

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
25th May 2006 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Barber, Blessett (Vice Chairman), Chambers, Fisk, Helyer, Lindfors-Windsor, Pelling, Shinkins, Stevens, Thomas, and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka. Cllr Warrick arrived at 9.15pm having sent apologies that he would be late due to a prior commitment. Cllr Blessett chaired the meeting. Cllr Thomas left early due to a work commitment.

Open Forum

Three members of the public attended, one members of the press attended.

- 1/06 To elect a Chairman of the Council and receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
It was proposed by Cllr Chambers, seconded by Cllr Shinkins and unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Jim Blessett as Chairman. Cllr Blessett accepted and thanked the Council for their confidence in him and also thanked Cllr Warrick for standing as Chairman over the past two years. The Declaration of Office was duly signed.
- 2/06 To decide when any Declarations of Acceptance of Office and written undertakings to observe the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council which have not been received as provided by law shall be received.**
It was confirmed that all written undertakings had been received, and no changes were outstanding.
- 3/06 To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council and receive the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Thomas and carried unanimously to appoint Cllr Andy Pelling as Vice Chairman. Cllr Pelling accepted the proposal and duly signed the Declaration of Office.
- 4/06 To receive Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Auger advised that he would arrive late (District Council meeting), Cllr Warrick advised that he would arrive late (Religious commitment), Cllr Lincoln (Bereavement) Cllr Dilks did not attend.
- 5/06 Members declaration of Interest for items on the agenda**
Cllr Pelling 16.1 (18), Item1, Personal,
Cllr Thomas Item 15 Personal
Cllr Chambers Item 16.1 and Item 9.2 Prejudicial
- 6/06 To appoint representatives to outside bodies.**
A list of representatives is attached at **Appendix 1**
- 7/06 To review the committee structure and appoint committee members.**
A list of Committee Members is attached at **Appendix 2**
- 8/06 Notice to review Standing Orders on 25.06.06 and add, vary or revoke as necessary**
Referred to next meeting on 22nd June 2006. Contact the Clerk for copy of Standing Orders if necessary.
- 9/06 It was proposed by Cllr Blessett, seconded by Cllr Shinkins and carried that under Standing Order 23d, the order of business be changed to permit Agenda Item 10 to be discussed at 2.3 due to the sensitive nature.**
- To resolve under Standing Order 61 whether, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960, the public and press should be temporarily excluded from the meeting in the public interest due to the confidential nature of the following items of business:**
- 1. Co-option of new Councillor**
 - 2. To consider the valuation of the BP site for possible purchase**
- The press left the meeting at this stage to enable matters to be considered in private.
Private and Confidential Reports are attached at **Appendix 3** to this document.

10/06 Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 27.04.06

It was proposed by Cllr Fisk, seconded by Cllr Lincoln and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Helyer had sent apologies that he would be away on holiday, and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

11/06 Matters Arising from the meeting of 27.04.06 (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda)

From 26.01.06

C/F (Cllr Dilks Min 021/06) Speeding Traffic on Spalding Road

C/F (Cllr Dilks Min 023/06) Deeping Recycling Centre Funding

C/F (Cllr Dilks Min 033/06) Bank details are still outstanding.

042/06 – Skate Park

The soundproofing was fitted on 11.05.06. Some informal noise measurements were taken which represented a reduction of 10dB, equal to 50%. The cost of increasing the gap was £50 and it was proposed by Cllr Fisk and seconded by Cllr Stevens that this be paid. The seeding of the banks had been done, and the pathway would be prepared, weather permitting.

031/06 - Playleadership Scheme

Lisa from SKDC has arranged a meeting with the Clerk on 04.08.06 having responded to our letter asking for support. Jimmy Dee's was organising the voucher scheme for this year.

035/06 – Enhancement of Manor Court Amenity Area

Ideas for the area need to be considered by the Council prior to writing to Steve Frisby at SKDC with our proposals. It was suggested that a Working Party be set up to consider the area, and report back to the next meeting. Cllrs Shinkins, Pelling, Helyer and Stevens volunteered.

DSJ 30mph car stickers are now available from the Clerk.

C/F From 27.04.06 (Cllrs Fisk & Lindfors-Windsor 069/06.9) The Clerk would confirm who owned the dog waste bin at Low Locks.

Cllr Pelling had considered the Clean Neighbour and Environment Report referred at the last meeting, and it was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Shinkins and agreed that we do not take any action at this time. Cllr Auger declared an interest, and Cllr Barber abstained.

The Maintenance Operative's Contract of Employment was duly signed by the Chairman.

12/06

To receive the Clerks Report.

