

## **Thursday 2nd June 2016 meeting at 7pm at Fiskerton Village Hall**

Those present were Robert Wall, William Roberts, Stewart Canner, Barry Canner, Louise Harrison, Sally Scott, Kady Smith, Paul Forman, Steve Burn, Pam Smith, Natalie Cockrell and Luke Brown.

Apologies from Lee Hutchinson. A notification that Christopher Darcel had resigned from the Neighbourhood Plan Group on Thursday 19th May 2016 was made to the group for anybody that didn't yet know what had happened.

Rob spoke about the meeting that Sarah Touzeau and Patrick Moseley attended on the 17th May 2016 and again made the point that it was emphasized that the Church Commission are a charity organisation and are not going to give anything away.

Minutes were then brought up by Rob and again Pam said that in her opinion that she had been relieved of that duty and the Parish Clerk Stan Hall was to do this from the 9th February 2016 open meeting that took place at Fiskerton Village Hall. Rob did not feel that this was the case but Pam did. Both Paul Forman and William Roberts (Bill was at the meeting as a member of the public) agreed with Pam. Pam read some notes from the last meeting and said that she would try and get something to Rob for the next meeting if possible. Stewart and Barry Canner told Pam to keep taking notes as Stan hadn't turned up to the meeting.

Paul felt that minutes for the Monday 2nd May 2016 meeting would not be needed as it was just a group decision on where to deliver the leaflets with the few members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group that could attend, and all agreed.

Rob then read through the suggestions and comments that had been left on the open drop-in days. There were 17 comments made. 7 were for building along the back of Ferry Road and 10 were against it.

Bill said that the vote on the night was to look at building to the West of the Village. There was no vote in the end. Bill wants the Neighbourhood Plan Group to step back and let the so-called experts take the Plan to the next step now. He also said he feels vindicated by the Church Commissions e-mail for no building to the West of the Village. Luke said that the West of the Village is not available to develop, the Church Commission have put it in writing to Rob that they will not release the land for building and have no interest in developing it, they certainly feel strongly that it is not a viable option at all. Steve said that the Village will not accept that the West of the Village is not available to build. He feels that surveys and feasibility studies should be done to prove the point even though the Church Commission will not release the land to build on. Luke pointed out that a pre-application would cost thousands of pounds to achieve. Pam said that it would be like someone knocking on her door and saying I am going to buy your house and when she informs them that it is not for sale, they say well I'm still going to waste money on having a survey on it and applying for a mortgage, a very pointless and costly exercise. Steve feels that this is what is needed to get

the Neighbourhood Plan voted through. Bill again stressed that whatever we offer the Village it has to be deliverable otherwise again it is a pointless move.

Stewart mentioned a conversation that he had had with the farmer David Needham. Mr Needham feels that everybody should forget the Church Commission and pay them no attention and they will just go away.

Sally felt that the leaflet that Councillor Darcel had delivered was purely a smokescreen.

Bill asked if West Lindsey District Council planning department could release a statement or help us in any way at all. Luke felt that they were reluctant to do so as they have to remain impartial to the Plan. Bill told Luke he felt that we had been abandoned by West Lindsey District Council when we most needed help.

Stewart asked Luke what do we do now and Sally asked if the land West of the Village complies. Luke talked about a site selection test to look at suitability. Natalie said 90 homes plus Manor Paddock would surely happen if we did nothing. Louise asked if a leaflet/document that says all of this information could be drafted to put through all letterboxes. Paul offered the services of his wife and sister to help make this happen. Something along the lines of:-

Page 1 - Do we want a Plan

Page 2 - How many houses

Page 3 - Print the Options available

Page 4 - Publish a copy of the e-mail from the Church Commission stating that the land is not available for development.

Natalie made the suggestion to stick dots on a map and find out whereabouts the objectors are.

Steve stated that people feel that if a Neighbourhood Plan is not done that only 90 houses, released in blocks of 25, are the only thing that can be done under the Central Lincolnshire Plan. Luke said the 5 year housing supply and the emerging local plan will have a bearing on the number and development in the future. He also pointed out the Central Lincolnshire Plan is not yet in place so 200 houses could come in now if decided. Pam asked Steve where the people have gained this information and he said the Central Lincolnshire Plan states this and Natalie said that Councillor Darcel was giving the public this information also.

Sally wanted it noted that there were areas of archeological importance on the West side. The archeology aspect bothers her but probably not anybody else. She also mentioned an underground springline on that particular land that has potential to cause excessive flooding in heavy rain.

Sally also mentioned that traffic was a big issue with people in the village. Luke pointed out that the Church Commission can do a Transport Assessment at a cost of around £20,000 to help

with this if needed. Natalie said that there was a possibility of funding for the Transport Assessment. Rob mentioned that Andrew Cooke the Chair of Fiskerton Parish Council had commissioned a Traffic Survey from West Lindsey District Council in the hope of getting some speed restrictions around the school, and Alan Brown, the man in charge at the time, had stated that Fiskerton was a quiet Village in the grand scheme of things so nothing could be done.

Rob then went back to the leaflet/document and felt that we should all collect the completed documents from Village properties. Bill asked Natalie if she could draft something for the Group but Paul felt that it should be the Neighbourhood Plan Groups responsibility. Luke made that point that we need to do it quick and could a small group be nominated to achieve this. Paul Forman, Natalie Cockrell and Robert Wall are to be that group of 3 to do the information leaflet/document.

As a vacancy has arisen with the resignation of Christopher Darcel and a suggestion was made to fill it before members of the public started asking to join the group at every open meeting (the Parish Council rules state that 12 members will be on the group at any one time). Rob suggested Mike Strawson as another member and Pam said that another member of the public named Johnathon has expressed an interest in joining the group as he lived in the area of the Ridings. Stewart knew who he was and offered to go round and enquire as to whether he was interested in becoming a member or not. Rob then said that he would ring Mike Strawson to inform him that we would defer on a vote for membership until the 13th May 2016 meeting.

Sally then asked Luke about the availability of the Character Assessment and he said it would be available shortly but that it was a Parish and not a Village assessment.

Rob told the group that he has mentioned the problems with the Housing Needs survey to Community Lincs.

Luke then informed the group that if you already have funding from Locality you can apply for a further advance of £9,000. Luke has offered to apply for the monies on the groups behalf. He also said that the Neighbourhood Plan will need to change and no doubt evolve some more due to European Union changes in the Strategic Environmental Assessment policies. He went on to suggest that we work on the 'policy intentions of the plan'. And consider things like conservation of wildlife etc.

Rob arranged the next closed meeting for Monday 13th June 2016 7pm to 9pm in the Village Hall. And Thursday 16th June 2016 for the next open meeting 7pm to 9pm in the Village Hall.

Pam Smith