

Fleet Parish Council

Meeting – Monday 18th March 2019

A meeting of Fleet Parish Council was held at the Community Hall, Hargate Close, Fleet Hargate on Monday 18th March 2019 following the Annual parish meeting at 7pm which was attended by 10 members of the public and the following Councillors:

Dean Ross (Chairman)

Peter Coupland (Vice Chairman)

Evelyn Penney

Annette Dean

Yolanda Ward

Valery Gemmell

Geoff Donley

Paul Barnes

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 Due to being out of the Country
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 – Cllr R Dean as Pastor of the Baptist Church declared an interest for St Mary Magdalene Church.
3. **Welcome new Clerk** – Cllr R Dean welcomed new Clerk – Robyn Negus. Clerk requested a change in how the Meeting Agenda packs could be circulated to Cllrs prior to meetings because reprographic facilities are limited. Following a discussion, a vote was taken and seven Cllrs confirmed their preference to receive Agenda packs by email and one Cllr would prefer a paper copy to be provided. Therefore, in line with County and District Council procedure this will be arranged.
4. **Signing of the Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Amended minutes circulated 21 March 2019.
5. **Financial Matters**
 - Clerk talked members through the Bank Reconciliation for January and February 2019 and detailed the current balance of £8,883.86 after unrepresented cheques accounted for.
 - Payment to new Clerk for Tax rebate has been approved, which will be reimbursed by the HMRC.
6. **To receive reports:**
 - Playing Field & Pavilion Working Group – Cllr Coupland reported that the fence to the rear of the playing field is damaged. Cllr Penney added that the fence around the gas box needs attention – Clerk will arrange for work to be carried out once ownership is established. Cllr Coupland recommended that he, Cllr R Dean & Cllr Barnes take time to access the whole area to consider any other issues that need

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addressing. The mole infestation remains outstanding. The front area of the playing field being considered for hard standing was discussed and the potential installation of a barrier to close the area when not in use. Several concerns were raised regarding access times and how this could be managed. It was agreed to obtain quotes for a barrier and then discuss further. **Agenda** Next meeting for update.

- Monthly Councillor Surgery – Cllr Donley reported that although the monthly surgeries had low attendance, they were still beneficial and is happy to continue with them. Cllr Barnes suggested holding the monthly surgery on May 1st at the Playing Field to obtain Parishioners views on Skate Park proposal. Cllr Penney suggested using the local press to advertise to raise awareness.
- Skate Park fund raising group – Cllr Coupland reported that no further decisions had been made since the last meeting. But that a group meeting would be organised in the near future when discussion would be required to facilitate feedback from Parishioners.

7. **Planning Matters** - Cllrs noted the following Planning Applications and decisions received from SHDC since the last meeting.

Applications received since last Meeting:

Date	Reference no	Type	Proposal	Location	Comments by
24/01/2019	H05-0043-19	OUTLINE	Outline application for proposed bungalow	Adjacent: Jandene Topsgate	14th February 2019
24/01/2019	H05-0064-19	SEC 73 MODIFICATION	Proposed barn conversion - approved under H05-0709-18 - Modification to Condition 2 to allow amendments to previously approved plans and Condition 10 to change colour of external timber door and window frames to dark grey	Mulberry Barn Torrington Lane	14 February 2019
04/02/2019 – Amendment Received	H05-1235-18	FULL	Residential development of 9 dwellings (Re-	Land off Old Main Road Fleet Hargate	14 February 2019

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			submission of H05-0372-17)		
27/02/2019 – Amendment Received	H05-0943-18	S73A CONTINUATION	Modification of Conditions 1 & 4 of H05-0622-18 to allow amendments to previously approved plans and increase the number of caravans from 28 to 38	HERON ORCHARD CARAVAN PARK FROSTLEY GATE	9 March 2019
07/03/2019	H05-0231-19	Full	Works and conversion of barn into annexe and replace roof on adjoining packing shed	123 FLEET ROAD FLEET	28 March 2019
11/03/2019	H05-0239-19	Full	Change of use of field to grazing land for horses, including post and rail fencing, 3 storage containers and field shelters (all on metal skids) and turn out area and hardstanding for vehicles	Land to West of Langary Gate Road Gedney Hill	2 April 2019

Decided Planning Applications by SHDC:

Date	Reference	Type	Development	Location	Decision
11/02/2019	H05-1241-18	FULL	Proposed canopy to front elevation and internal alterations	11 Parklands Fleet Spalding	
25/02/2009	H05-1235-18	FULL	Residential development of 9 dwellings (Re-submission of H05-0372-17)	Land Off Old Main Road Fleet Hargate	Approved

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25/02/2019	H05-0064-19	SEC 73 MODIFICATION	Proposed barn conversion - approved under H05-0709-18 - Modification to Condition 2 to allow amendments to previously approved plans and Condition 10 to change colour of external timber door and window frames to dark grey	Mulberry Barn Torrington Lane Fleet Spalding	Approved
25/02/2019	H05-1227-18	OUTLINE	Demolition of garage and erection of bungalow	Adj. 13 Albion Street Holbeach Spalding Lincs	Approved
11/03/2019	H05-0016-19	Listed Building	Proposed alterations	Ivy House Old Main Road Fleet Hargate Spalding	Approved
11/03/2019	H05-0015-19	Full	Proposed alterations	Ivy House Old Main Road Fleet Hargate Spalding	Approved

