

**FILLINGHAM PARISH MEETING
MINUTES
7th NOVEMBER 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Margaret O' Grady – Chair, Peter O'Grady – Vice-Chair, Glenn Cargill – RFO, Judith Russell – Clerk,

In Attendance: Cllr Patterson, 4 further Parishioners

Apologies: H Shore, W Rose,

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed people to the meeting and took apologies.

2. NOTICE OF INTEREST

None Reported

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were approved as a correct record

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

New Parish notice board not yet ordered

5. REPORTS

Police report - - One case not in the public interest

Finance report

Fundraising – Izettl used for the Harvest Supper for the church £66 transferred to church accounts.

- **Budget** – in the past there was no planned contingency. With 6 more houses, additional income will be generated through the precept and there is a separate capital budget with £4,000 for contingencies. Now locked into a 10 year plan to take care of running costs and ongoing maintenance for the village and Village Hall. The precept application is due and will shortly be submitted to West Lindsey District Council. The responsible finance officer proposed applying for £5,718 for the Parish Precept 2023-24 Financial Year. This was agreed and Precept Estimate Form will be submitted before the deadline of 25th November. Glenn was thanked for his ongoing work on finance.
- **Village Hall account** - Income received £279 from EDF at the end of current contract. Village hall utilities account now on a standard contract which will be closely monitored. The village hall has a leaking gutter that requires repair. The defibrillator has been checked prior to the meeting and water is seeping into the unit and a new seal is required. An external contractor is scheduled to do an inspection of the playground. As this is an unaccompanied inspection there will a cost saving of £100.
- **Parish Trust Account** – No transactions.
- **Village Hall Report**
- **Playground** – The monthly playground inspection has been completed and everything is in order.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish email box- Expression of concern from a resident about the trees on the remaining land at the entrance to Rectory Lea. The trees were removed despite the fact that the permission to do so had lapsed. The discussion

covered the fact that the trees were not specimen trees, with no tree preservation order and on private land. It was agreed that we would point out that regrettably residents had no opportunity to express their views.

Planning application – Application 145614 for land to the rear of Goldsmithy House. The request was for a small strip of land to the rear of the new build house to be integrated into the garden of the house. It was agreed that the parish meeting had no comment to be made.

Parish email box – Email from Boss Construction regarding the lane down past the side of Goldsmithy House and the new build. This has no official name and as there is now a drive off it a name is being proposed. Currently the suggestions are Lake Drive or Lake Lane. The meeting agreed to support Lake Lane.

7. PARISH, DISTRICT, COUNTY MATTERS

- **Parish** – Highways complaint 536441 regarding the drainage problems on High Street, a letter had been sent in August, but no reply was forthcoming, so a complaint was made with Cllrs Patterson and Butroid copied in. Photos of subsequent flooding were also sent in. Work was undertaken to put in a new drain, and this has been linked to the drainage system. In the same week WLDC came along and blast cleaned the drains.
- **Christmas** - A Christmas tree is being donated for the village green once again by Fillingham Christmas Trees. The tree will be decorated at the Christmas Event on 3 Dec with mulled wine from 3.00 and the lights switched on at 4.00pm. It was agreed that the charity for this year will be Lincoln Food Bank.
- **District matters** – Cllr Patterson reported that as a result of recent flooding in the district, a sub-committee has been formed to look at the management of the situation with a view to establishing formal emergency response procedures with an overall command lead. Cllr Patterson reported that there is likely to be a proposal that Parish councils and meetings should formulate a plan for such emergencies. Following discussion, it was agreed that as a small hamlet we are used to working together and do not see the need for a formal plan.
- **Broadband** – Nothing further to report although the scheme should be completed by mid-2023.
- **Solar Farms** – Tillbridge solar farm is the 4th application to be made for the area. There are currently 4th schemes which are in varying stages of development. The group formed to work on the concerns are trying to bring together a representative from all the parishes affected to develop a common response and statement. While acknowledging the climate issues there are limitations on solar power and the need to keep productive agricultural land so vital in food production. Currently also monitoring the expansion of oil drilling at Glentworth.
- **Joyce's bench** – Thanks to Jupp Fford construction for installing the bench FOC.

8. AOB

- Thanks to Nick for the installation of Poppies around the village for Remembrance Day.
- Brief discussion on the formation of a village hall committee which it was felt would help with fundraising and it was acknowledged that Charitable status would also be advantageous. Margaret and Judith looking at this.
- Light demolished by Ridge View has now been replaced.

Wreath making workshop - 2 December - proceeds for the church

Christmas Event – 3 December

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 December at 7.30pm