

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 16th September, 2013 there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott (Chairman), A. Cooke, Mrs. M. Howard and R. Wall. In attendance were District Councillor C. Darcel, County Councillor I. Fleetwood, the Clerk and seventeen members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Canner, B. Patchett and Ms. A. Chesman.

2. OPEN SESSION

A resident asked what was happening with the houses at the front of The Close as they were left looking very untidy - he was informed that the builder had gone bankrupt. The condition of the garden at 18 Ferry Road was also mentioned - District Councillor Darcel offered to look into enforcement measures to tidy all sites up.

Councillor Fleetwood reported that LCC intend to carry out road repairs around the end of this year - he asked that residents let him have specific details of repairs needed and he will look into them.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Not present. Councillor Fleetwood presented his report: LCC hope to have a static library service in Cherry Willingham manned by volunteers but he does not know what will happen to the building. The County Council intend to buy and stock the same amount of books for the new library service. There is to be a remodelling of the mobile library service - it will be smaller and manned by one person.

Eastern bypass - there is planning permission for a dual carriageway but funding for only a single carriageway. Plans are available for viewing on line - Fiskerton residents are encouraged to let planners know of any problems.

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

2 - Hedge cutting. Acis had contacted the tenant of the property, who had agreed to cut the hedge back.

2 - Public footpath from Corn Close. LCC Footpaths are to lower the hedge, cutting it hard back when the birds have stopped nesting. They hope to make the footpath wider.

5 - Solar Farm. There is to be an exhibition in the village hall on Wednesday, 18th September when villagers are encouraged to make their views known. The Chairman felt that the area needs to be well landscaped with wildlife refuge areas and footpaths still accessible. He was concerned that owners of the oil/gas site could apply for fracking - Councillor Fleetwood reported that there no planning applications in Lincolnshire for fracking.

7 - Condition of river bank. The Environment Agency have surveyed the river bank and concluded that it is providing the required Standard of Protection.

7 - Storage container plans at airfield. The application has been withdrawn.

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:

Grant Thornton UK LLP (audit)	120.00	
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cut May/June)	420.00	
Staffing costs (August + back pay)	417.58	
LALC (Good Councillor Guides)	21.52	
Playsafety Ltd (play area inspection)	81.60	
Current Account balance		2877.33

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Deposit Account balance		28048.46
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PETTY CASH

19 letters @ 50p	9.50	
Stationery - paper	2.90	
July/August telephone	<u>8.00</u>	
Total Petty Cash	20.40	
Petty cash balance		<u>51.48</u>

GRAND TOTAL

30977.27

There were no accounts passed for payment

DONATION REQUESTS

There were no donation requests.

8. PLAY AREA SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

Councillor reported that several items had moved from low to medium risk and needed action: 1. The surface is worn away at one of the gates, 2. Shackles on the swing have notches on them and need replacing, 3. Loose eye nuts on the swings (Councillor Wall tied up) and 4. Loose matting (Councillor Wall repaired). . The Chairman asked Councillor Wall to liaise with the Clerk to effect necessary repairs. RoSPA had not inspected the new teen shelter but two broken windows there need replacing. He still has to pick up a lot of litter from around the play area. Large concrete blocks left over from building the teen shelter need removing as they are a trip hazard - District Councillor Darcel and Councillor Wall to remove.

9. FENCE - OPEN SPACE, HOLMFIELD

Councillor Wall had obtained one quote for replacing broken fencing - £808.75 including parts and labour. He was asked to get quotes for post and rail fencing - Agenda item next meeting.

10. TEENAGE SHELTER - LIGHTING/MAINTENANCE

No further progress had been made re costings for lights but all agreed that this is now a matter of urgency. District Councillor Darcel to look into, also replacing the broken windows. Residents were concerned that there are no facilities for young ones aged 9 and above and felt that something needed to be done to stop them getting into the teen shelter and causing damage. To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Councillor Fleetwood left the meeting.

11. PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER

12. BEQUEST FROM MR. DAVID WELSH

It was AGREED that an Arun Enclosed 3m bus shelter with double entrance on both sides be installed; the Clerk to complete the application to LCC Highways for their consent. She reported that LCC are prepared to consider a grant application in future years for another bus shelter. It was AGREED that £500 from the bequest from Mr. Welsh should be used towards purchasing the initial bus shelter with the remainder of the bequest being used in the future for a second bus shelter - the Clerk to put £2500 aside in the accounts to go towards such shelter.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk read out an email received outlining highway defects from Short Ferry towards the village - she was asked to forward this report to LCC Highways and the Road Safety Partnership stressing that the Parish Councillors are very concerned about the condition of village roads.

14. CIRCULARS

No papers were circulated.

15. PLANNING MATTERS

Nothing more discussed.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received the following correspondence:

WLDC - Local Councillor Initiative Fund - Offer of Funding

LCC - Verge Mowing by Parishes - Amenity Cutting

Community Lincs Insurance Services - new Insurance Officer

17. OBSERVATIONS OF THE DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Darcel had nothing further to report.

18. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH MEETING

CONFIRMED as 4th November, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.