Folkingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2013

Those present: Chairman Cllr Simon Turner, Vice Chair, Cllr Shelley Stannard, Cllrs Ray Wright, Victoria Strauss, Charles Hassett and Simon Wright Cllr Martin Hill LCC, PCSO Neil Wilson and members of the public. Mr John Stanley was also present by invitation as newly elected Chair of Rippingale and Folkingham Football Club

1. The Chairman welcomed those present

2. Apologies were received from Councillor Jackie Douglass

3. Public questions and reports

PCSO Neil Wilson said there had been a less in vehicle crime and metal theft of late, but that a number of catalytic converters had been stolen recently. PCSO Wilson asked for leaflets explaining the ‘Business Watch’ initiative to be distributed to local businesses

Mr Jan Hansen, who has recently withdrawn a planning application for a property in the village, explained why he took exception to all the objections raised by members of FPC that were submitted to the planning department at SKDC. Chairman Simon Turner agreed to meet Mr Hansen at the site at a date to be agreed

4. Pavilion

Mr John Stanley was welcomed to the meeting and will now be included on the FPC circulation list. Mr Stanley proposed that a 2.5 square metre shed shed be erected adjacent to the swale for the storage of football equipment. Assurance was given that the siting of the shed would not hinder hedge cutting. This erection of the shed was agreed, as was the removal of the Portakabin.

A new site plan to include the proposed shed will now be required for the completion of a new lease. It was established that the RFFC water meter is inside the pavilion.
Mr John Stanton will provide the names of two people in Folkingham who will be key holders for the pavilion plus a set of keys to the pavilion.

Cllr Ray Wright reported that allotment holders need access to their plots by a route that does not cross the football pitches. Mr Stanley is in discussion with Mrs Goldacre about this matter.

5. The minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.

6. Matters arising from the minutes:
   
i. SKDC will provide extra litter bins as requested.
   
   ii. It was agreed that events on the Market Place would be supported as appropriate.
   
   iii. Events organised at the Village Hall will continue to be advertised in ‘The Voice’.
   
   iv. Following a letter from Mrs Ericka Moon, it was agreed that 50% support for the installation of two defibrillators would be given at a total cost of around £3500; one to be sited at the village shop and one at the sports pavilion, together with necessary training for volunteers. Mr Stanley will discuss the siting of the pavilion machine with RFFC and report back.

7. Allotments:

   FPC will contribute up to £150 towards the cost installation of CCTV.

8. Council reports:

   A village walk with Mr Kevin Brumfield was conducted on 10th July. Mr Brumfield agreed to action on the issues raised. Work around the ford has already begun.

9. No new planning applications have been received.

10. Playing Field and Village Green:

    Residents have reported a number of instances when nuisance has been caused on the Playing Field. These include the use of quad bikes and remote controlled model cars, which emit a loud, high pitched whine, dog fouling and litter. It was agreed that the existing notice board is now inadequate and should be replaced with a new one. The clerk is to liaise with the appropriate department at SKDC re appropriate wording on the new board.
11. Finance:

The annual accounts have been circulated and will now be passed to Mr Lovelock for audit

12. Folkingham Flyer:

The Flyer, which has not been published for some time, is to be revived. Cllr Stannard and the Clerk will work out the practical details in order to report back to the next meeting of the Council. It is likely that the Flyer will be available online, together with the council’s minutes. Paper copies will also be available

13. A.O.B.

i. Cllr Martin Hill LCC explained the extent to which it has been necessary to cut library services in the county in order to achieve savings of £2 million, but reassured those present that provision in Folkingham will remain as it now is. Changes to the ambulance and fire services in Lincolnshire, including closer links between the two services, are likely. Further reductions in the County budget are expected in the next financial year. Lincolnshire has been allocated an additional grant of £2 million to repair potholes

ii. A small number of damaged and dying trees on the Market Place and Green will be attended to.

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

Dates of future meetings: Thursday September 12th, Thursday 7th November 2013