

Fleet Parish Council

Meeting – Monday 18th November 2024

The meeting of Fleet Parish Council was held at the **Community Hall, Hargate Close, Fleet on Monday 18th November 2024.**, which was attended by 6 members of the public and the following Councillors: Paul Barnes, Kevin Smith, Evelyn Penney, Chas Penney. Ashlie Smith & the Clerk.

Public Forum –

A Parishioner raised concerns about vehicles speeding on Old Main Road. He added that it includes large Farm vehicles and buses. Cllr Barnes asked County Cllr Coupland if he could take this forward and request an Archers Survey to be carried out.

Lincolnshire County Councillor Report - Cllr Coupland advised he didn't have much to report at this time other than reminding Council that voting would take place next year to appoint a Mayor for Lincolnshire.

District Report - Cllr Barnes – Reported that the parking in Hargate Close had been reviewed and issues have been recognised, he is awaiting an update on the outcome, but it is a work in progress. He also reported that a contract had been awarded to enforce Fly tipping, littering and dog poo not picked up. There are fines up to £100. Unfortunately, currently they do not visit Fleet Ward. He has raised this, pointing out that we employ a litter picker and a young volunteer who are busy, so we do have issues.

24.11.92 Apologies for Absence – None

24.11.93 To receive applications (if any) for the office of Parish Councillor and to Co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy – None received

- Discuss how we can Recruit new Cllrs – Cllrs discussed and agreed to have a think on what we can do to encourage new Cllrs – Agenda January

24.11.94 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations in respects of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in Agenda items – None received

24.11.95 Signing of the Minutes – Clerk's corrections from the meeting on 21st October 2024 were previously circulated, read and RESOLVED by all, as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24.11.96 Financial Matters:

- Reconciliation of Bank account - Clerk talked through current bank balance following reconciliation of the bank statement October 2024 – The balance as of 31st October 2024 was £55,425.07 with no pending payments. Members were provided with a copy of the latest bank statement for their records.
- Budget Forecast – Clerk had previously shared details of the current budget and Cllr P Barnes asked full Council to review so figures can be set for the upcoming Precept decision in January 2025.

• Payment of Invoices:

01/11/2024	Office supplies/stationery	49.76	Carteridgesave
01/11/2024	Grants	100.00	Monday Club
01/11/2024	Cherry Lane Project	405.00	Forceshift Skip Hire
01/11/2024	Upkeep of pavilion & playing field	27.49	Tonwood
01/11/2024	Upkeep of pavilion & playing field	11.50	Tesco
07/11/2024	Playing Field grass cutting	775.80	D W Woods
07/11/2024	Upkeep of pavilion & playing field	27.49	Tonwood
07/11/2024	Upkeep of pavilion & playing field	43.70	Tesco
07/11/2024	Upkeep of pavilion & playing field	25.00	Timpson LTD
07/11/2024	Upkeep of pavilion & playing field	16.80	Tonwood
12/11/2024	Clerk/RFO Salary	576.10	R Negus
12/11/2024	Litter Picker wage	44.33	J Godden
08/11/2024	Open Space Project	1,737.60	R Wicks Welding Services

All noted and approved.

24.11.97 To receive reports - from:

- Playing Field & Pavilion Working Party – Cllr Barnes reported that the high restriction barrier was now in place with a new gate and pedestrian barriers. Cllr K Smith reported that the rowing machine had been vandalised. Clerk to obtain quote to repair/dispose

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- a) Update on works for accessible parking area and path – Work has started and is hoped to be completed later next week.
- b) Update on Electricity charge for September – This has now been resolved with a correct reading provided to supplier
- c) Moles on playing field – Resolved to reinstate help with deterring moles.
- d) Review Independent Inspection report for Playing field (if received) – Not yet received.
- Fund Raising and Grants Working Party
 - e) Update on submitted Grant applications – Cllr A Smith's report was shared. Cllr Barnes confirmed that grant applications for the Shared Prosperity funds had been extended for another year.
- War Memorial & Amenities Working Party (including Cherry Lane)
 - f) Review Parish Planter and War Memorial Gardens maintenance Invitation to Tender – Cllr Penney confirmed that they were looking at clearing the green off the fence. The tender for assistance with planters is outstanding. It was resolved to include a Schedule of works in with the Grass Cutting Tenders.
- Observations following asset inspections – Nothing of concern to report
- Signage – For Cherry Lane and Park whilst works is carried out – It was resolved to erect 'Park Closed' signs whilst works are carried out and purchase No Smoking sign for Pavilion.

24.11.98 Baptist Church – Update (if any) on request for support and quotes they have received – No further action needed.

