

Notes from Fillingham Parish Meeting

Monday, 6th February 2017

1. **In attendance:** Margaret O'Grady (Chair), Peter O'Grady (Vice-chair), Michael Rose (Treasurer), Dawn Greetham (clerk), Roger Patterson (later in the meeting) and 5 parishioners.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** PSCO Julie McFaul, Zoe Rampley and Geoff Burton.
3. **Notices of interest:** None
4. **The minutes** of the last meeting held on 5th December 2016 were approved unanimously and signed.

Roger Patterson joined the meeting.

5. **Matters arising:**

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. It is noted that there are two invoices for payment for the Village Hall which are outstanding - £58.95 for gas and £32.97 for electricity. No invoice for painting the village hall has been received as yet.
- c) **Fillingham Playground Action Fund:** Michael appraised the Parish on the current financial position regarding the action fund.
- d) **Village Hall Report:** Margaret will ring the gas company with regards the boiler and running costs. Fire Stop has been contacted to carry out checks. A new extension lead has been purchased.

7. **Correspondence:**

- a) The Parish has been informed that, due to budget restraints, grass cutting to the verges of the village will only be undertaken twice yearly by WLDC.
- b) Margaret has again contacted the Highways regarding Street Lighting who re-stated that they are unable to carry out repairs to street lighting until they have completed their current project to reset all lights to go out at midnight. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Council including those who it was suggested be copied in regarding the disrepair of the street lighting.
- c) Outstanding invoice for the work undertaken to paint the village hall. As this invoice has been requested for some time, it was agreed that Margaret send a letter to set a deadline for the receipt of the invoice.
- d) Permission was granted from William Rose to prune the buddleia tree at the junction of Rectory Lea and the High Street.
- e) E-Mail sent thanking William Rose for the village Christmas Tree.

8. **Parish/District/county matters:**

- a) **Playground:** Funds from the Big Lottery have been received and have been banked. The Parish has also been successful with a donation from the Tesco bag collection, due in to the bank account shortly. In addition, the Playground is nominated as Waitrose Community Matters tokens for the month of February and the Parish was encouraged to support this. There is some variation in the agreed playground equipment as the children have expressed a wish for a climbing frame which will provide a facility that should stop them climbing the trees. An overall summary of grants, donations, fund raising and provision from the Parish was provided as the basis of the playground budget. All grant funding has now been received or awarded. Once the WLDC grant funding is transferred to the bank account the playground can be ordered. The level of funding from Fillingham Parish was agreed up to £2000, plus up to £1000 contingency. Margaret has contacted

the preferred suppliers to confirm prices with a view to placing orders in the coming weeks. It was agreed that Margaret be given approval to use her discretion within the limit of the contingency without a further meeting. An extraordinary meeting will be called if necessary.

b) Additional dog bins have now been installed as requested.

9. Any other business:

- a) Concerns were expressed about the damp proofing course on the hall as a potential reason for high utility bills and the dehumidifier is collecting a substantial amount of water and needs to be emptied twice weekly. Margaret is trying to locate the original paperwork to assess whether this is covered by insurance.
- b) Despite having been cleared in preparation for the slurry seal, the path on the High Street needs to be cleared again due to rainfall. Margaret to request paths be cleared.
- c) The blue pipe which is exposed alongside the High Street and is the property of BT needs to be buried. Margaret to contact BT.
- d) Concern was expressed that the village hall is not getting enough bookings to cover costs. An exchange of ideas followed to increase bookings to the hall. Margaret agreed to investigate the booking fees of local village halls to compare fees. There will be a fundraising meeting at 8pm on Thursday 9th February at 9 Rectory Lea.
- e) It was discussed whether the village could be more involved with the The RAF Ingham Heritage Centre which is being renovated at the top of the village.

10. Date of next meeting: 6th March 2017