

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth & Community Committee held at 7.15pm on Thursday, 17th July 2008 at The Institute. Councillors Baxter, Blessett, Helyar, and Shinkins, PCSO Chris Clarke and the Clerk Mrs S Kostyrka attended. Cllr Blessett chaired the start of the meeting.

1/08 To elect a Chairman.

It was unanimously agreed to ask Cllr Shinkins to remain as Chairman, which was agreed.

2/08 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Parr (personal) Cllr Shinkins arrived at 7.12pm

3/08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

None

4/08 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2008 and to discuss any matters arising not considered elsewhere on the agenda.

It was confirmed that the re-submission had been made to WREN, and the outcome would be known at the end of September.

The application to LCC for the "Flying Saucer" would be submitted by the end of July, and the outcome also confirmed at the end of September. Cllr Baxter offered to proof read.

The thank you letter received from skateboard users contained other suggestions and would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The minutes were then signed by Cllr Shinkins.

5/08 To discuss the anti-social behaviour at Linchfield Road in consultation with the police and make recommendations to Council.

Cllr Blessett gave an overview of the recent site meeting with PC Capp, and the following **recommendations were made to Council:**

1. Consideration to be given to remove the front earth bund to improve vision for surveillance. A site meeting would be held on 23.07.08 with committee members and a contractor to discuss possible options/alternative use and lay out and quote for Council consideration.

2. PCSO Chris Clarke will obtain "Designated Public Area Drinking Zone" signs for display on site.

3. CCTV still under consideration, and Cllr Blessett and the Clerk would be meeting with Mark Jones from SKDC on 23.07.08.

4. Site closed at 10am sign, possibly with no dogs and no motorised vehicles on site included. Police could then move people on if necessary.

The broken fences would not be addressed until a decision is made regarding the future plans for the site.

6/08 To discuss arrangements for the forthcoming Play Scheme.

It was agreed to place an Advert in The Deeping Advertiser for £39 as there were still a few spaces available. It was confirmed that a press call would be organised on Wednesday 13th August at 9.30 at Linchfield and all members are invited to attend.

7/08 To consider and make recommendations to Council to establish a “Young Citizen Award” to promote healthy and active citizenship amongst young people. (Cllr Baxter)

It was recommended to Council that consideration is given to sponsoring an award for children living in Deeping St James who are in the 11-18 years age group. It should be a “Citizenship” award, and therefore not academic, sporting or musical. The Clerk will talk to the PHSE teacher (Mrs McGuire) at the Deepings School and report back. All catchment area schools, scouts and guides and church and youth groups would be encouraged to put forward suitable candidates. An annual award would be presented at a suitable event which could be a shield/cup and a book/DVD/CD token. It was suggested that the £450.00 youth council monies be used to sponsor this event.

8/08 To give further consideration to providing a Graffiti Wall at Woody Heights.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

9/08 To give consideration to utilising the earth bunds to provide additional play equipment.

This item will be considered by the members who attend the site working party on 23rd July.

10/08 To report on maintenance & inspections at Woody Heights.

It was confirmed that the daily inspections and maintenance was continuing to work very well. The ROSPA annual inspection would take place before the end of the month.

11/08 To confirm the date for the next meeting.

16th October 2008 at 7.15 at the Institute. The budgets for 2009/10 would be an agenda item.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

Signed by Cllr Shinkins.....

16th October 2008