

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FISHTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE PLAYING FIELD PAVILION COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

**In attendance:** Councillor E Armstrong (Chairman)  
Councillors H Staples (Vice Chairman), M Ordway, O Snell, J Williams, J Skinner,  
R Lenton  
Boston Borough Councillor J Noble  
Mrs K Partridge (Clerk)

- 1 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:** Councillor Armstrong welcomed all to the meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence received and accepted from Councillor P Skinner. Apologies also received from Lincolnshire County Councillor M Griggs.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
- 4 POLICE REPORT:** Incidents for the last month received:-
  - 3 x ASB inconsiderate behaviour at Toot Lane
  - 1 x vehicle offence, Rider Gardens
  - 1 x transport hazard, The Chase
  - 3 x ASB neighbour nuisance, The Chase
  - 1 x fraud, Ward Crescent
  - 1 x transport offence, Long Hedges
  - 1 x vehicle offence – Blacksmiths Grove
  - 1 x theft, Priory Road
  - 1 x suspicious circumstances, Bridle Close
- 5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2019:** It was resolved the minutes be approved and signed, proposed by Councillor Lenton, seconded by Councillor Williams and agreed.
- 6 REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**
  - a. Wooded area at Hobhole Pumping Station – nothing to report
  - b. Additional venue for PC meetings – not possible at Pilgrim Hospital
  - c. Subsidence at Pilgrim Father Memorial Site – nothing further to report
  - d. Notice boards – no firm date for refurbishment
  - e. A16/Hillydyke junction – Councillors Ordway and Williams had attended Sibsey PC meeting when it was agreed a joint letter would be forwarded to Highways requesting an extension of the 50mph limit from Kelsey Bridge through to Sibsey. Data from the Archer Survey awaited.
- 7 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

General correspondence received was available and included Visit Boston. It was noted these leaflets were not forwarded by BBC until 4 November when events covered the period from beginning of October to end of December. Councillor Skinner will bring this to the attention of BBC.

**Footway light replacement, Rawsons Lane:** Footway light on Rawsons Lane was not working due to water entering the lantern and had burnt out, replacement with a new 19 watt ECO LED lantern would cost £350.00 + VAT. Following discussion it was resolved to have the light replaced, proposed by Councillor Staples, seconded by Councillor Skinner.

## 8 COUNCILLORS ISSUES:

- Replica Stocks (requested by Councillor Staples). A resident had made a request that the stocks previously located near to the Red Cow in the village be reproduced and replaced; it was agreed to source costings and place as an agenda item for December meeting.
- Flooding of path and road at exit of Sibsey Road mini roundabout (requested by Councillor Ordway). It was reported that the pathway and a good deal of the road floods following wet weather; it was agreed to contact Highways to ask for a solution.
- Sibsey Road/Wainfleet Road mini roundabout directional signage (requested by Councillor Williams). It was noted that Skegness traffic is routed via Sibsey A16 rather than A52; it was a possibility that if the directional sign was changed this would alleviate some of the traffic issues near to Pilgrim Hospital and along the A16 Hilldyke to Sibsey. Clerk to contact Highways.

## 9 BOSTON BOROUGH AND LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

### Councillor Noble reported on the following:

- BBC will be in possession of 7 new refuse bin lorries shortly and a new 7.5 ton truck in March 2020.
- Code of Conduct – a new document had been produced however not all Members were happy with the wording and a new draft should shortly be produced.
- An open event in relation to 43 new affordable homes at Alcorn Green took place recently, planning permission has not yet been applied for.
- BBC loan – from the £20m loan a net gain of £273,000 was made over the last year.
- In relation to Eastwood Road Off-licence, test purchases will be carried out.

### Councillor J Skinner reported on the following:

- Environment and Performance Committee have a meeting on 2 December; the night time economy will be looked at and further information will be reported when available.
- Replacement bin policy was reviewed and should be implemented in a more fair manner; this will be debated at full council.

## 10 FINANCE REPORT:

a) a budget update was presented and accepted

b) approve payment of accounts:

Clerk s salary - £341.90

Clerks expenses - £1.83

Mobile broadband, half share - £8.85

Grass maintenance, LCC & BBC areas (1/12<sup>th</sup> of annual charge) - £1,064.22 (£177.37 VAT)

Photocopies and stationery - £43.08

It was resolved the accounts be paid, proposed by Councillor Staples, seconded by Councillor Lenton and agreed.

**Election recharge:** Reply received was not accepted by Members, it was agreed it was not the affordability but the principle – more specific wording should have been included In the Transformation Programme documents. It was agreed to ask BBC for a copy of the minutes and wording of when this was agreed.

**11 MAYFLOWER 400:** A further meeting will need to be arranged. Councillor Armstrong has not had any success in contacting the necessary people to arrange to inspect the buoys, this is becoming urgent as the associated permissions will need to be input. Councillor Noble will check at BBC,

Councillor Ordway will contact the printers regarding the walking map.

**12 FUN DAY 2020:** It was agreed to set the date for Sunday 31 May 2020.

**13 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:** Previously handed out to Members, queries were raised by Councillors J Skinner and J Williams, changes will be made and new documents produced prior to adoption; agenda item for December.

**14 SPEED CALMING INITIATIVE:** Costs for battery charge and management charges to be sourced prior to discussion for possible inclusion in the budget for the next financial year.

**15 DATES FOR 2020 MEETINGS:** It was agreed to hold meetings on the third Monday of each month, alternating between the Playing Field Pavilion and Rochford Tower Hall.

**16 PLANNING MATTERS:** To discuss the following application:-

B/19/0119 – retention of static caravan for residential and holiday let use at Woodbine Farm, Scalp Road – it was agreed to make the following comments:

- Not happy for use as residential, would only like to see as holiday let use and temporary accommodation for visiting friends.
- Not to be used for accommodation between November and March
- Should have a flood plan in place
- Would want to see the caravan re-sited away from the barn

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 December at Rochford Tower Hall and will commence at 7.00pm with a 10 minute public forum, if required.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 8.56pm.