

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday, 27th June, 2011 there were:

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. OPEN SESSION

There is still a problem with flooding at 27 Ferry Road with the owner disputing the claim by LCC Highways that the water comes off his land. The Clerk was asked to write to LCC Highways re this matter with a copy to County Councillor Fleetwood.

Emergency drain works had closed Blacksmiths Road at the junction with Chapel Road.

At the end of the lease of the farm buildings at Manor Farm, the Church Commissioners have plans for housing and will keep two brick buildings.

The road is breaking away at the edge of the dropped kerbs on St. Clement's Drive - the Clerk to inform LCC Highways.

The hedge on the left hand side of Ferry Road from Hall Lane towards Five Mile Lane needs cutting back from over the footpath - the Clerk to inform Mr. Needham.

District Councillor Darcel suggested that a list be made of highways works that need prioritising. He also asked the Council to contact LCC Highways re the possibility of them putting a short length of pathway from the Tyrwhitt Arms to the bus stop, to include a raised kerb.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

PCSO Parker reported on the recent crime in the village:- damage to vehicles, graffiti, a vehicle in the ditch on Ferry Road towards Short Ferry, complaints about motor cycle noise on Priory Drive, malicious phone calls, a suspicious male on High Meadows, an attempted burglary on Church View Crescent, vehicle tyres let down/slashed on High Meadows, vehicle nuisances on Priory Drive. She said there would be more patrols in the area as the neighbourhood team now has five officers. There are no Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators in the village - to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

She then left the meeting.

4. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest were made.

5. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, were taken as read and signed as a true record, with the exception of page 2011/09, item 17, line 6, should read "Marina at Short Ferry had limited demand and was drained".

6. MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS AGENDA NOT ON THIS AGENDA

7 - Damaged manhole, The Crescent. A contractor from Acis was to visit The Crescent and assess the damage.

7 - Clarification on Highways works. Works to repair the carriageway outside Diamond House have been scheduled for the week commencing 12th September, 2011.

7 - Hedge at field gateway, St. Clement's Drive. Scheduled to be cut back in June 2011 when contractor returns to work

10 - Play Area. The Clerk was asked to contact Record RSS Ltd whether the repairs had been made to the cone climber.

13 - Audit return. The Internal Auditor had not charged for his services.

19 - Amalgamation of District Councillors. This is a Boundary Commission proposal not WLDC.

7. FINANCE

BUDGET 2011/2012

Noted and AGREED. Since the budget sheet had been prepared, rental of £3 had been received, together with £3000 from WLDC for the maintenance of the Flood Mitigation Scheme.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk outlined the following transactions, which had occurred since the last meeting and then read the report from the Internal Auditor.

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Transfer from DA	3000.00	
Allotment rental	3.00	
Current Account balance		6113.27

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Receipts:

WLDC Flood Alleviation Scheme credit	3000.00	
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Payments:

Transfer to CA	3000.00	
Deposit Account balance		20025.86

PETTY CASH

Postage	6.08	
May telephone	4.00	
Stationery (paper, files env)	<u>15.93</u>	
Total Petty Cash	26.01	
Petty cash balance		<u>37.18</u>
GRAND TOTAL		26176.31

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Record RSS Ltd (cone climber repair)	316.03	
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cutting)	312.43	
Staffing costs	1458.33	
Hodgson's Charity (allotment rent)	20.00	
AGREED		
Total after cheques paid out		<u>24069.52</u>

DONATION REQUEST

A donation request had been received from Fiskerton PCC for sponsorship towards the Christmas Tree Spectacular in December, 2011. It was AGREED to donate £25.

BANK MANDATE

It was AGREED to reduce the signatories on cheques from three to two councillors.

8. FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME

The Witham Third District Internal Drainage Board and The Church Commissioners have 'signed off' on The Fiskerton Flood Mitigation Scheme. The scheme is therefore complete and ready for handing over to the Parish Council. The area will be walked quarterly to inspect for blockages or problems which left unattended may result in blockages and whenever the weather forecast indicates severe and prolonged rain or severe weather at a time when the ground is already waterlogged. The Third Witham Internal Drainage Board has agreed to place the culverts from East and West Ponds on its five yearly CCTV inspection plan. Alan Gardner, the project engineer, has offered his services to the parish council in a voluntary capacity to assist it with its maintenance role. Works and access to the scheme will be made in consultation and co-operation with the farmer, Mr. P. Good. He is in agreement with the maintenance contract which states that either party can withdraw from the scheme when they want to. He is applying for an early stewardship scheme for the ponds area and is also applying for long term stewardship for his fields near the river. A plaque has been prepared and it was AGREED that this should be erected inside the village hall. Councillor Wall has been in contact with Tony Adams re Phase II of the Flood Mitigation Scheme and has applied for and received a grant towards refurbishing a ditch across his grounds.

The Chairman reported that the plans for the windrow composting scheme are still in abeyance.

9. LIMEWOODS VILLAGE GATEWAYS

The Village Hall Committee has agreed to contribute £100 towards the cycle racks. Councillors looked at proposed designs but did not feel any were suitable - the Clerk to contact Peter Lee and ask if there are any alternatives. The Chairman and Clerk had had a meeting with Liz Fleuty when it was AGREED that the Limewoods would site a notice board next to the Parish Council one - draft designs to be sent to the Council. To be an agenda item next meeting.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing discussed.

11. CIRCULARS

No circulars.

12. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting the Planning committee had met and made two no comment decisions: Planning application for detached pitched roof brick built motor cycle garage in rear garden at Charity Cottage, Nelson Road; Development to continue to carry out workovers and extended well tests at disused airfield, Reepham Road (amended site layout plan).

Planning permission has been granted to: Planning application for detached pitched roof brick built motor cycle garage in rear garden at Charity Cottage, Nelson Road

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received the following correspondence: Lincs Branch CPRE - thanks for affiliation fee

14. OBSERVATIONS OF THE DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Darcel suggested that a Parish Plan should be set up as the new Regional Plan will take notice of what is said in a Parish Plan. He also suggested there be a "community plant" on the open space near 25 Holmfield. Following discussions, it was AGREED that Morris Homes have a responsibility to replace the shrubs they removed from the open space when drainage works were needed on the estate and the Clerk was asked to write asking them to replace the shrubs and present the Council with a maintainable plan. The Council would carry on cutting the grass in this area. Public order problems in the vicinity of the open space were the responsibility of the Police.

Councillor Fleetwood said that there have to be valid planning reasons why plans can/not be approved. The District Councillors' Local Initiative Fund stands at £2000 for both 2011 and 2012. He asked that a finite list of road and path repairs be sent to him. There are to be reductions in all County Council departments but the youth clubs at Bardney and Cherry Willingham are not closing. There will be no major increases in the infrastructure in local areas and suggested the Council writes to Mark Braithwaite at the Joint Planning Unit saying that they do not want large increases in housing in the village.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

CONFIRMED as 25th July, 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman had met at Primetake with District Councillor Darcel and a representative from the Environment Agency to discuss the storage of CS gas canisters which are now classed as firearms. The gas is imported from France and distributed to police forces. When they have been used they are bagged up, reported and sent back to Primetake who can take a maximum of four tons a year. Three times a year the gas is taken away for destruction so there is only a maximum of one ton on the premises at any one time and is stored in an underground bunker. Everything is under control.

A resident wondered if there was to be a flow regulator on one of the pond pipes of the Flood Mitigation Scheme. The Clerk was asked to contact Tony Adams.

The hedge on public footpath 119 needs cutting back - the Clerk to contact LCC Footpaths.

Councillor Cooke volunteered to do a Risk Assessment in the village hall grounds and wondered if the Council was covered for public liability - the Clerk to contact the Insurance Officer.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

25th July, 2011