24.11.99 Parish Survey – Update on launch of new Parish Survey – Cllr A Smith advised the Survey was coming together and had a meeting with a Grant representative to review and obtain feedback for any amendments and to finalise.

24.11.100 Proposed Reduction in Speed Limit – Fleet Road RH/2093 B1515 – Feedback from the survey was shared and it was resolved to share with Highways.

24.11.101 Correspondence Received:

- Email from LCC Fens Reservoir - EIA Scoping and Consultation and Regulation 11 Notification – No action required
- LCC – TOR RH/2093 B1515 Holbeach (already covered under item 9 on the Agenda)
- LCC Email re Events affecting the highway - Public Liability Insurance Cover 2025 – Noted, no action required

24.11.102 Actions List - To discuss completion of outstanding items and agree timescales

- Update on tree works at Church End – Clerk reported that it was proving difficult to obtain contractors to quote but will keep trying. A question was raised about ownership of the green by the church. Clerk/Chair to investigate further.
- Update on location for notice board at Gedney Hill end of Parish – Various locations discussed, and further review of the area needed to ensure a safe location is agreed.

24.11.103 Speed Watch Initiative - To review any information gathered from the interactive speed sign & Police Speed Camera - Cllr K Smith shared information gathered, and it was resolved to share with LCC Road Safety.

- Update on feedback following Proposal for speed limits to be reduced and other safety management measures, Hallgate, Church End & Church Gate – No further updates at this time.
- Additional Agenda item following letter from Resident – Concerns have been raised about the congestion caused by vehicles parked outside Fleet Road Garage.

24.11.103 Planning Matters - To note all Planning Applications and decisions received from SHDC since the last meeting – It was Resolved for Cllr C Penney to lead the planning committee with continued assistance from volunteer G Donley.

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Applications received since last Meeting:

Date	Reference no - Type	Proposal	Location	Comments by:
22/10/24	H05-0826-24 FULL	Proposed Double Garage	TORRINGTON LODGE TORRINGTON LANE	12/11/2024
05/11/2024	H05-0914-24 FULL	Proposed two storey rear extension	FLEETWOOD HOUSE NEW FEN DROVE	26/11/2024

Decided Planning Applications by SHDC:

Date	Reference	Development	Location	Decision
20/10/2024	H05-0698-24 Prior Approval App	Conversion of an existing agricultural barn building to form a new dwelling house	Gables Nursery New Fen Drove Gedney Hill	REFUSAL
10/11/2024	H05-0688-24 FULL	Change of use of residential pool building to mixed residential and commercial - Retrospective	Riverside House, Bloodfold Farm Ravens Bank	APPROVED

24.11.105 Forward Planning & Events

- Poppy Removal – Cllr Barnes gave thanks for those who helped with the poppies. Cllr A Smith that parishioners in the South Ward were very happy to be included.
- Light Up Fleet Christmas 2024 – Reminder that entries close 1 December
- Santa’s Senior Citizen Social - 18 December 2024 – Plans in place and being advertised, but not many tickets sold, so Parishioners outside of the Parish were welcome to purchase tickets.
- Spalding Flower Parade May 2025 – Cllr Barnes has spoken to the school, who are interested, and Harold Payne has also offered to use the ‘Duck’. Plans ongoing and awaiting feedback from the School.
- 8 May VE Celebrations in the Park – The Beacon will be lit at 21:30 with a gathering of Parishioners with maybe soup & a roll.
- VE Day 11th May 2025 – Plans ongoing.
- Fleet Summer Fete 8 June 2025 – Meeting to be arranged for volunteers to start planning.

24.11.106 To Note Date of Next Meeting – It was resolved to miss the December meeting in light of festivities.

- Proposed Meeting dates for 2025: Resolved and agreed by All
 Tuesday 21st January (Gedney Hill Memorial Hall)
 Monday 17th February
 Monday 17th March
 Tuesday 15th April **Includes Annual Parish Meeting ** (Gedney Hill Memorial Hall)
 Monday 19th May ** Includes Annual Parish Council Meeting **
 Monday 16th June
 Tuesday 15th July (Gedney Hill Memorial Hall)
 August - TBC
 Monday 15th September
 Tuesday 21st October (Gedney Hill Memorial Hall)
 Monday 17th November
 December – TBC

Resolve to go into closed session to discuss:

24.11.107 Clerk Salary Pay Scale – Following a discussion it was Resolved for the Clerk Salary to remain the same with a further review in April 25

24.11.108 Grass Cutting Tenders for 2025 – It was resolved for a separate meeting to discuss the layout and requirements for the Schedule of works for Grass Cutting. The new document will be shared and resolved in January meeting

Meeting Closed 20:45