

Notes from Fillingham Parish Meeting

Monday, 6th March 2017

1. **In attendance:** Margaret O'Grady (Chair), Peter O'Grady (Vice-Chair), Michael Rose (Treasurer), Dawn Greetham (Clerk) and 4 parishioners.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** PCSO Julie McFaul, Naomi Watkins, Zoe Rampley.
3. **Notices of interest:** None
4. **The minutes** of the last meeting held on 6th February 2017 were approved unanimously and signed.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - a) The Buddleia tree has been cut back at the entrance to Rectory Lea. Thanks were expressed to Michael Rose for his help.
 - b) As a result of the assessment by the Highways Department, it was decided to clear the gutters which were in a bad state. A road sweeping lorry was sent and the roads were swept. Margaret has sent an e-mail to thank the Highways Department. The slurry seal team will be contacted by the Highways department regarding the pavement.
 - c) Black pipe on High Street. Margaret has contacted BT with no resolution. A complaint has been raised 28/02/17 ref: C1515924.
6. **Reports:**
 - a) Police: There were no incidents reported in addition to those on Lincs Alert.
 - b) Finance: Michael gave a verbal report to the Parish of the current finances. The invoice for the painting of the village hall has been received and paid. However, VAT was paid on this invoice but the contractor is not VAT registered. Therefore the VAT will be reimbursed to the Parish. The invoice for Firestop has also been settled after checks were carried out.
 - c) Village Hall Report: As a result of the Firestop checks, a new fire blanket has been purchased. The Parish is still awaiting the plumber to check the boiler which is currently leaking. Margaret is experiencing difficulty in locating the original insurance certificate for the damp proof course.
7. **Correspondence:**
 - a) An e-mail regarding Public Space Protection Order Consultation. The proposed PSPO is to replace previous legislation enabling WLDC to take action against those who do not pick up after their dog. It will allow use of fixed penalty notices or prosecution where fouling is not picked up or where the picked up fouling is not properly disposed of. The PSPO will apply to all land in West Lindsey which is open to the air and to which the public have a right or entitlement of access; this includes council land, highways and land such as Churchyards or public rights of way. Consultation closes 27/03/17 and feedback for the consultation was requested so that the questionnaire could be completed. There followed a discussion with regards the village. It was agreed, if feasible, that the PSPO be extended beyond the village boundaries to include Willingham Road. Margaret to complete questionnaire and feedback to Parish.
 - b) Invoice for the painting of the hall has been settled.
8. **Parish/District/county matters:**
 - a) The Village Venture Grant Aid has been approached for £250 towards the playground.
9. **Any other business:**
 - a) It was agreed to purchase a new replacement pad for the defibrillator as the expiry date is 4/17. Margaret is experiencing difficulty with locating a replacement. However, it was agreed unanimously for Margaret to purchase a new pad up to £100 as soon as she is able to source a suitable replacement. The other pads are due to expire in 2018.
 - b) Margaret circulated information regarding the proposed purchase of solar street lighting and vehicle activated speed signs. There followed a discussion and it was proposed to contact IGAS as they have a community fund which may be suitable for funding. There are two options available for the solar panel speed signs and these were discussed as well as a suitable location. It was agreed to go continue researching both proposals.
 - c) The pothole in Willingham Road has been reported ref no. 101000188280.

- d) The Parish Meeting now has an official letterhead. This was passed around the meeting and thanks were expressed to Zoe Rampley for her artwork.
- e) Margaret advised the meeting that she has been made aware that two children from the Parish have not been granted a place at William Farr School for the coming academic year. Two separate letters have been sent from the Parish Clerk to the families to add to their appeal cases and a the letter has also been sent to William Farr school expressing concern that this is unfair on the basis that the majority of our children have been granted admission in the past. The letter was read to the meeting. Concern was also expressed that there is no free travel to the school that is allocated for Fillingham and therefore the families would be liable for travelling expenses. Further letters will be sent to our local MP, Councilor and the education department. Both these cases are subject to an appeal.
- f) Concern was expressed with regards to the curb on the corner of the High Street and Chapel lane. The bushes are overgrown and impeding the view of drivers going around the corner. Margaret to enquire whether Highways are responsible.

10. Date of next meeting: 3rd April, 2017