Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr D Perkins, who presided, Cllrs P Stuffins, S Crease, J Oxby, A Clay, B Tebbs, N Ward and D World with the Clerk. Mr B Wharton.

C/Cllr I Fleetwood and D/Cllrs A Welburn and C Darcel also attended.

Joe Good attended as observer, with reference to Item 6.

Mr Evans, who is the Head of the Prior Pembroke Academy at Cherry Willingham gave a short presentation describing the Academy and its aspirations. A Question and Answer session followed.

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

1. Apologies.

Cllrs A Brammer(work). D/Cllr M Palmer(work).

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st October 2017.

At the proposal by Cllr J Oxby, seconded by Cllr S Crease, it was resolved that the minutes be accepted.

3. Clerk's Report

It should be noted that the 3V's grant application, though underway, was still awaited. The Christmas tree delivery had been organised for the end Nov to Cllr Ward's farm. There has been a delay with the payment of the verges grant from LCC. This has been addressed and the payment is expected soon.

Grass cutting. The 5-year requirement for quotes will come around this winter. The question of Cherry Willingham's contractor was asked of D/Cllr Welburn and the contact will be passed to the Clerk. Requests for quotes will be sent out in the New Year.

4. Correspondence

D/Cllrs Welburn and Palmer – report for November and December

C/Cllr I Fleetwood – brief for November.

WLDC - Agenda

Local Council Public Advisory Service – an advisory pack (much of which is inapplicable to Reepham PC).

Citizen's Advice Bureau (Gainsborough) - request for grant funding.

LCC – temporary road closure notice for Kennel Lane/High Street/Hawthorn Rd.

LCC – temporary road closure notices for Christmas Market and Santa's Run in Lincoln.

LCC – Campaign for fairer funding.

LCC - Scrutiny Review - Impact of Part Time Night Lighting policy.

Community Speed Watch – Hold your own Speed cameras.

Littlethorpe – brochure for bus shelters.

Letter from a resident concerning parking on double yellow lines is to be forwarded to the Police.

5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

Glendale – 1 Grass cut plus railway-side spray	£ 325.92
Glendale – Hedge cut	£ 528.30
B Wharton – salary, telephone plus petty cash	£ 993.95
HMRC – PAYE	£ 216.10
Lewis Green – Kissing gate installation	£ 299.00
	£ 2373.10

At the proposal of Cllr N Ward, seconded by Cllr B Tebbs, it was carried that these cheques be signed.

Remittances:

Groundwork UK for Neighbourhood Planning Group

£3350.00

Precept.

As no major unexpected outgoings had occurred, at the proposal of Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr A Clay, it was resolved that an final request for the 2018/19 Precept be set at £8,000.

6. Planning Matters

Report from the Planning Committee

Cllr A Clay reported on the planning applications from the previous month.

Good's Farm Development:

At a proposal by Cllr P Stuffins, seconded by Cllr D World, it was resolved that Pelican Trust be requested to produce 450 flyers for the 13th December meeting in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom: these to be delivered by the village shop owner to all residences in the parish.

Neighbourhood Plan:

NDP: A report of the meetings of and changes within the Group was given by Cllr D World.

A request had been made by members of the group who had visited the Archives in Lincoln for recompense of parking fees. At the proposal of Cllr J Oxby, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins, it was resolved that this was reasonable and would be paid. To this effect £50 to be granted through Petty Cash for this and future parking expenses. Returns for audit would be required.

7. Roads and Footways

Village Entry Signs and additional speed limit signs were deferred in the absence of Cllr Brammer.

The Kissing Gate, now erected, has thrown up a problem in that it is considered that, despite this being a product by a major manufacturer for the passage of all wheelchairs, there may be some larger size units that may not pass through. Cllr B Tebbs to assess.

For the longer term, a metalled pathway from Mellows Close to the footpath through to Station Road will need further funding. Cllr J Oxby to further investigate.

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Noted that the footpath from the High Street to Church Lane had a line of Hawthorn bushes that were affecting the passage. Clerk to write to LCC to organise trimming over the winter.

9. Conservation Areas

Nil.

10. Amenity Areas

Approval for removal of the oak tree to the West of Manor Rise is still awaited.

Following a brochure suggesting funding for local projects Cllr Crease suggested a larger climbing frame for older children and the current swings catered only for a younger age group. The site meet made various comments: the condition of some of the current frames suggest renewal is required and quotes will be obtained. The soft-landing areas need weeding around the edges, and the grass length is a different length to outside fence: the clerk to investigate.

It is obvious that a larger frame cannot be accommodated within the current fenced area and which might need to be extended. Grant funding for various aspects will be checked.

11. Next Year's Parish Council meeting dates.

The following dates were accepted for the 2018 meetings:

Jan 9th, Feb 13th, Mar 27th, May 23rd, Jun 26th, Jul 31st, Sep 25th, Oct 30th, Nov 27th.

12. Business for the Next Agenda

Meeting ends....2042.

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 9th, 2018