

Minutes of the Deeping St James Parish Council **Transport Committee** held on **Thursday 17 November 2011 at 7.45 pm** in the Meeting Room at the Institute.

Present Councillors Baxter, Coulson, Lindfors-Windsor, Pelling (Chair), Wallis and Dilks along with the Clerk S Ashby.

Also present was Mr Tim Stevens and Cllr Stevens.

**16.12 To receive apologies for absence**

There were none

**17.12 To receive declarations of interest (if any)**

There were none

**18.12 To agree the Minutes of the meeting of 15 September 2011**

It was proposed seconded and agreed to adopt the minutes.

**19.12 Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda meeting.**

The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to LCC on 12/10/11 by post and email concerning bus transport subsidy and that no reply had been received. Cllr Dilks asked for a copy to be emailed to him to forward to contacts at LCC. It was also agreed to send a follow up letter – copied in to County Cllr Peter Robinson – Deputy Leader of the Council. The Councils proposals for the Spalding Road 30 mph speed extension had been considered by LCC but all they could offer was the sign to be on a yellow background.

**20.12 Speeding In Deeping St James – update from the Clerk**

The Clerk advised that Posters had been ordered and printed. These would be displayed in bus shelters facing oncoming traffic from the end of November when ads appeared in the Deepings Advertiser.

The Ad was discussed and it was agreed that it should refer to speed, care and parking – Cllr Pelling agreed to make the changes.

**21.12 To decide on the continuation of the existing contractor for cleaning and safety inspection of bus shelters for 2012/13 and recommend to Council.**

It was **agreed to recommend to Council** to accept the quote from Castle Cleaners to clean each bus shelter at 10.00 each, to inspect the bus shelters at 4.00 each to clean telephone box at 10.00 – 4 times a year and to clean the shelter roof once a year at 8.00 per shelter.

**22.12 To consider location of Deeping St James sign on Station Road and recommend to Council.**

It was agreed that this should be sited if possible just before the entrance to the Nature reserve so that people recognised the reserve is in Deeping St James otherwise as soon as possible after the entrance along Station Road.

**23.12 Buses in Deeping St James – update of Taxi Bus service and proposal of Tim Stevens**

This item was moved to the start of the meeting and the Chair invited Mr Stevens to explain his proposals to the Committee.

Mr Stevens took members through the proposals which are attached to these minutes and explained that initially the proposals could be achieved with minimum expense for a trial without any additional crossings or shelters – perhaps just additional stops being designated and flagged. The ideal would be a through ticket from Shaw's bus to Delaines and vice versa.

As Shaw's is a subsidised service, LCC probably specify the timetables and fares so this would require LCC to co-operate and help to organise along with Shaw's.

**It was agreed to recommend to council that:**

an open letter with the proposals are sent to LCC and Shaw's

any costs associated with designating / flagging additional bus stops could be met by DSJPC

Cllr Pelling also agreed to discuss this with County Cllr Exton

**24.12 To agree the Date and Time of the next meeting**

This was provisionally agreed for January to allow feed back from LCC on subsidy issues and / or the amended bus proposals.

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Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2011 10:41:15 +0100

Dear Cllr Dilks

As a transport professional (unconnected with any of the local bus companies!), I have been following the events of the DSJ "bus problem" with interest. Although I am fortunate to live within walking distance of the Delaine service 102, I realise that a large part of the village has been left remote from any practical bus service to/from Peterborough since withdrawal of the Stagecoach service. I applaud the Parish Council's efforts to provide a taxi service to connect with a morning bus, but I understand it is in danger of withdrawal unless more people use it.

This set me thinking ... is there a way of using the existing bus services to create a link from DSJ to Peterborough? I believe there is, by using Shaw's service 100, slightly re-timed, to connect with the Delaine 102 at a newly-created "bus interchange" at the Spalding Road/Linchfield Road junction. The attached paper sets out my idea, and I would be interested to know what you think of it. If the Parish Council feels it has some merit, please feel free to pursue it with Lincolnshire County Council and the bus operators.

I would be happy to discuss this further if you wish.

