

DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Institute on Thursday, 25 November 2004 at 7.30pm. Councillor Warrick, Chairman, presided over Councillors Abel, Auger, Blessett, Clare, Fisk, Helyar, Pelling, Redgrave, Shinkins, Stevens, Thomas and the clerk. Three members of the press were present. There was one member of the public present. Also present was PC Capp from Deeping Police station.

172/04 MATTERS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM

A local resident from Locks Close expressed concern over speeding cars in Stowgate Road and reported a recent accident. He requested that bollards be installed to reduce speeding and also that the Parish Council write to the Deepings Practice requesting that their clients use the car park and not the road which he considered made the area more dangerous. He also requested the Parish Council request Highways to change speed restriction along Stowgate Road and to improve the road service. The clerk was asked to write to Highways to investigate what action may be possible.

PC Capp reported that there would be an increase in police presence in the area from the 6-9 December in order to target anti social behaviour.

Cllr Shinkins expressed concern that the new CPSO had been seen driving a police car rather than walking and felt that this was not positive. However Cllr Auger said that as the parish was such a large area it was necessary to make use of a police car on some occasions. PC Capp said that he would report the comments back to the CPSO.

173/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and the reasons accepted from Cllr Blades for personal reasons and Cllr Chambers and Dilks for work commitments.

174/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- None

175/04 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2004 having previously been circulated, were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

176/04 REPORT OF MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Manor Way/Roman Catholic Church- The clerk reported that the police had requested if it would be possible to lop the trees which partly obscure the view from the CTV camera as it was considered this may help discourage the anti social behaviour which had been reported to the council. The clerk was asked to write to the church and SKDC for permission.

The clerk reported that Cllr Chambers had read the **Lincs Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan** and it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the recommendations contained therein.

Christmas Tree- Cllr Shinkins reported that due to technical difficulties with electrics it would not be possible to erect a tree within the area around the old Terry Wrights shop. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed not to have a tree this year but to ensure a suitable one would be erected next year.

Cllr Stevens reported that she was preparing the next edition of the **newsletter** and asked for confirmation that other members were agreeable to promoting a non profit making service which recycles old computer equipment.

177/04 ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS

The clerk reported that although Cllr Blades had not attended any meetings from the council since 20 May 2004, as she had sent apologies which had been subsequently accepted by the council, the 'six month rule' whereby a councillor is disqualified from office after an absence of six months would not apply.

Cllr Stevens said that she considered this should have been brought to member's attention before item 173/04 and asked that this matter be further investigated.

The clerk reported that she had already consulted with LALC to ensure her interpretation of the law was correct.

178/04 APPOINTMENT OF CLLR PELLING TO COMMITTEES

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Pelling to the Finance, Playing Field and Transport Committees.

179/04 CORRESPONDENCE BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Council considered its response to the following correspondence, a summary detailing the content having been previously circulated.

1.	Mills & Reeve- Deeping St James Cemetery- Relaxation of covenant	Confirmation of position to progress the relaxation and request for confirmation as to whether the Parish Council would instruct solicitors. The clerk was asked to contact the legal dept at SKDC for advice.
2.	Lincs South West NHS Teaching Primary Care Trust	Response to letter sent as a result of last meeting regarding out of hours care. The council considered the response had not addressed the issue raised and the clerk was requested to write back to that effect.
3.	Resident from Locks Close	Resident reported road accident on Stowgate Road and expressed concerns about speeding traffic and condition of road surface. Requested the Parish Council request Highways to change speed restriction along Stowgate Road. This had already been addressed in the public forum at the start of the meeting.
4.	SKDC	District Stakeholder Conference- It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Cllrs Pelling and Warrick would attend and report back at the next meeting.
5.	Environment Agency	Invitation to Safety & Security Fair, Sunday 13 February 2005 at Embassy Centre, Skegness.
6.	Resident from Linchfield Road	Email commenting that the banking in Skate Park does look better now in place but that it appears to have made little difference to the sound levels. This was discussed under 182/04.
7.	Resident from Millfield Road.	Complaint regarding neighbour parking heavy commercial van on grass verge and causing damage. Request for tree to be planted to help prevent this happening. Cllr Fisk was asked to investigate.
8.	Market Deeping Town Council	Details of Christmas festivities and invitation to join the councillors at their Christmas party on 8 Dec 04.
9.	LCC	Notice of Traffic regulation Order to restrict the parking of vehicles in order to facilitate free and unobstructed access for wheel chairs at Highlocks Footbridge.

