

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2009, there were:

PRESENT

Councillors C. Scott (Chairman), H. Lewis, N. French, L. Tyler, B. Patchett and Mrs. M. Pycock. In attendance were County Councillor I. Fleetwood, District Councillor Mrs. M. Davidson, the Clerk and eight members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Cooke.

2. OPEN SESSION

Residents from the Chapel Rise estate brought copies of letters they have sent to WLDC, LCC, Anglian Water and Morris Homes in connection with official adoption of the estate and asked members of the Parish Council for their help in this matter. Some street lights are not working but LCC will not respond until they have adopted the roads. The Parish Council has already written to the councils and the Chairman asked the County and District Councillors to respond. Councillor Fleetwood suggested he and District Councillor Mrs. Davidson jointly try to get action from WLDC initially and then go to the County Council. The Clerk was asked to write to Anglian Water to clarify what is needed re drainage and the adoption of such.

Another problem on the Chapel Rise estate is bad behaviour on the open spaces, details of which were outlined by a resident. Members of the Parish Council offered to put pressure on the police and to forward a copy of the email outlining the bad behaviour.

There is still a problem with flooding outside 27 Ferry Road and the owner of that property asked if a drain could be put in to alleviate the problem. Councillor Fleetwood offered to look into this problem and the Clerk was asked to write to LCC Highways again.

The road from Ridings Close to Hall Lane is breaking up and tarmac falling apart - the Clerk to inform LCC Highways.

Following a water leak, the hydrant cover outside 3 Hall Court has lifted and is dangerous - the Clerk to inform Anglian Water.

The public footpath from Plough Lane to Cherry Willingham (Fisk 121/1) is overgrown - the Clerk to inform LCC Footpaths Section.

The question was raised about whether there could be any more allotments for rent - to be dealt with under Finance: grazing rental review.

Members were asked if there was any possibility of a footpath from the village towards Cherry Willingham - we have asked on numerous occasions but the request has been refused.

The Clerk had been asked if the general public could have access to the pond area on Ridings Close. She had informed the villagers concerned that maintenance of the pond was the responsibility of the owners of the five properties on Ridings Close and had also informed WLDC Planning Enforcement that the area was not being maintained. It was AGREED to wait and see what WLDC had to say on the matter.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Not present.

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 - 22 Ferryside Gardens. Replies had been received from WLDC and Anglian Water who both stated that the problem would be alleviated by the proposed flood mitigation scheme.

2 - Telephone kiosk. The glass has been replaced and BT has no plans to remove the kiosk.

2 - Public footpaths. LCC Footpaths Section has no plans at present to cut steps into the riverbank. However, any improvement may be looked at in future in conjunction with the Environment Agency. The footpath behind Primetake is to be mown and any further work needed doing is to be investigated.

6 - Refuse collection, High Meadows. The bins are being returned to the gates.

7 - Play area. The gate has been mended; contractors had to mend it twice as it was immediately vandalised.

13 - Quad bike track. This is still being used - AGREED to write again to WLDC Planning Enforcement asking for action.

7. ACCOUNTSFINANCE BUDGET 2009/2010

As read. The expected bank interest would be less due to the low bank interest rates. We have been charged £16.42 for storage of land title deeds - this was only discovered when the accounts were computerised. The grazing rental was due for annual review: it was felt that to change the use back to allotments would incur a heavy cost. The Chairman proposed we leave it as it is and review it next year; seconded by Councillor Tyler - AGREED.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNTReceipts:

LCC Grass Cutting	712.60	
<u>Payments:</u>		
Record RSS Ltd (gate repairs)	546.25	
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cutting Aug)	239.91	
Playsafety Ltd (inspection)	75.90	
Bank charges - holding title deeds	16.42	
Current Account balance		5397.40

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNTReceipts:

Interest to 30/09	1.24	
Deposit Account balance		8018.61

PETTY CASH

Postage	5.61	
Stationery	10.88	
September telephone	<u>4.00</u>	
Total Petty Cash	20.49	
Petty cash balance		<u>50.40</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>		<u>13466.41</u>

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Mrs. M.Y. Smithson (salary 01/04-30/09 )	2876.87	
HM Revenue & Customs	5.58	
Fisk VH Man Committee (meeting hire/office)	524.00	
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cutting Aug/Sept)	527.71	
AGREED		
Total after cheques paid out		<u>9532.25</u>

DONATION REQUESTS

There were no donation requests.

8. FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME

The CCTV survey has been completed and the results are being considered by WLDC. The Chairman expressed concern re the legal implications of the Parish Council putting in planning permission and felt we should get legal advice on where we stand if properties flood. Councillor Mrs. Davidson offered to make enquiries with WLDC Legal Department. LCC is still looking into taking over control of flooding prevention.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Parish Council had been informed by letter of a near accident to one of the villagers on the footpath outside the Church opposite the Manor House gateway - a speeding van had had to mount the footpath just in front of the villager to avoid colliding with a coach. This is a well-known problem in the village and it was AGREED that copies of the letter should be sent to the Road Safety Partnership and LCC Highways, with the Highways Manager being invited to talk to members of the Parish Council about traffic calming measures and costings.

10. CIRCULARS

The Clerk had nothing to circulate.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting, the Planning Committee had discussed two applications - a proposed extension to dwelling at Ledra House, Reepham Road and a development to vary condition no.1 of planning permission W30/122495/08 at disused airfield, Fiskerton - no comment on either application.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received the following correspondence:

PCC - Thanks for donation

LCC - Temporary road closure, Blacksmiths Road (09/11/09 for 1 week: approx 2 days in this period)

Green Grass Contracting - grass cutting services

LCC - Minerals and waste core strategy and development management policies - revised issues and options (statutory consultation 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec)

13. TO RECEIVE THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Mrs. Davidson reported that the triple bin scheme was successful. Flooding issues will be discussed at the Lincs Villages Area Forum meeting on 27th October. An inquiry was going on into the workings of the Planning Department at WLDC.

Councillor Fleetwood reported that there may be a lower settlement grant from central government which would pose financial implications on services.

16. TO FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

CONFIRMED as Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

7<sup>th</sup> December, 2009