Folkingham Parish Council
Draft minutes of Meeting held on 12th September 2013

Chairman Simon Turner was unable to attend this meeting which was chaired by Vice Chair Shelley Stannard
Those present: Cllrs Jackie Douglass, Victoria Strauss, Charles Hassett, Ray Wright and Simon Wright.

Also present:
Cllr Mike King SKDC, John Stanley representing RFFC and members of the public

1. The Vice Chair welcomed all present

2. There were no apologies

3. Public Questions and reports:
Withdrawal of planning application by Mr J Hansen:
Simon Turner met with Mr Hansen, following the withdrawal of his planning application. Cllr King offered further information and it was arranged that Mr Hansen would meet with members of the planning department at SKDC. Subsequently Mr Hansen reported to Simon Turner that the meeting had been unproductive. A member of the public commented that, were the application to be re-presented, he would object on the grounds of loss of light to his property. Following the withdrawal of the application it now becomes void, unless it is re-presented.

Presentation of a petition re use of the Playing Field
A group of residents whose houses are near to the playing field presented a petition for the use of quad bikes and remote controlled cars on the playing field to be banned on grounds of noise pollution and danger to other users and for these rules to be displayed on the proposed new noticeboard. Mr and Mrs Taylor, for the group, are to be kept informed.

4. The Pavilion – John Stanley has a site plan of the pavilion and surrounding area, which he will scan and send to the Chairman. Ray Wright will ask the Colin Campbell at the shop and the Brian Forman at the pub to be key-holders for the pavilion. The security cameras is now operational

5. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. They were proposed by Victoria, seconded by Simon Wright and signed by Shelley Stannard.
6. Matters arising – John Stanley for RFFC agreed to the second defibrillator being sited at the pavilion

7. Allotments - as a consequence of vandalism to the tap covers, new covers will be required. Further discussion was deferred to next spring

8. The Millennium Green – a suggestion was raised that the Millennium Green become the responsibility of F.P.C. further discussion was deferred to a later meeting.

9. The Folkingham Flyer – the first edition has been distributed and generally well received. Thanks were extended to the volunteer distributors.

10. Footpath no. 3. Consequent on the receipt of a letter of complaint from Mr xxxx, DofE organiser for Cambridgeshire re the blockage of FP3, a number of solutions were proposed at this meeting. The footpath could follow the field edge rather than cross it and this would be acceptable to the land owner, Mr John Kime. This would still leave the issue of the collapsed bridge. The Clerk has spoken with Andrea Philpotts, Public Rights of Way officer, LCC, who confirmed that FP no. 3 is no longer on the county’s definitive map and that, because of the collapsed bridge, it is now defined as having ‘missing link’ status. The Clerk has been recommended to speak to Helen Patchett at LCC

11. SKDC updates were given by Cllr Mike King. Cllr King reported that the points system for public housing allocation system has been abandoned and a new system is to be introduced. Leaflets explaining the finalised new system will be distributed at the next meeting. The Grantham bypass application has been withdrawn for the second time. Wind Farm planning applications are no longer viewed favourably. The attention of the meeting was drawn to the imminent lengthy closure of Billingborough Road for drainage repairs.

Cllr King also advised those present that enforcement action re the grade 2 listed Toll House on the Bourne Road has now been enacted. A planning application for the development of the barn on this site has been submitted.

12. Playing Field play equipment. This year’s RoSPA report on the state of the play equipment and play area details further deterioration. A decision was taken to visit local newly refurbished play sites and to invite interest from play equipment suppliers once a budget has been identified. John Stanley is to send ‘Playdale’ details. Cllr Mike King recommended a visit to Billingborough’s newly built low obstacle play area. RFFC will erect a picket fence around the play equipment when it is in place.
13. The remaining monies in the Multicourt Fund have been transferred to FPC's Saver A/C

14. A.O.B.

i. Cllr Ray Wright will organise the placement of a skip at the Village Hall. The date and times will be advertised in the next copies of The Voice and Folkingham Flyer

ii. The telephone box is scheduled to be repainted in September

iii. SKDC are to be contacted about by the Clerk re the litter left behind after the refurbishment of the houses.

iii. On behalf of RFFC John Stanley asked for permission to store road shavings at the far end of the playing field until needed. The positioning of a parking area also needs to be agreed.

Dates of future meeting 7th November 2013