The following correspondence was noted.

10.	Lincolnshire County Council	High Locks Footbridge- Confirmation that the bridge to be replaced in December. Work programmed to commence 29 November until Christmas. Provisional dates for road closure to allow large cranes to be used.
11.	SKDC	Agenda for meeting on 26 November 04.
12.	Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils	4 copies of 'A Guide to Becoming a Quality Council'
13.	East Midlands Development Agency	Copy of annual report and Emda news
14.	Rotary Club of The Deepings	Letter of thanks for recent grant for 'The Save A Life' project.
15.	Lincs Police Authority	Acknowledgment of application for Local Safety Funding
16.	Office of Deputy Prime Minister	New Ethical Framework Regulations
17.	Standards Board for England	Copies of booklet- Guidance for members for Lobby Groups, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct.
18.	LCC	Salting Routes and advice on winter driving
19.	The Allotments Regeneration Initiative	Newsletter
20.	LCC Highways	Newsletter/update with contact names etc and other highway related information. Including progress review on Local Transport Plan
21.	Local Council Review	
22.	Clerks and Councils Direct	

Having regard to probity in matters relating to planning Cllr Helyar and Cllr Auger, as members of S.K.D.C., took no part on matters relating to planning and did not register a vote.

180/04 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 November 2004

The minutes of the meetings were presented by Cllr Blessett. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed the Parish Council would accept the recommendations contained therein.

<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
S04/1651	99 Eastgate, Deeping St James	Alterations, garden room, parking area and new access-no objection to building alterations but concern over turning circle in front garden, alteration to stone wall which destroys the visual amenity at a picturesque part of the village
S04/1606	Between 7a and 9 Park Road, Deeping St James	Erection of one dwelling – objection on grounds that it is not large enough plot to be in keeping with close property and site would be overcrowded. It was also felt it would infringe on privacy of number 9.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING

<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
S04/1666	Land r/o 27 Eastgate, Deeping St James	Erection of dwelling- It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to object on grounds of backland development

181/04 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to pay the following accounts:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Service/Item of Expenditure (Relevant power to incur)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries and repayment of expenses-Maint. Worker	Salary w/e 29/10/04 (LGA 1972, s 112) Mileage 44 @ .40p – miles (LGA 1972, s 174) (for w/e 22/10/04) Petrol for mower/trimmer/binbags £9.64 (LGA 1972, s 174) (for w/e 22/10/04)	123.74 17.60 9.64
Salaries and repayment of expenses -Maintenance Worker	Salary w/e 05/11/04 (LGA 1972, s 112)	123.74
Salaries and repayment of expenses-Maint Worker	Salary w/e 12/11/04(LGA 1972,s 112) Mileage 100 @ .40p – miles (LGA 1972, s 174) (for w/e 29/10/04 and 5/11/04) Petrol for mower/trimmer/binbags £4.85 (LGA 1972, s 174) (for w/e 05/11/04)	123.74 40 4.85
Salaries and repayment of expenses-Maint Worker	Salary w/e 19/11/04 (LGA 1972, s 112) Mileage 25 @ .40p - miles (LGA 1972, s 174) (for w/e 12/11/04)	123.74 10.00
Salaries and repayment of expenses- Clerk	Salary - October(LGA 1972, s 112) (inc 13.5 hours overtime) 1121.30 Postage and stationary £45.88 (LGA.1972, s 111)	1167.18
Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils	Burial Authority Membership (LGA 1972, s133)	45.00
CRS Groundworkers	Construction of sound barrier at Jubilee Playing Field. (LG ((Miscellaneous Provisions)) Act 1976)	675.63
D.S.J United Charities	Room hire – Meetings 18 and 25 November (LGA 1972, s133)	20.00
Lambs lawnmowers	Strimmer (LGA 1972, s 214)	339.00
B.T	Telephone Bill (LGA 1972, s111)	93.07
Cllr Fisk	Mileage expenses –: 99 miles to Horncastle (collection of trees) 19 miles for collection of dip tank, 50 miles to/from Colsterworth for bowsers Total 168 miles @ 40pm (LGA 1972, s 174)	67.20
Inland Revenue	Quarterly PAYE/NIC (LGA 1972, s 112) 919.23	
Apollo Computer Systems	Ink Cartridges (1 Black) (LGA.1972, s 111)	17.99
M L Worsdall	Hardcore for allotment entrance (Small holding and Allotments Act 1908,s 26)	£193.57
Stable Hire Ltd	Hire of equipment used for putting in seating at skate park (LG ((Miscellaneous Provisions)) Act 1976)	29.37
Salaries and repayment of expenses- Clerk	Salary - November (LGA 1972, s 112) (inc 13.5 hours overtime) 1053.03 Postage £39.48 (LGA.1972, s 111)	1092.51
Salaries and repayment of expenses-Maint Worker	Salary w/e 26/11/04 (LGA 1972, s 112) Mileage 30 @ .40p - miles (LGA 1972, s 174) (for w/e 19/11/04)	123.74 12.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath (LGA 1972 s 137)	30.00

