

Fleet Parish Council

Meeting – Monday 21st January 2019

A meeting of Fleet Parish Council was held at the Community Hall, Hargate Close, Fleet Hargate on Monday 21st January 2019 at 7pm which was attended by 6 members of the public and the following Councillors:

Peter Coupland (Chair)
Evelyn Penney
Yolanda Ward
Valery Gemmell
Geoff Donley
Paul Barnes

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a 10 minute public forum was held when the following points were raised by members of the public:

1. Hard standing area at the top of the Playing Field – request made for this to be looked into. Item on the Agenda so agreed to discuss at appropriate juncture.
2. Farmers Market held on a monthly basis– would the PC be amenable to this idea? Hard standing would facilitate.
3. Moles on the Playing Field – would PC consider closing the area for 2 weeks for the problem to be properly addressed. Agreed to discuss under Item 5.

There were no reports from the Police or elected members of Lincolnshire Council and South Holland District Council.

MAIN MEETING

1. **Apologies for Absence** – received from Cllr A Male who was on holiday and Cllrs R & A Dean due to ill health.
2. **Declarations of interest** - in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, members were reminded of the need to note any direct interest in Agenda items in the book provided for this purpose and to request dispensation in respects of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests – there were none.
3. **Signing of the Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Financial Matters**
 - Clerk talked members through the Bank Reconciliation for November & December 2018 and detailed the current balance of £8499.66 after unrepresented cheques accounted for.
 - Payment of invoices to the following were approved:
Hollyoak Landscapes - £576 (gross) – partial dyke clearance @ Playing Field
Michael Tee - £15.30 – compost and plants for planters at both ends of Old Main Road
SHDC - £99 – hire of community room for PC meetings during 2019
 - After much discussion and analysis of the Budget figures prepared by the Clerk, it was resolved to increase the Precept by 7.5% to a figure of £22,550 for 2019/20 from £20,775 in 2018/19 to cover estimated expenditure. It was agreed that a Grants fund of £2000 would be earmarked for any organisations that may apply for assistance and that a full schedule of works would be put together and distributed to a minimum of 3 grass cutting contractors to enable quotes to be obtained on a like for like basis for cutting the playing field.

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5. To receive reports -

- Actions List – Clerk went through the current Actions List to provide an update and ascertain which items had been dealt with since the last meeting, resulting in the highlighted items being removed due to completion:

	ISSUE	AGREED ACTION	DATE ACTION TAKEN	DATE ISSUE RECTIFIED
1	Lorries on Hocklesgate	Request made for 'Not suitable for HGV's' sign Highway's ref: 101000301039	2/8/2018 Cllr Coupland asked to chase – 10/18	Ongoing
2	Playground equipment inspection/replacement	Decision required whether to make repairs or purchase replacement items.	Further quotes required	Ongoing
3	Quotes for dyke clearance on Playing Field	Cllr Coupland to arrange.	Quotes received – work to be carried out by Hollyoaks Landscapes	December 2018 - completed
4	Rowan trees causing trip hazard on Old Main Road	Clerk notified Highways Dept ref: 101000278619	11/4/2018 Cllr Coupland asked to chase 10/18	Awaiting action by LCC
5	Overhanging branch, Bensgate	Tree completely dead – will require road closure to remove. LCC advised. Highways ref: 101000278626	Confirmation from LCC – work to be undertaken February 2019	February 2019
6	War Memorial area – broken fence/blocked culvert	Quote required for remedial work to be carried out	Quote from T Waters £150 - 2 more quotes to be arranged	Ongoing
7	New 30 mph speed sign required on Old Main Road	Clerk reported to Highways Dept	New sign erected Jan 2019	Completed
8	New information boards at St Mary Magdalene Church and vicinity of Holbeach House	Funds received, decision required as to style and detail. Agenda meeting 21/1/19	Ongoing	Ongoing
9	Reduction of speed limit on Hallgate/Lowgate	New speed initiative available – volunteers required	Agenda meeting 21/1/19 to discuss signing up for new initiative and arranging for monitoring officer	Ongoing

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			to visit to enable speed monitoring system to be set up	
10	Request for new dog bin – Grimwood Close, Fleet Road	Clerk to contact SHDC	Requested from SHDC 23/08/18	Ongoing
11	Campaign to establish Fleet is not Holbeach	Work ongoing by Royal Mail – update received	Agenda meeting 21/1/19 for update to be noted	Ongoing
12	Request for village sign	For discussion and resolution	Cost implications required	Ongoing
13	Query raised over whereabouts and use of funds from sale of old village hall	Query raised at meeting 19/11/18	Clerk provided findings to date; Cllr Donley to pursue.	Ongoing
14	Adopt or purchase Cherry Lane play area from SHDC	Request made 2017. Further correspondence received from residents.	Area being considered as possible building plot – SHDC.	Ongoing
15	Uneven block paving on pavement between Cherry Lane & Little Marsh Lane	Cllr Coupland to inspect.	Work carried out January 2019	Completed
16	Trees at rear of Mayfair Close	Parishioner concern raised 17/9/18	Cllr Coupland still investigating – ownership under question 21/1/19.	Ongoing
17	Greenfields – resurfacing	Cllr Coupland to raise with LCC	LCC have agreed to carry out necessary works	Ongoing