Yours sincerely

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## DEEPING ST JAMES - POSSIBLE BUS INTERCHANGE

*A proposal by Tim Stevens, October 2011*

### Background

Since the withdrawal of Stagecoach service 22, parts of Deeping St James have been left remote from a bus service to/from Peterborough. Delaine Buses have helpfully re-routed their Peterborough service 102 via Thackers Way and Godsey Lane, which benefits people in those areas. Delaine Buses have also re-routed their Stamford service 203 via Church Street, Broadgate Lane and Spalding Road in the daytime, which is useful for people wanting to travel to/from Market Deeping or Stamford, but this does not operate at peak times, and does not make good connections to/from Peterborough.

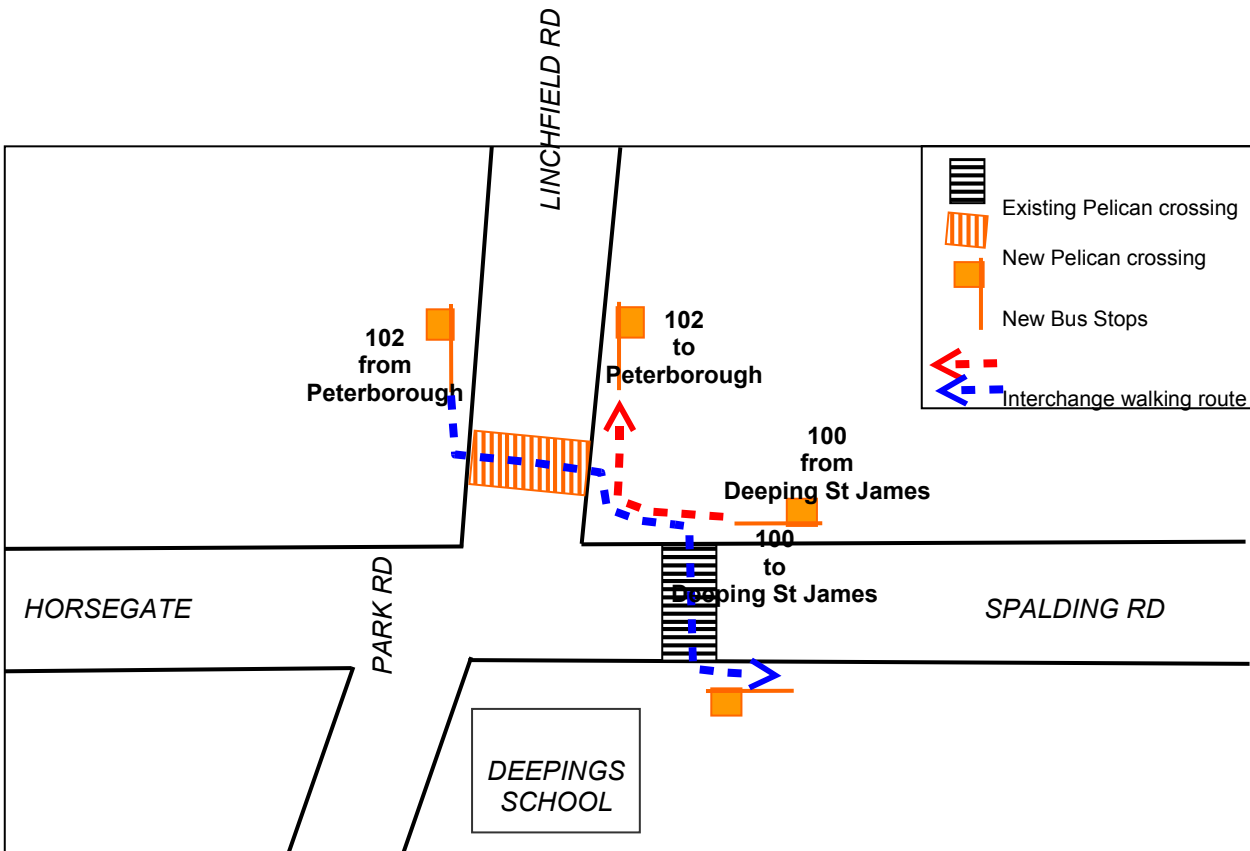
Deeping St James Parish Council has arranged a taxi service to convey people to Horsegate to connect with the Delaine service 102 to Peterborough at 7.25am, but the take-up of this taxi service has not been as high as expected, and its continuation is dependent upon attracting a greater number of passengers.

