

Fishtoft Parish Council

Minutes of Fishtoft Parish Council meeting held Thursday 14th December 2023 at Rochford Tower Hall, Fishtoft commencing at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Councillor Helen Crawford presiding as Chairperson
Councillors Joff Williams, Elizabeth Armstrong, Richard Lenton, Judy Skinner, Roly Ashley, Lucy Webb and Chris Moore
Councillor Paul Skinner representing as Parish and Lincolnshire County Councillor

Fishtoft Parish Council Clerk – Sarah Knowles

PUBLIC FORUM

There were nine members of the public present of which the following questions or short statements were made during the time allocated.

- Queries were raised by a spokesperson representing the residents in relation to planning application B/23/0379 - Land to the East of Gaysfield Road, Fishtoft, Boston PE21 0SF - Proposed residential development of 89 dwellings and associated infrastructure, drainage and open space.

All three Boston Borough Councillors had sent their apologies as they had prior arrangement of which they all forwarded individual reports for the Parish Councils information.

The meeting opened at 7.27pm

- 1. Chairman's remarks**
Councillor Crawford welcomed all to the meeting especially the new Parish Councillor.
- 2. Apologies for absence - *To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting***
Cllr Day had sent his apologies of which the Parish Councillors were aware of the reason for not attending. Following proposal by Cllr P Skinner, seconded by Cllr Armstrong and with no objections it was resolved to accept the reason for absence.
- 3. Declarations of interest – *(if any) To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests***
Cllr Ashley declared a non-pecuniary in *Item 6a* on the agenda considering being a resident within Gaysfield Road.

At 7.29pm it was resolved to move agenda item 6a forward for discussion

- 6. Planning matters - Town and Country Planning Act 1990: *To consider and make observations on all planning applications received and to note planning approvals, refusals, enforcement complaints and appeal decisions advised by the Borough Council. To include applications received after this agenda has been posted and the day of the meeting***

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a) **To review and decide consultation response to B/23/0379 - Proposed residential development of 89 dwellings and associated infrastructure, drainage and open space at Land to the East of Gaysfield Road, Fishtoft, Boston PE21 0SF**

The councillors raised the concerns associated with this planning application and the major affect this would be on the residents adjacent and near to the proposed application especially as the density is greater than those on the edge of the plan. One serious worry is associated with the flood risk of the area particularly following the heavy rain fall and the effect it already has had on the surrounding properties. Other matters include the safety issue associated to the Scout Hut in the vicinity and access to Gaysfield Road.

Witham Fourth have commented their views to this application and have raised their concerns for the adjacent properties.

At 7.43pm it was resolved to go back to agenda order

4. **Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2023 - To resolve as a correct record and to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr P Skinner, seconded by Cllr Armstrong and with no objections it was resolved to accept these notes as a true and accurate record.

5. **Finance**

a) **Payment of accounts to be approved**

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount	Payment method
TA Blackamore Ltd	Ground Maintenance (Nov 2023)	£1185.60	Online payment
Guardian Storage Ltd	PC Document Storage (Dec 2023)	£60.00	Online payment
Sibsey Parish Council	Reimbursement of Printer Ink	£5.62	Online payment
Lincolnshire County Council	CSW 30mph Passive signs	£300.00	Online payment
S Knowles	Staff Costs (Nov 2023)	£317.33	Online payment

Following proposal by Cllr Webb, seconded by Cllr J Skinner and with no objections it was resolved that these payments should be made.

b) **Additional payments to be approved after setting of the agenda**

There were no other payments to be made.

c) **Payments & receipts: since 13th November 2023 - Appendix A**

There were no other payments to be made or received since the last meeting.

d) **Balance of Treasury Account as of 30th November 2023**

All members had received a copy of the bank statement via email prior to the meeting of which showed that balance of the bank account as of 30th November 2023 was £24,542.89.

e) **Balance of Savings Account as of 30th November 2023**

All members had received a copy of the bank statement via email prior to the meeting of which showed that balance of the bank account as of 30th November 2023 was £61,301.46.

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f) To set the budget in association with the 2024/2025 Precept

The RFO had circulated all finances to the Parish Councils prior to the meeting. Following discussion and deliberation it was decided to make a final decision of setting the budget for the 2024/25 precept at the next meeting.