- Playing Field & Pavilion Working Group - Cllr Coupland reported that there had been no problems lately other than another infestation of moles. It was discussed and resolved to arrange for another course of treatment and to 'close' the area for 2 weeks while this work was carried out to secure maximum impact. Signs will be erected warning that members of the public 'Enter at their own risk'; Cllr Coupland to arrange. Quote from D Moore Services to replace pavilion windows to be placed on file pending further quotes.
- Fleet Christmas Festival, 7/12/18 – Cllr Donley reported that the event was very successful with approx. 270 visitors enjoying the various stalls and entertainment. It is hoped that this can become an annual event and with this in mind a request has been made for a fir tree to be planted to negate this cost year on year. As the event was virtually self-funding (£57 provided from PC funds) there was no need to call on the £250 offered from District Funds which will be rolled over to this year's event
- Monthly Councillor surgery - Cllr Donley reported that whilst attendance was low, he still felt the surgeries were beneficial and was happy to continue with them on a monthly basis; next one scheduled for Saturday 2nd February at Holbeach Library.
- Skate Park fund raising group - Cllr Coupland advised that the group had held another meeting at which approaching the 3 local Wind Farms for funding had been agreed. He pointed out that many funding providers were keen to see community engagement in

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any potential project and that this was the next area of focus with a press release and leaflet drop being considered.

6. Planning Matters

CLlr's noted the following Planning Applications and decisions received from SHDC since the last meeting and were reminded of the need to submit any comments to Cllr Male in a timely manner:

Applications received since last Meeting:

Date	Reference no	Type	Proposal	Location	Comments by
4/12/18	H05-1118-18	OUTLINE	Erection of 6 dwellings with means of access.	Land off Fleet Road Fleet Hargate	4th December 2018
18/12/18	H05-1227-18	Outline	Demolition of garage and erection of bungalow	Adj. 13 Albion Street Holbeach	11th January 2019
19/12/18	H05-1235-18	FULL	Residential development of 9 dwellings (Re-submission of H05-0372-17)	Land off Old Main Road Fleet Hargate	12th January 2019
21/12/18	H05-1241-18	FULL	Proposed canopy to front elevation and internal alterations	11 Parklands Fleet	14th January 2019
14/01/2019	H05-0015-19	Full	Proposed alterations	IVY HOUSE OLD MAIN ROAD	4th February 2019

Decided Planning Applications by SHDC:

Date	Reference	Type	Development	Location	Decision
10/12/18	H05-0996-18	CONDITION COMPLIANCE	Details of external materials, scheme to deal with contamination, engineering, drainage, street lighting, surface water drainage and Construction Management (Conditions 3, 6, 10, 11 and 12 of H05-0308-17)	184 Fleet Road Fleet Hargate Spalding	Approved
12/12/18	H05-1193-18	NON MAT AMENDMENT	Proposed rear extension and alterations -	8 Cross Street Fleet Spalding	Approved

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			approved under H05-1006-18. Amendments to design		
12/12/18	H05-0999-18	TPO Tree Works	Works to Fleet Tree Preservation Order 005/01/1965.	Land To The East Of Proudfoot Lane And South Of The Rectory Fleet Spalding Lincs	Approved
18/12/18	H05-1118-18	OUTLINE	Erection of 6 dwellings with means of access	Land Off Fleet Road Fleet Hargate Spalding	Approved
18/12/18	H05-1168-18	Tree Works in CON	Works to trees in Fleet Conservation Area	Farm Yard: Manor House Hall Gate Fleet Spalding	Approved
09/01/19	H05-1192-18	Full	Proposed solar panels for domestic use	The Poplars, Frostley Gate Fleet	Approved

7. Correspondence - the following items were noted:

- British Red Cross – free first aid sessions for parish councils. Cllrs agreed that training should be arranged in the Spring; place on **Actions List** for organisation.
- University Academy Holbeach – proposal for expansion
- SHDC – Parish Ward changes. County boundaries were revised in Lincolnshire in 2016 and whilst the Fleet has not changed the names are now Fleet North and Fleet South instead of village and fen wards.
- LCC – Road closure, Little Marsh Lane between 04/02/19 and 15/02/19 for essential maintenance works.

8. Fleet identity – Clerk advised that following request from Royal Mail, letters of support had been submitted from Rt Hon Sir John Hayes and South Holland District Council. Royal Mail now need to prepare consultation letters for distribution to all affected postcodes and will advise when this is complete. Place on **Action List** for monitoring purposes.

9. Provide hard standing at top of Playing Field – following the successful Christmas Festival which was held on this area, Cllr Barnes asked members to look into the possibility of making the top of the Playing Field hard standing to allow for parking to ease the congestion on Old Main Road and for other events such as Farmers Markets, Car Boot sales etc to be organised. He also requested permission to use the playing field again for a 2019 Christmas event which was unanimously approved.

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Cllr Coupland advised that fear of travellers visiting the site had meant that this not been done before but an adequate barrier should prevent this. It was resolved that Cllrs Coupland, Barnes and R Dean would look at the area to consider what could be done and report back to the next meeting.

Agenda next meeting for update

9. **Speed watch initiative** – Cllr Barnes had attended a meeting for a new Community Speed Watch initiative and Cllrs now needed to resolve whether to participate in the scheme as there were some logistical and financial implications. It was discussed and resolved that the Clerk would contact the organiser of the initiative to find out further details which would be cascaded to members accordingly. Resident asked to attend the next training event on 28th January – Charles Penney – which the Clerk will organise. **Agenda** next meeting for update.
10. **Information Boards** – whilst Cllrs Coupland and Ward had made some improvements to the content for the information boards, they advised there was still some work to be done before they were ready for manufacture. Place on **Action List** for monitoring purposes.
11. **Alternative polling station provision** – following the distribution of 370 letters to residents living in proximity of the Catholic Church asking for their views on this matter, it was discussed and resolved that as very few parishioners had responded, the current polling station at Hargate Close would be maintained.
12. **Date of next meeting:** it was noted that the next meeting will be held on 18th March 2019
13. **Closed session** - it was resolved to go into closed session to discuss the resignation of the Clerk and agree an interview panel to appoint her successor.