Abel Security delivered a CCTV screen which was not compatible with existing camera. Sonic Security called again on 18.05.06 to double check their decision, and concluded that a new kit was needed to replace the whole system. Permission has been given by the United Charities to channel the wiring up through the loft (as it is currently imbedded in the wall). The companies have now been asked to re quote.

Skate Park area

One NO Dog sign is now installed, and Maurice is sorting out fixings. The gate has been installed and Maurice has been asked to put a stop on it to prevent it being opened both ways as the youths are now wedging it. The bin was postcreted in, and has been vandalised again. The Police and PCSO's helping with extra surveillance during this period as earlier this month the mud from the bunds had been spread across the area which took Maurice all morning to clear up.

Cemetery

Huddlestone Landscapes have requested that they mow weekly, as it is very hard work after two weeks, and the mowers keep getting clogged up. This would double the charges to £480.00 per month. It was proposed by Cllr Fisk, seconded by Cllr Stevens and carried that they cut weekly for a four week period, and require to incorporate the extra cuts at the next meeting. Concerns regarding the graves in the cemetery which are not being levelled as an agenda item for the forthcoming meeting. Huddlestone Landscapes have quoted £15.00 a grave to level once ground has settled. Referred to Cemetery Committee which we would like to transfer to 13th July due to holidays.

Transport Committee

Bus flags have arrived, and Maurice has started to install the flags and notice boards, although we are having problems with the fixings. Still waiting for permission to put a flag on a LCC owned column. Two further quotes for the bus shelter hardstanding in the Spalding Road are still outstanding, so a quote has been obtained from Autocross for £1175.00 and an application has been made to LCC for Grant Aid towards the cost of the project.

Finance

The Annual PAYE return has been done on line which has enabled a £250.00 refund. The post budget wages CD Rom has now been installed.

Have made contact with the Stamford Town Treasurer who has just purchased the same financial system and visited for an exchange of ideas.

The internal audit was called last week and the notice displayed as is legally required. The asset register has been updated for the year. The internal auditor visited on 23rd May. The Audit is ongoing.

The H&S training took place on 23.03.06 and will be reported to Finance Committee.

Allotments

More enquiries have been received and the waiting list is now at 22. I have received a report from the Allotments Association regarding the allotments not being attended to, and asked to inspect with a view to writing to them all. I have now met Kay the secretary of the Allotment Association.

The Parish Paths Agreement and the application for grant aid for 2006/7 has been returned to LCC. Thank you letters have been sent to all the Annual Parish Meeting participants.

Met Sarah Walker the newly appointed Deepings Town Centre Manager who has asked to come and meet everyone at our June meeting. Consideration was to be given for a working base at The Institute.

13/06

Enquiries from residents this month have included several reports and problems with the see-saw in cemetery play area which was eventually vandalised and the parts returned to the compound. Still waiting fro SKDC to visit to collect the parts. Complaints about litter and grass cutting in this area which were passed onto SKDC and rectified quickly. Also complaints about the length of the grass verges in the area. The missing bin in Church Walk was reported to SKDC again and they are looking for a replacement. Concerns about a bus stop being moved in Crowson Way, ponding on the Spalding Road and Eastgate during the recent rains have been reported. A resident enquired about a green wheely bin and way it was taking so long to be delivered. I consulted with SKDC and it should be delivered within the next two months.

Dog bin arrangements working well and contract has now been cancelled.

The BBC visited to film The Cross as part of their forthcoming Autumn programme – "A Castle in the Country" and will advise us when it is televised.

14/06

To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 4 to this report.

15/06

To receive reports from meetings attended within the last month:

1. The Deepings Club for the Disabled AGM 05.05.06(Cllr Thomas).

The Clerk gave the report on behalf of Cllr Thomas who had left the meeting. It was reported that the Committee had been re-elected en mass and they would be looking at the Constitution of the group which would be re-written in plain English. Bodies who had donated funds during the year were thanked which had enable members to enjoy trips out and theatre trips and lunches locally.

2. The Deepings Management Partnership 09.05.06 (Cllr Blessett).

Cllr Blessett confirmed that there had been a misunderstanding in correspondence and confirmed that the constitution remains unchanged.

3. The Deepings School "Healthy School Award" Presentation Ceremony 18.03.06. (Cllr Warrick).

The Clerk was asked to write and congratulate the school on their achievement.

4. Site meeting with MD at the Memorial (Cllr Blessett).

Cllr Blessett gave an overview of the meeting and confirmed that cobbles would be set around the memorial and paving slabs would be installed in front of the benches. This would be a joint venture with labour and costs.

5. LALC Parish Assembly 24.05.06 (Cllr Blessett).

This was referred to the next meeting.

