

**DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**27<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 7.30pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllrs: Auger, Barber, Blessett (Chairman), Chambers, Dilks, Fisk, Lincoln, Lindfors-Windsor, Pelling,(Vice Chairman) Shinkins, Thomas, Warwick, Wallis and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka. (Cllrs Lincoln and Fisk apologised for arriving a few minutes late. Cllr Shinkins left the meeting at 9pm due to a work commitment.)

**Open Forum**

One member of the press attended and the newly appointed Deepings Town Centre Manager Sarah Walker who gave a short overview of her findings and forthcoming objectives which were positively received. (Sarah can be contacted on 07920-744037 or email: sarahwalker.deepings@googlemail.com)

**35/06 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from PCSO Chris Clarke and Cllr Stevens (work commitment)  
Councillor Helyer did not attend.

**36/06 To consider committee membership (Cllr Wallis).**

Cllr Wallis confirmed his membership of the Cemetery and Transport Committees.

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**37/06 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**

Cllr Pelling Item 12.1 Personal  
Cllr Chambers Item 12.1 Personal  
Cllr Auger Item 8.5 Personal

**38/06 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006.**

Cllr Chambers asked for S/0 9. to be noted regarding the recording of votes with reference to Min 31.06. Cllr Chambers also requested that some thought be given to how Agenda Items could be included when meetings are called early. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Standing Orders should match the practise and this would be taken into consideration when the Standing Orders are reviewed in May 2007. It was then proposed by Cllr Shinkins, seconded by Cllr Thomas and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, and the Chairman duly signed them.

**39/06 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**

LCC has confirmed that Church Walk is due to be resurfaced in September. The Clerk to the United Charities Trustees has moved into the adjacent office, and a rent refund was being organised. Arrangements have been made for Howsafe to meet with the maintenance operative regarding the PEE requirements. All the necessary transfers regarding the Hall Meadows Estate were now complete. The Clerk had advised the DCLG and LCC that Borrowing Approval was no longer required. The Register of Interest for Cllr Wallis has been forwarded to the Monitoring Officer. Training has been booked for Cllrs Blessett and Pelling.

**40/06 To receive the Clerk's Report  
Recycling (Min021/06)**

The Clerk reported that contact had been made with County Cllr Lewis Strange who was the Portfolio Holder for waste, regarding Prentice Brothers and the approach from MD. Cllr Strange confirmed that he was not happy with the Deepings situation. He has already met with Mr Prentice, and discussed the necessary compliance to H&S and Public Liability requirements. His officers were currently arranging a meeting with Mr Prentice which he hoped to have during the first week of September with Cllrs Dilks, Robinson and a Senior Officer for further discussion to see what can be done.

**Finance**

The VAT return for March-June has been submitted. The Accounts have been entered onto an

excel spreadsheet and formatting is ongoing. The bank signatories and authority is now established and confirmed.

#### **Cemetery**

Cllr Blessett and the Clerk had met with a representative from the Probation Service at the old cemetery for a site visit. The Service is happy to provide six community workers and a supervisor to help with an ongoing project to remove weeds, cut back growth from grave beds, dig out nettle beds, and level and re turf areas. They will also remove the soil heap and re seat the stone path edges. The use of the facilities at the Priory Church Hall has been agreed at no charge. Refreshments need to be provided by the Council. It was proposed by Cllr Dilks, seconded by Cllr Fisk and unanimously carried that the contract be signed to enable to proposed project to go ahead.

Enquiries this month have included fly tipping, grass cutting, the introduction of the new wheeley bins, and loose chippings on Hereward Way, ponding, emptying of dog bins, building works, overhanging trees, allotment vacancies, and the Church field development.

SKDC have confirmed that the grant received for village maintenance is for "any additional work" needed to keep the village tidy. The see-saw has been reinstated in the playground adjacent to the cemetery.

#### **41/06 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting:**

**1. Letter from SKDC regarding the availability of the Anglian Water Services Quality Report for 2005.**

A copy of the report had since been received from Anglian Water.

**2. Invitation from Age Concern to their AGM 11.07.06.**

Apologies sent. Cllr Lincoln agreed to be the Council representative for Age Concern.

**3. Invitation to attend a Housing Stock Road show on 24-25 July.**

Received too late to publicise.

**4. LCC letter regarding Free Trees for Parishes.**

It was proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Shinkins and carried that 5 large trees be ordered for planting at Woody Heights. Cllr Fisk volunteered to order, collect and plant the trees.

**5. Copy of Adopted Lincolnshire Waste Plan 2006.**

Cllr Dilks reported that the report designated suitable sites for the future and confirmed that two possible sites had been removed from the Deepings that were unsuitable, and the existing recycling centre had been retained.

**6. Letter from Royal British Legion requesting awareness of their Grants.**

The Clerk will prepare an article for the forthcoming September Newsletter.

**7. Letter from the Allotment Association**

This had now been received, and was referred for further discussion with the Allotment Committee Report.

#### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**8. Letter from Adlers regarding unsuccessful bid. (circulated)**

**9. Facing The Future, notification of SLCC Conference.**

**10. Thank you letter from BBC re filming at The Cross.**

**11. Confirmation letter from Adlers regarding receipt of tender.**

**12. Letters from service providers regarding Spalding Road Bus Shelter:**

- a) Lincolnshire County Council consent.
- b) Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board.
- c) Central Networks (electricity).
- d) Openreach (BT).
- e) Anglian Water

#### **42/06 To consider planning related issues:**

Cllr Auger declared an interest and left the room.

