At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday,  $24^{\text{th}}$  June, 2013 there were: PRESENT

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

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 2. OPEN SESSION

Rumours have been going around the village that the Parish Council was going to implement a Dog Control Order similar to the one in Cherry Willingham. The Chairman denied these rumours and stressed that the Parish Council has no intention of implementing any such Order.

Villagers are concerned about the obstruction of a gate on the public footpath on the riverbank. In order to stop cattle getting out a bar has been put across the gate but this bar is too high for most people to get over. The Clerk was asked to write to the Environment Agency, LCC Footpaths and LCC Highways asking for this situation to be reviewed; suggesting that a moveable bar be used with a note attached asking walkers to put the bar back after use.

Gifts were given to two teenage boys who had helped to build the teenage shelter.

### 3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

PCSO Parker reported that the village is quiet at present, crime-wise. There have been three incidents – a motorcycle in the ditch (damage only), report of theft of a blue light and two stray dogs running around the village. She then left the meeting.

## 4. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest were made.

## 5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

# 6. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS AGENDA NOT ON THIS AGENDA

- 6 Lack of Police presence in village. Police are incident-led and have to respond as such. Unfortunately, they do not have the time or resources to walk around Fiskerton when they are needed elsewhere.
- 6 Condition of river bank. The grass is due to be cut, after which the Environment Agency will look at remedial works.
- 6 Road to Short Ferry. Added to list for the pothole gang. LCC intend to carry on the widening scheme but are unable to indicate when this will be undertaken.

# 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**

Payments:

C.C. Ltd (teen shelter insurance) 46.31

Current Account balance 2119.16

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Deposit Account balance 31045.34

PETTY CASH

Postage 8.69
Stationery - envelopes 1.20
May telephone 4.00
Total Petty Cash 13.89

Petty cash balance 14.56 GRAND TOTAL 33179.06

# ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Hodgson's Charity 20.00 Staffing costs (1 months) 397.73 Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cut May) 210.00

**AGREED** 

Total after cheques paid out <u>32551.33</u>

#### **DONATION REQUESTS**

Fiskerton PCC was asking for sponsors for the Christmas Tree Spectacular - it was AGREED to donate £50.

# 8. TEENAGE SHELTER - LIGHTING/MAINTENANCE

District Councillor Darcel would like to have a movement activated solar panel light put up and is hoping to be able to use some District Councillor Initiative Fund monies for this as well as for putting steps on the river bank. It is possible that the Parish Council may be able to get a grant from WLDC Community Chest. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Tesco on Wragby Road asking for assistance towards paying for lighting - they have already provided ash trays for the shelter.

# 9. <u>CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE - STAGE 1 PRELIMINARY ENGAGEMENT</u>

It was AGREED that the Planning committees draft comments be sent off.

## 10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing was discussed.

## 11. CIRCULARS

No papers were circulated.

## 12. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting, planning permission had been granted for asingle storey side extension to form garage and single storey rear extension to form kitchen at Mayrhofen, 64 Ferry Road.

There is a planning application being submitted for siting a storage container for lorry training instruction near the War Memorial on Reepham Road. It was AGREED that the location for this application should be opposed but other sites in the area could be used.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

Under the LCC proposed changes to library provision in Lincolnshire, the mobile library provision for Short Ferry will be discontinued from  $5^{th}$  May, 2014 and the Tier 4 provision of a one hour a month mobile library for Fiskerton will stop from the  $6^{th}$  May, 2014. Councillor Fleetwood reported that small libraries such as Cherry Willingham and Saxilby will close with some village halls becoming pseudo libraries – having book loan facilities provided by volunteers. The Clerk to write to LCC asking if there is any way the Fiskerton service can be kept open.

## 14. OBSERVATIONS OF THE DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Darcel was concerned that the fence on the open space on Holmfield has not been repaired. The Clerk has already written and emailed WLDC Planning Enforcement with no reply. She was asked to make contact again, copying her correspondence to the Chief Executive.

County Councillor Fleetwood reported that the provision of a bus shelter was work in progress. It is not possible to site one at Short Ferry due to land availability.

# 15. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH MEETING

CONFIRMED as 29th July, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

# 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The river bank needs surveying as a matter of urgency as it has been pushed down during the pruning of the trees – the Clerk to contact the Environment Agency and Witham Third IDB. Village Activity Day – 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 on the school field

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

CHAIRMAN 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2013