6. Doorstep Crime Partnership 23.03.06 & 25.05.06 (Cllr Warrick).

Cllr Warrick gave an overview of the objectives of the group and confirmed that action would be taken locally with Distraction Burglary, Bogus Builders etc and Unscrupulous Sales being addressed through local neighbourhood watch groups.

16/06 1. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2006 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein, which were agreed.

Ref.

Address

Proposal

S06/0508/25
Wahedd Khan
57 Manor Way
Deeping St James
Change of use of ground floor from coffee shop/café to hot food takeaway
Approved

S06/0502/25
Mr & Mrs Lyden
34 Frognall
Deeping St James
Demolition of garage and conservatory, extension to side and rear, raise rood to provide first floor accommodation & new garage to front
Approved

S06/0546/25
Mr & Mrs Watson
81 Eastgate
Deeping St James
Erection of dormer window
Approved

S06/0535/25
Mr Ryan
32 Pendlebury Drive
Deeping St James
Two storey front extension
Approved

SO/0656/25
Mr & Mrs Smith
R/O 34 & 36 Frognall
Deeping St James
Erection of Bungalow
Approval

SO/0660/25
J Thompson
1 Frazer Close
Deeping St James
Two storey side extension
Approved

SO/0620/25
Mr David Gibb
Adj 104 Eastgate
Deeping St James
Erection of dwelling (renewal)
**Approval not recommended due to the house being
Too close to the flood bank due to the small plot,
and concerns about visibility to the East.**

SO6/0672/25
Mr & Mrs Goodson
Welland Bank House,
Eastgate
Deeping St James
Extensions to Dwelling
Approved

17/06 To consider financial matters:

1. To approve accounts for payment.

It was proposed by Cllr Shinkins, seconded by Cllr Auger and carried that the Accounts be paid, and the list is attached at **Appendix 5**

2. To receive the accounts for the financial year ending 31.03 06.

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Pelling and carried that the Accounts be received.

3. To receive and approve the accounts of the Hall Meadow Estate Charity for the financial year ending 31.03.06

The Accounts for the Hall Meadow Estate were received and Cllr Blessett duly signed them.

4. To approve funding for planings for allotments.

It was proposed by Cllr Fisk, seconded by Cllr Stevens and agreed that planings be provided by Bullimoors who had given the best quote. Cllr Fisk would confirm arrangements with contractors and this was referred to the next meeting.

5. To approve funding for litter bins

Cllr Blessett gave an overview of the various companies providing bins and it was then proposed by Cllr Blessett, seconded by Cllr Shinkins and carried that they be purchased from George Steel. This included a bin for the area at Low Locks.

18/06 To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:

1. To confirm the dates and arrangements for the Annual Footpath Walks. (Cllr Fisk).

The dates were agreed as 7pm on 4th, 12th, and 20th June. A different pub would be visited after each walk, and Cllr Fisk would confirm the arrangements.

2. To consider the sale of the water bowsers. (Cllr Fisk).

Cllr Fisk agreed to arrange for an advert to appear in our Newsletter and the Deepings Advertiser to seal the water bowsers by Closed Tender.

3. To consider pest control at the allotments. (Cllr Fisk).

Cllr Fisk had been approached regarding the Council's view on pigeons being shot at the allotment. It was unanimously agreed that this would not be allowed.

4. To discuss attendance at the Rose and Sweet Pea Show. (Cllr Stevens).

Cllr Stevens suggested that the show was a good idea to be able to meet the public and Cllrs Blessett, Helyer, Stevens, Warrick and Lindsfors-Windsor agreed to be available on a rota during the afternoon. Cllr Stevens agreed to organise.

5. To agree the costs for cutting the cemetery hedge. (Cllr Auger).

Cllr Auger had consulted with SKDC who had agreed to lower the height of the cemetery hedge for a cost of £150.00, and charge £50.00 per cut. This was referred to the Cemetery Committee.

6. To consider items for the June Newsletter. (Cllr Stevens).

Housing Solutions-Churchfield Close – Cllr Blessett
Parish Paths Walks and sale of water bowsers – Cllr Fisk
Leisure Centre – Cllr Pelling
Annual Meeting of the Electorate – Parish Clerk
Skate Park – Cllr Shinkins

19/06 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

Dates of forthcoming meetings:

None

20/06 Date of next forthcoming meetings:

General Purposes and Finance Committee – 8th June 2006 7pm Clerks Office

Planning Committee – 22nd June 2006 7pm Meeting Room

Council – 22th June 2006 7.30 Meeting Room

The meeting ended at 21.58 hours.

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett
Chairman

22nd June 2006