8. **Joint Policy Development Panel and Policy Monitoring Panel** – Cllr Coupland gave a synopsis of this initiative of these Panels to allow Cllrs to provide an informed response to. Cllr Barnes provided the answers which full Council were in agreement with. Clerk will respond to SHDC by the 1st April 2019.
9. **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:	Clerk to chase Highways Dept 18/03/2019	Ongoing

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		101000301039 02/08/2018		
2	Playground equipment inspection/replacement	Decision required whether to make repairs or purchase replacement items.	Further quotes required	Ongoing
3	Rowan trees causing trip hazard on Old Main Road	Clerk notified Highways Dept ref: 101000278619 11/04/2018	Clerk to chase Highways Dept for update as situation worsening 18/03/19	Awaiting action by LCC
4	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
5	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
6	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 to visit to enable speed monitoring system to be set up	Ongoing
7	Request for new dog bin – Grimwood Close, Fleet Road	Clerk to contact SHDC	Requested from SHDC 23/08/18	Ongoing
8	Campaign to establish Fleet is not Holbeach	Work ongoing by Royal Mail – update received	Consultation letters prepared by Royal Mail for issue to affected postcodes 03/2019	Ongoing
9	Query raised over whereabouts and use of funds from sale of old village hall	Query raised at meeting 19/11/18	Cllr Donoley will refer to Cllr R Dean and The Charity Commission – Update next meeting 13/05/19	Ongoing
10	Adopt or purchase Cherry Lane play area from SHDC	Request made 2017. Further correspondence	Cllr Gemmell suggested in light of item 8 this matter should be	Ongoing

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		received from residents.	removed – This was agreed.	
11	Letters to occupiers of properties adjoining Playing Field re dyke clearance & establishment of ownership	Cllr Coupland to research legal implications	Ongoing	Ongoing
12	Trees at rear of Mayfair Close	Parishioner concern raised 17/9/18	Cllr Coupland still investigating – ownership under question 21/1/19.	Ongoing
13	Greenfields – resurfacing	Cllr Coupland to raise with LCC	LCC have agreed to carry out necessary works	Ongoing
14	Free First Aid sessions	British Red Cross offering First Aid training for Cllrs	Cllrs amenable to undertaking training, date to be arranged	Ongoing

10. **Speed watch initiative** – Clerk advised that she had tried to obtain exact costings of items required for this initiative without success to date. – **Since the meeting this information has now been received and circulated.**

11. **Best Kept Village Competition 2019** – After much debate and many ideas it was resolved to enter the 2019 competition using the same area as last year. The 2018 runner up plaque and certificate were presented to Cllr Penney. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Penney to ensure application form completed and sent with correct entry fee by the 3rd May 2019.

12. **Grant Application Received from St Mary Magdalene Church** – The Grant Application received for £2,000 was reviewed and following much discussion Cllr Barnes proposed a grant of £1,000 was provided and should additional funds be required to reapply at a later date, which was seconded by Cllr Gemmell. This was put to a vote resulting on four Cllrs for and 3 abstainers. Since the meeting Cllr Donley has reviewed the Grant Policy which states that grant applications need to be submitted by June when the council will discuss any grant applications at its July meeting. Therefore, this item will be added to the Agenda for July.
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13. **Grass Cutting of Village and Playing Field** – Cllr Coupland confirmed the 2 areas that have been quoted for and gave a breakdown of the quotes received:

Playing Field

- D.W Woods Landscaping Ltd £145.00 (Per Cut)
- Hollyoaks Landscapes Ltd £180.00 (Per Cut)

Amenities

- D.W Woods Landscaping Ltd £250.00
- T Waters £190.00

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Following much consideration it was agreed that Cllr Coupland hold a further meeting to make a final decision to appoint a contractor to carry out the works. Cllr Barnes requested a map to confirm the area covered under amenities. Cllr Coupland will attend to this. **Since the meeting the following decision was agreed by the playing field/amenity area committee:**

- PLAYING FIELD - 20 cuts over 28/29 weeks, every 10 days x£145 by Woods
£2,900.00
 - AMENITY AREAS - 14 cuts over 28/29 weeks, every 14 days x£190 by Waters.
£2,660.00
- Total £5,560.00 nett

Cuts to start end of March and finish beginning of Oct.

14. **Works to area around War Memorial** – Cllr Coupland reported that four contractors have been approached to provide quotations to repair the footpath around the War Memorial. But, to date only one has been received. A further quote has been requested from P&R Plant Hire. Cllr Coupland and Cllr Penney to chase further quotes.

15. **Note date of next meeting** - It was noted the next meeting will be held on Monday the 13th May 2019, which has altered from the 20th May 2019 due to new Clerk holiday commitments.