6. Planning matters - Town and Country Planning Act 1990: To consider and make observations on all planning applications received and to note planning approvals, refusals, enforcement complaints and appeal decisions advised by the Borough Council. To include applications received after this agenda has been posted and the day of the meeting

a) To review and decide consultation response to B/23/0379 - Proposed residential development of 89 dwellings and associated infrastructure, drainage and open space at Land to the East of Gaysfield Road, Fishtoft, Boston PE21 0SF

This planning application was discussed earlier in the meeting.

b) B/23/0386 - Listed Building Consent for the repair of broken handrail, repainting of girders, metal plates & parapets and localised repointing of masonry abutments and wingwalls at Cowbridge Footbridge, Horncastle Road, Boston PE22 7AX

There were no objections to this planning application.

c) B/23/0385 - Demolition of existing ground floor extension and erection of a two-storey extension at 72, Meridian Road, Fishtoft, Boston PE21 0LZ

There were no objections to this planning application.

d) B/23/0362 - Application for single storey barn for nesting birds at Dion's Nature Reserve, Land behind 113-142 Willoughby Road, Boston PE21 9HR

There were no objections to this planning application.

e) B/23/0410 - Advertisement Consent for the erection of a 12m Flag Pole and Flag bearing the Company Logo at Metsa Wood, Fishtoft Road, Fishtoft, Boston PE21 0BJ

There were no objections to this planning application.

f) Planning Reports and Information received including Planning Application decisions

- Full planning permission with conditions has been given to B/23/0267 – Application for the erection of two agricultural buildings – Land adjacent to Laurel Farm, Pinfold Lane, Fishtoft
- Full planning permission has been given to B/23/0360 – Application under Section 73 for the removal of Condition 3 – The Magnolias, Priory Road, Fishtoft
- Full planning permission with conditions has been given to B/23/0343 – Change of use of residential swimming pool to combined residential and business use – Fernsee, Rectory Close, Fishtoft

7. Highway - To consider and make observations associated with Highways matters that are not associated with Appendix B

a) Litter Bins – update

The missing Dog waste bin down Rochford Tower Lane at the public footpath sign has been now replaced.

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- b) **A16 to Sibsey**
This matter is ongoing with no update information to convey.
- c) **A52 Speed Limit reduction**
This matter is ongoing with no update information to convey.
- d) **Fogarty layby corner (Fishtoft Road) to take on ownership so the parking restrictions can be put in place - update**
Cllr P Skinner relayed that following a site visit with a Senior Highways Officer and discussion relating to this matter and are currently waiting for costings associated with this to be later evaluated by the Parish Council before deciding on this matter.
- e) **Street Lights repairs/renewals - update and discuss email received from Old Leake Parish Council**
The clerk informed that she is arranging a meeting with BBC Cllr Sharpe and the relevant officer so that all queries and relevant information can be obtained so that this matter can be fully resolved.

8. Members reports and business

- a) **Clearing and tidying the wooded area near the Hobhole pumping station - Update from Councillor Ashley**
Cllr Ashley relayed that no information has been received from North Sea Camp in relation to moving forward with this matter.

- b) **Fishtoft 400 Community Group- Any updates**
Cllr Armstrong reported the following:
- The groups first AFM took place earlier this month with the major response being that they would like the group to continue.
 - A recent grant application from National Grid for £2000 has been accepted.

Cllr Webb asked about the Thursday session that use to be held. Cllr Armstrong replied that there was not much attendance therefore for economical reasons it was best to discontinue this session.

- c) **Fishtoft 400 Buoy – Any updates**
Cllr Armstrong relayed that continuation of this project will now have to resume when the weather is better.

- d) **Outer Dowsing Liaison Community Group – update from Councillor P Skinner**
Cllr Skinner had no further information to report at present.

During the meeting it was agreed to approach a land agent to act on the Parish Council's behalf with Outer Dowsing.

- e) **Parish Council Website**
Cllr Ashley relayed that the Fishtoft Forward Community Group website link has been added to the Parish Council's site.

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f) Report from Police and Crime Commissioner Engagement Session – update from Councillor Crawford

Cllr Crawford reported on the recent Teams meeting held with representatives from the Police and Crime Commissioner and Parish Councils.

g) Parish Council Liaison January 2024 Meeting

A meeting is scheduled for a Parish Council Liaison with Parish Councils and representatives were asked to attend, of which Cllrs Armstrong and Webb agreed to act on behalf of Fishtoft Parish Council.

9. Correspondence received, Events & Reports - To discuss any correspondence received including after setting of agenda

The following correspondence has been received:

- Greater Lincolnshire Devolution Consultation
- Grit Bin request near Hawthorn Tree School

Reports from the Boston Borough Councillors which had previously been circulated to the Parish Councillors were read at the meeting.

Cllr Scoot reported:

- Still awaiting a response for County Councillor Martin Griggs re the traffic calming issues of the Eastwood Road/Freiston Road Junction. I will update the Parish Council as and when.
- A local resident has contacted re an issue in a neighbour's garden and a very large plant. This was checked by LHP (the landlords) and they are monitoring the situation as am I.
- A resident in Pilley Lane as contacted re a faulty street light and I would like to be kept updated as to your decision with regards to lighting repairs.

