FILLINGHAM PARISH MEETING NOTES WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH 2014

In Attendance: Margaret O'Grady – Chair, Peter O'Grady – Vice-chair, Roger Patterson – Ward Councillor, and 6 Parishioners.

Apologies: Helen Slater (clerk), Michael Rose (Treasurer), PCSO Julie McFaul, Ray Greetham, Dawn Greetham,

Minutes: Notes for meeting held Wednesday 22nd January 2014 approved and signed by Margaret O'Grady.

Matters arising from minutes:

- a) Waste bins installed by council at no cost, sited near dog bins.
- b) **Bus shelter –** William Rose is not responsible for the bus shelter this appears to be the responsibility of the Parish. Repairs to be pursued, including a concrete floor solution to reduce maintenance cost in the future.
- c) **Path to bus stop-** Correspondence received from Lincolnshire County Council, the request has been added to their Road Priorities Initiative process for assessment and ranking.
- d) **Water meter enquiry -** Information received from Anglian Water, the metering letter related to metering of their usage rather than domestic consumption
- e) **Growth of hedges and verges** encroaching over the footpath on Middle Street. Contact identified at Highways who can assist with clearing verges once hedgerows are cut back. MOG to pursue.

Reports:

Police: Correspondence from PCSO Julie McFaul stating:

- a) **Reported theft** of a rotavator from a property at the edge of the village on 27/01.
- b) **Reports of hare coursing** have been received. Many thanks to those who have contacted the police.
- c) **Suspicious vehicle** Silver Fiat Bravo observed on a number of occasions driving at very slow speeds around the village

2. Finance:

- a) **Balance of Parish Accounts**: £8,715.09 Statement No. TBA, plus Petty cash: £5.23.
- b) **Payments** paid/pending; Cheques paid: Zurich (insurance claim) and grass cutting, pending Payment of Audit Fees (relating to 2012/13)
- c) **Update on trust fund**: Trustees to be approached to discuss possible options for investment.
- d) **Audit Costs:** Credit note received from Grant Thornton and re-invoice for £200+VAT.
- e) **Bank Accounts** set up for Playground Fund and a Parish Savings Account.
- f) **Annual Accounts** for Parish Meeting, request to submit Annual Return received due for submission by 16/06/2014

3. Village Hall Report:

- a) Report of Village Hall contact details incorrect on a number of different web sites and blogs being addressed.
- b) Future bookings: Pop up tearoom May Bank holiday 4th 5th May 2014, Elections 22nd May 2014.

4. Correspondence:

- a) Grant Thornton credit note & revised invoice received (see finance section)
- b) E-mail from Roger Patterson advising that last year's decision to cancel the library may be to be put to Judicial Review.
- c) E-mail received from First Contact (18/02), requesting invite to access to present on advice for the elderly to stay safe and independent at home. Jaque Weller to explore the option of inviting to Daycare Group at Glentworth.
- d) Letter from LCC (17/01) regarding consultation on changes to Library Provision.
- e) Letter from LCC regarding the "Good Citizens Award", calling for nominees who have helped the community. Poster to be advertised.
- f) Non-domestic rates bill received for village hall, confirming nil cost.
- g) Letter from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership regarding Community Speed Watch initiative, trialling new signs and will contact communities to join the scheme if the trial is successful
- h) E-mail received introducing Kevin Dunne as support for access to funding streams.
- i) Best Kept Village Competition 2014, letter received it was felt that the village would focus on other matters and not enter this year.

5. Parish/District/County/ matters:

- a) Play Area: Jacque Weller updated the meeting on the development of the Play Area Preferred approaches for fencing work and play area identified with outline costs. Planting of laurel or other shrubs to soften the edge of the play area adjacent to housing at the side of the green being investigated. Funding options being pursued, including voluntary activities and grants. The point was raised that wider support for the progress of the play area would be appreciated.
- b) **Asset register** Request made for W.L.D.C and Land Registry forms ongoing.
- c) Village Hall insurance, due for renewal in July 2014.
- d) **European Elections** 22/05/14 will be from a list of political parties, candidates will be based upon proportional representation
- e) **Council Tax** no change to bills expected for year. Council Tax relief available if house is flooded
- f) **Broadband** District Council has signed an agreement with a third party for rural broadband with a view to providing a service to the Village Hall. Roger Patterson to provide contact
- g) **Rural Transport** District Council investigating national best practice for rural services and transport and have funding to invest.

6. Any other business:

- a) Bus Shelter: A question was raised about what options there may be for a bus shelter near the Village Hall for the school children and the community shopping buses, Margaret O'Grady to investigate.
- b) Report of a small number of children climbing on the phone box, bins and kicking a football against the village hall windows. Details to be passed to PCSO.
- c) Dog fouling, proposal to send an open letter to residents of the village about ongoing concerns.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 23rd April 2014 7pm Tea and Coffee Meeting to start at 7:30pm.