

At the meeting of Fiskerton Parish Council held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 there were:

PRESENT

Councillors A. Cooke (Chairman), S. Canner, Ms. A. Chesman and Mrs. M. Howard. In attendance were District Councillor C. Darcel, the Clerk and fifteen members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R. Wall and County Councillor I. Fleetwood.

2. OPEN SESSION

Councillors were asked if there were any fund raising or similar projects young people can get involved in. District Councillor Darcel said there may be projects in connection with the Village Hall as most community groups are run from there. Councillor Mrs. Howard said that volunteers are always needed for the fortnightly run Luncheon Club. The Club will start again in September, with dates being put in the Parish News.

Councillors were also asked if there were any plans to get a footpath towards Cherry Willingham. This has been asked for many times from LCC Highways. The Witham Access Group is trying to look at providing footpaths around Cherry Willingham, Reepham and Fiskerton.

A resident was very concerned about the state of highways, footpaths and gutters being filled with grass cuttings. The Chairman said that the Parish Council agreed with these concerns and had requested remedial works on many occasions. He advised her to contact County Councillor I. Fleetwood and Alan Brown, LCC Area Highways Officer who will be attending the November meeting.

The grass is not being cut as well as it used to be - the Clerk to contact the contractors.

All village residents are encouraged to contact LCC and WLDC if they have any complaints. Potholes need to be reported to LCC - either by phone, letter or via the LCC website. The Clerk was asked to write to LCC Highways outlining problems raised.

3. POLICE CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Not present. The Clerk read their report.

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

8 -Co-option of Parish Councillor. There had been no applicants for this vacancy - WLDC advised retaining the advert open-ended.

18 - Overgrown footpath. Work undertaken.

7. ACCOUNTS

FINANCE BUDGET 2014/2015

As read.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Payments:

C. Darcel (Plan printing)	30.00	
Grant Thornton UK LLP (audit fee)	120.00	
SLCC (Practitioners Guide)	23.00	
PWLB (Loan)	1026.27	
Current Account balance		1484.97

CAPITAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Receipts

Interest to 30/06	3.85	
Deposit Account balance		31061.88

PETTY CASH

Postage	7.95	
June telephone	4.00	
Total Petty Cash	11.95	
Petty cash balance		51.43
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>32598.28</b>

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

Staffing costs	401.70	
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (grass cut June)	215.28	
AGREED		
Total after cheques paid out		<u>31981.30</u>

EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

The Clerk read the report from the External Auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP. The Chairman and Clerk to discuss implication of their recommendations.

DONATION REQUESTS

There were no donation requests.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Canner reported on progress to date - a report is to be delivered to all households. Guidance needs to be taken from the Parish Council (reps - S. Canner and R. Wall), with everything agenda'd through the Council. Areas of development have been identified and it is important that all villagers have a say in what is required. It can include highway maintenance and safety. The Plan will be accepted and adopted by WLDC and will have to stand for approximately 20 years. To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

9. TEENAGE SHELTER

All present at the meeting were dismayed to hear that all the benches have been ripped out of the shelter. Councillor Mrs. Howard outlined what had happened since the shelter had been put up and the amount of money contributed by District Councillor Darcel and the Parish Council - monies that have come from villagers via their council tax. There was much discussion on how to proceed with the Chairman suggesting that the plans agreed at last month's meeting be undertaken, i.e. shuttering in the benching, slabbing front and securing the wheelie bins - AGREED. District Councillor Darcel had obtained one quote for the work; Councillor Ms Chesman to obtain another. To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

10. LARK ENERGY - VILLAGE PROJECTS

Village and Scout hall surveys had been undertaken. The village hall received a good EPC rating but the Scout Hall needs improving. To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

11. PROVISION OF COMMEMORATIVE TREE

Still waiting for reply from PCC - the Secretary had informed the Clerk that, if permission is given, a memorial plaque would not be allowed.

12. POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASE OF LITTER PICKER/STRIMMER

District Councillor Darcel reported that he may have a problem getting further funding. Discussions took place on what would be involved legal- and safety-wise with both machines resulting in decision not to purchase a strimmer. Litter picker: the Chairman proposed waiting until the shelter area was tidied, seating put back and the bins secured - there should not be so much litter then. Councillor Ms Chesman suggested we need to get volunteers to pick up litter around the village - Councillor Mrs. Howard reported that WLDC would help with voluntary litter picking.

A villager raised the problem of a lack of wheelchair access onto buses - she was advised to contact Stagecoach. The Clerk also to raise matter with LCC and Stagecoach.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Following complaints about traffic on Plough Lane and Blacksmiths Lane, Alan Brown, LCC Highways, is to consider options available and respond in due course. The carriageways at The Close were never planned to be adopted highway but he is concerned that the unfinished road represents a hazard to highway users across the site entrance; he is to discuss with WLDC Planning Enforcement officers.

14. CIRCULARS

No papers were circulated.

15. PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last meeting, the planning committee reported on amended Eastern bypass plans to the bridge design on Hawthorn Road - preferred option would be a full road bridge.

Plans had been received for a development to extend the existing wellsite into 0.3HA of agricultural land, the drilling of up to four wells and the production of conventional hydrocarbons at Fiskerton Wellsite, Fiskerton Airfield - to be discussed by Planning Committee.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.  
Councillor Fleetwood arrived.

17. OBSERVATIONS OF THE DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Darcel was concerned over recent articles in 'The Lincolnshire Echo' about a "pension pothole" for WLDC staff. He is trying to find out what the problem is.

Councillor Fleetwood reported that WLDC financial accounts are in a good state and there is no "hole" for pensions. There has been a lot of discussion over the proposed bridge for the Eastern Bypass and a pressure group has been formed from Cherry Willingham and Reepham. Unless the bypass is started by March 2015 there could be a potential loss of funding. The Secretary of State has not upheld proposed library closures.

18. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH MEETING

CONFIRMED as 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014