Cllr Sharpe reported:

- The four-day Christmas Festival was a huge success.
- Saturday 16th December 2023 marks the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Dr Anna Scott is hosting a now 'sell-out' talk at the Guildhall, there are activities like silk painting and art classes in both the Guildhall and the Stump and the 'Redcoats and Revolutionaries' will be processing through town.
- On a recent visit some with residents who have concerns about the resurfacing work down one of the roads close to them and this has been reported to the relevant county councillor for which we are still waiting a response.

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LCC Cllr P Skinner relayed the following information:

- This month LCC Full Council the Devolution to Public Consultation was debated. The model does not include Local Government Re-organisation, so all Councils will retain their sovereignty. Under the White Paper a Mayor is a condition of the level of deal. The first stage will bring in £24M a year over a 30 years span. The Governance model will consist of an Elected Mayor as Chairman and the current three upper tiers and three district representatives. The job of Mayor is a crucial role, firstly it would be one of only eleven, giving direct connections to Government and Government Departments. In addition, working schemes would have to be in place to maximise the bid opportunities.
- It is a sad note to report that former Labour Councillor Robert Parker passed away this week after a period of illness. He stood down in July having been with LCC for 30 years. He had contributed as Leader and during 2009 to 2013 he was Chairman of Value for Money Scrutiny Panel which won a National Award in 2013.
- All issues relating to potholes, lights etc. please use Fix MY Street so that LCC continues to be a High Performing Highways Department out performing many with larger budgets.
- Projected LCC underspends have been targeted at Highways, the cancellation of HS2 means a further £4m will come from Government to Highways.
- Some issues around Gulley Jetting, which are the responsibility of BBC Street Cleansing is still awaiting a number of requests.
- LCC – remains financially well run, of which the last two audits have now been signed off.
- Leverton Fire Station moves to the next stage in Planning.
- The Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue recent HMI report shows progress since 2021, therefore pleased with the performance and keeping people safe and secure from Fire and other Risks.
- Following Storm Babet an excess of 500 homes were flooded in the County. Investigations continue across the Partnership.
- Trading Standards are performing well in the fight against substandard and counterfeit goods.
- In policing information, we are looking to appointing a new Chief Constable. The PCC Budget setting process starts in January.

- 10. Fix My Street, Highways and Boston Borough Council** - To receive any updates on reported issues Appendix B
There was no update or information discussed.

12. Dates for future confirmed meetings

Meeting date	Commencing	Location
Monday 15th January 2024	7:00pm	Pavilion, Fishtoft Playing Fields
Monday 11th March 2024	7:00pm	Pavilion, Fishtoft Playing Fields

The meeting closed at 9.29pm

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Appendix A

Item 6a on agenda

FISHTOFT PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR PERIOD DECEMBER 2023

Payments approved at 14th December 2023 meeting

Payee	Service	Amount
TA Blackamore Ltd	Ground Maintenance (Nov 2023)	1185.60
Guardian Storage Ltd	Storage of PC Documents (Dec 2023)	60.00
Sibsey Parish Council	Reimbursement of Printer Ink	5.62
LCC	CSW 30mph Passive Signs	300.00
S Knowles	Staff Costs (Nov 2023)	317.33
	TOTAL	1868.55

Additional payments approved at 14th December 2023 meeting

There were no additional payments made.

Payments Received since 13th November 2023 meeting

No payments were received since the meeting held on 13th November 2023 to 14th December 2023.

Appendix B

Item 10 on agenda

FixMyStreet, LCC & BBC

No.	AREA	ISSUE	DATE	HOW	REF	OUTCOME
1	Tower/Priory/Eastwood	Archers Report				Waiting outcome
2	Sibsey Road	2 x Damaged pavement, trip hazard		FMS	404599	Informed work be done when funds available
3	Whitehouse Lane	Lamp out		BBC	404325	Lamp number required
4	Church Green Road	Footpath uneven and damaged		FMS	4153606	Proposal for works South Division – request update from LCC
5	Eastwood Road Footpath	Footpath uneven and damaged		FMS	4164960	As above
6	Freiston Road Footpath	Footpath uneven and damaged		FMS	4164961	As above
7	Church Green Road	Extension of path – Email	15/12/2021	LCC	4169782	Chase LCC for update
8	Scalp Road	Potholes	Sep-21	LCC		13/12/21 P.S. Unadopted – sponsors being looked for – Environment agency have patched
9	Fishtoft Road/Church Green Road Corner	Lamp out (No 13)		BBC	15830584	Fixed
10	Pilleys Lane	Blocked Drains		LCC	442737	Part of next scheduled works