at the moment.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.