Folkingham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of 07/11/2013

Those present:
Chairman Simon Turner, Cllrs Jackie Douglass, Charles Hassett, Shelley Seston, Victoria Strauss, Ray Wright and Simon Wright
Members of the public

1. Welcome and apologies
The Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Cllr Mike King, SKDC and John Stanley, RFFC

2. Public questions
None were raised

3. The minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was agreed that in future paper copies will be circulated to members of the Council. Minutes and the agenda for each meeting are now available on line on the LCC village website.

4. Matters arising:

Wording for the new playing field noticeboard has been agreed. Activities which create unacceptable levels of noise will be specified as unacceptable and attention will be drawn to the need to prevent dog fouling and the need for dogs to be kept under strict control

5. Transfer of responsibility for the Millennium Green to Folkingham Parish Council
Following a discussion with members of the Millennium Green committee it was decided that the Green would not at present become the responsibility of the parish Council
6. **Allotments**

All plots are occupied and all rents for this year have now been received. Some issues were raised by plot holders:

i) Access to the allotments for tenants remains a problem, particularly in the early autumn after the beginning of the football season, when access to the plots is still required.

ii) A disabled allotment tenant was refused the use of the disabled toilet facilities, in contravention of the agreement made with RFFC. Allotment holders have requested a fixtures list from RFFC. Simon Turner will raise these issues with John Stanley, Chairman of RFFC.

iii) A notice is needed stating that parking is only allowed on the playing field on the designated car park. The Chairman and Simon Wright agreed to meet to discuss access to the allotments.

iv) the Clerk is to contact the grass mowers to report damage to allotment fences

7. **The Village Green:**

Thanks were extended to Mr Bill Power who repaired damage caused to the wooden barrier around one of the trees on the Green. The Chairman was to visit and thank Mr Power

8. **The playing Field**

Wording was agreed for of a new board to be erected on the playing field (see 5 above)

9. **New play equipment**

The new pavilion on the playing field is now complete. The most recent annual RoSPA report detailed deterioration to a number of items of play equipment. Members of FPC have decided that it is now an appropriate time to renew playground
equipment. Helpful suggestions were recently received from parents of younger children in the village. A meeting was held on 7th November with a representative of Wicksteeds, who make play equipment and who supplied the existing equipment on the field. A quote for the repair of some existing equipment and addition of new items is expected in the next few days. The Chairman and Victoria Strauss agreed to visit a Play Area at Market Deeping. (This visit has now taken place.)

10. The Defibrillator

Training in the use of the newly purchased equipment will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd November at 2.00p.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. At a recent auction of promises enough funds were raised to purchase a second machine. Permission has been granted by RFFC to site the second machine on the RFFC pavilion so that all inhabitants will soon be within a very reasonable distance from one machine or the other.

11. Planning

No objections were raised to render being applied to a property on West Street.

12. Foot Path no. 3

A decision was taken to pursue the process needed to apply for the reopening of Foot path no. 3 Mr Brian Withnall kindly agreed to take this on.

13. Interim financial report

A report was circulated. It was decided that the Clerk should ask Barclay’s Bank plc to provide monthly statements.

14. Clerk’s salary –

A decision was taken to make an increase to the Clerk’s salary of £360 p.a. gross of tax. The Clerk’s salary was to be reviewed again when setting the next precept.
15. Dates and times of future meetings in 2014

January 9th   March 20th   May 15th (Annual General and Annual Parish Meeting)
July 17th     September 18th  November 20th  All meetings will begin at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50p.m