Cllr Redgrave left the meeting at 9.00 pm.

182/04 REPORTS

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE- Cllr Warrick reported on the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 18 November 2004 for which minutes had already been circulated. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes and the recommendations contained therein except for minute **Ref 045/04** which was proposed, seconded and agreed by four with three against and three abstentions.

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE- Cllr Shinkins reported on the meeting of the Playing Field Committee held on 18 November 2004 for which the minutes had already been circulated. There was a wide ranging discussion on the recommendation contained therein, however it not carried by seven votes to three with two abstentions. It was however proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that investigations be made to the Highways department of LCC regarding the possibility of changes to the footpath along side Jubilee Playing Field.

183/04 NOTICE OF RESOLUTION OR RECOMMENDATION

Funding Issues in Relation to Deepings Town Centre partnership and Deeping St James- Cllr Stevens asked to defer this item to a later date.

Car Park and Pathways for Allotment Gardens- Cllr Fisk reported on the current difficulties reported by tenants resulting from the extreme muddy conditions and lack of hard surface for the car park and pathways. He reported that eco friendly matting had in fact proved far more expensive than anticipated due to the large area to be covered. The clerk had obtained quotes for both hardcore and also for tarmac planings with membrane underneath on the advice of the contractors as this material would be more hardwearing. After considering the various options it was proposed, seconded and agreed by eight for, 1 against and 1 abstention to ask Gemstone Aggregates to supply tarmac planings at a cost of £2420 for pathways and car park and for CRS Groundworkers at a cost of £3500 (+ £500 for membrane) to lay both membrane and planings to car park, and planings only to pathways.

Fly Tipping Policy- Cllr Fisk reported that Hall Meadow Road area was attracting considerable fly tipping which as not always responded to very promptly by SKDC. After some discussion it was agreed that a policy by the Parish Council was not required but the clerk was asked to report delays by SKDC to Cllr Auger in his capacity as district councillor. It was also agreed that the problem of fly tipping would be mentioned in the newsletter.

Resources for Maintenance- It was agreed this would be investigated further by the Cemetery Committee.

184/04 PARISH PUMP

Cllr Warrick reported on the condition of the highway outside the new houses towards Frognall on Spalding Road and the clerk was asked to report this matter to the highways department. Cllr Warrick also spoke about the unauthorised field access by the footpath on Spalding Road and the clerk reported that this matter was currently in the hands of the planning enforcement officer at SKDC.

Cllr Auger reported that he was due to have a meeting with the CPSO, officers from the highways department and the Head teacher of Deeping St James Primary School regarding the traffic problems in the vicinity of the school.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date: 6 January 05