### A possible solution

A long-term solution is needed that does not entail significant additional costs or subsidy. This could be achieved by using the existing Shaw's Spalding service 100, which already serves the heart of Deeping St James. With minor re-timing of this service, and the creation of a "bus interchange" at the junction of Horsegate/Spalding Road/Linchfield Road, a convenient connection could be provided between the Shaw's service 100 and the Delaine service 102, enabling Deeping St James residents to travel to and from work, shopping etc in Peterborough. With the agreement of the operators and/or Lincolnshire County Council, it may be possible to provide through ticketing facilities.

## Creation of a “bus interchange”

With some modest works around the Horsegate/Spalding Road/Linchfield Road junction, involving the provision of new bus stops and a new Pelican crossing in Linchfield Road, a simple “bus interchange” could be created for passengers to interchange easily between Shaw’s service 100 and Delaine service 102. The following simplified drawing shows how this might look:



Provision of a new Pelican crossing in Linchfield Road would have wider benefits for the community, making it easier for pedestrians to cross a busy road. Further improvements might include the provision of twin mini-roundabouts at the Horsegate/Park Road/Spalding Road/Linchfield Road junction, which would have the effect of slowing-down traffic on the main road and making it easier for vehicles emerging from the side roads. Bus shelters could also be provided.

## Bus services

With only minor re-timings (and no route changes) to the Shaw’s service 100, and no changes to the Delaine service 102, convenient connections could be provided via the “bus interchange”, at times suitable for travelling to and from work, as well as morning shopping in Peterborough. The timetable would be as follows:

### TO PETERBOROUGH

<i>service &gt;&gt;&gt;</i>	<b>100 Not Sat</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Deeping St James - Church Gate	07.43	09.43	11.43
<b>Deeping St James - Bus Interchange</b>	<b>07.50</b>	<b>09.50</b>	<b>11.50</b>
<i>service &gt;&gt;&gt;</i>	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Deeping St James - Bus Interchange</b>	<b>07.55</b>	<b>09.55</b>	<b>11.55</b>
Peterborough - Queensgate Bus Stn	08.22	10.20	12.20

### FROM PETERBOROUGH

<i>service &gt;&gt;&gt;</i>	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>102 Not Sat</b>
Peterborough - Queensgate Bus Stn	10.20	12.20	17.45
<b>Deeping St James - Bus Interchange</b>	<b>10.44</b>	<b>12.44</b>	<b>18.09</b>
<i>service &gt;&gt;&gt;</i>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100 Not Sat</b>
<b>Deeping St James - Bus Interchange</b>	<b>10.51</b>	<b>12.51</b>	<b>18.14</b>

Deeping St James - Church Gate	10.58	12.58	18.20
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In addition, there is an existing facility for passengers returning from Peterborough at 16.30, interchanging at Market Deeping, with a short walk from Church Street to the Market Place, as follows:

**FROM PETERBOROUGH**

<i>service &gt;&gt;&gt;</i>	<i>101</i>
Peterborough - Queensgate Bus Stn	16.30
<b>Market Deeping - Church Street</b>	<b>16.50</b>
<i>service &gt;&gt;&gt;</i>	<i>100 Not Sat</i>
<b>Market Deeping - Market Place</b>	<b>17.05</b>
Deeping St James - Church Gate	17.10

**Conclusion**

A link from Deeping St James (Church Street, Broadgate Lane etc) to and from Peterborough, with one simple and convenient interchange, could be created using existing bus services and at modest capital cost.

It is suggested that Deeping St James Parish Council should consider this proposal, and discuss it further with the bus operators and Lincolnshire County Council, with a view to implementing a “bus interchange” at the junction of Horsegate/Spalding Road/Linchfield Road, for the lasting benefit of Deeping St James bus travellers.