- 1. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein.**
- 2. To report back on planning matters from the last Council meeting.**

Councillors had requested that more information should be sought regarding two planning applications SKDC had approved recently.

Cllr Blessett reported that the applicant at 31 Pawlett Close seeking to turn a piece of open land adjacent to his property into a residential garden was in negotiation with the legal department at SKDC, with a view to purchase it. This proposed purchase would be advertised in the local press. Cllr Lincoln proposed, seconded by Cllr Pelling and carried that a strongly worded letter expressing the council's disapproval of this action should be sent to both the Planning and Legal departments, copied to the leader of the council. The estate had been

designed to include significant areas of open green space, for the benefit of the public at large. Enabling residents to annex any such land for private use was short-sighted and detrimental to the interests of the community. The council's policy of selling public open space would also be investigated.

Cllr Blessett then reported on the decision of the conversion of the Day Nursery into six flats at 26-28 Church Street. Cllr Dilks declared an interest. Cllr Blessett reported that, unknown to the planning committee, there had been a similar application in 1995 which had been approved. This was then a material planning consideration. However, the planning officer did say that certain amendments had taken place in the meantime, mainly that the height of the building had been reduced. Also, no decision had yet been taken concerning the materials to be used, but he assured us that they would be in keeping with the street scene. Concerns we had about sound-proofing had also been addressed.

**3. To report on the outcome of the Appeal for Mrs Thomas held on 25.07.06.**

The Planning Inspectors report is expected in 4-6 weeks.

**4. To discuss Planning issues with SKDC. (Cllrs Blessett & Lincoln)**

After a lengthy discussion regarding planning decisions, Cllr Blessett agreed to include more detail when reporting on SKDC planning decisions.

**5. To discuss and agree the Councils recommendations on the SKDC Local Development Framework.**

Cllr Pelling gave a full report on the recommendations from the Planning Committee on the SKDC Local Development Framework. It was proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Blessett and carried that the recommendations are accepted and that Cllr Pelling would respond on behalf of the Council.

**43/06 To consider financial matters:**

**1. To approve accounts for payment.**

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**2. To consider the bids for the sale of the Water Browsers.**

Appendix 4

This was discussed with the Allotment report, and bids are attached at Appendix 4.

**3. To consider the cost of purchasing a shredder for shredding and recycling green waste collected by the maintenance operative.**

Cllr Thomas agreed to look at the specification and costs.

**4. To consider the costs of the groundwork bids at the allotments.**

This was discussed with the Allotment report, and costs are attached at Appendix 5.

Appendix 5

**44/06 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:**

**1. To receive the report and recommendations from Cllr Auger from the Cemetery Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

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It was agreed by nine votes in favour and 3 against that the cost of levelling the burial plots be recovered by increasing the burial fee to £65.00 with immediate effect.

**2. To receive the report and recommendations from Cllr Warrick from the Transport Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

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It was proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Chambers and carried that the recommendations be accepted and that the report be adopted.

**3. To receive a report and recommendations from Cllr Fisk from the Allotment Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006.**

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A letter from the Allotments Association chairman suggesting that the initial notification to plot holders regarding their unkempt plots should come from the Association was accepted. It was Proposed by Cllr Fisk, seconded by Cllr Blessett and agreed that a Dip Tank be purchased for £70.00. It was requested by Cllr Chambers and agreed that a soil analysis be taken on the Council Plot prior to letting. It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Blessett and carried that the recommendations be accepted and that the report be adopted.

**4. To receive a report from Cllr Pelling regarding the Deepings Arts Festival event on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2006.**

Cllr Pelling reported that the Arts Festival was an excellent event, a great success and that we should continue to support it.

**5. To receive a report on the Rose and Sweet Pea Show 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006 (Cllr Lindsfors-Windsor).**

Cllr Lindsfors-Windsor reported that the show had been very busy and some interesting questions were asked. Cllr Lindsfors-Windsor volunteered to man the stand again next year.

**6. To receive a report from the Manor Court Working Party (Cllrs Pelling, Shinkins, Stevens, and Helyer)**

**At this point, it was proposed by Cllr Blessett, seconded by Cllr Pelling and carried that Standing Order 1d be implemented to extend the duration of the meeting to 10.10 to conclude business. This was agreed.**

Cllr Pelling gave a report on how the site could be enhanced at low cost and confirmed that he had been unable to meet with other members of the working party. Cllrs Warrick, Dilks and Lindsfors-Windsor agreed to join the working party to consider a redesign for the area. Cllrs Pelling and Auger to discuss CCTV and trees.

**7. To receive an update on Deepings Leisure Centre since the last meeting. (Cllr Lincoln).**

Cllr Lincoln agreed to defer this to the next meeting. Cllr Auger confirmed that the cafeteria carpet had now been replaced. Cllr Pelling confirmed that he would be attending the meeting on 28.07.06.

**8. To receive Feedback on the Annual Parish Walks. (Cllr Fisk)**

Cllr Fisk confirmed the success of the walks and the social occasion and reported that footpaths 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,13, and 909 were in good condition. The Chairman thanked Cllr Fisk for organising a very enjoyable event.

**9. To consider contacting Langtoft regarding recycling issues (Cllr Pelling)**

It was proposed by Cllr Dilks, seconded by Cllr Lincoln and carried that a formal approach be made to Langtoft Parish Council for their support and partnership with the recycling issue.

**45/06 To consider the Venezuelan Ambassador's forthcoming visit (Cllr Lincoln).**

It was agreed that Cllr Lincoln would host the forthcoming visit and the date was still to be confirmed.

**46/06 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.**

The Chairman reported that Bridge Street would be closed on the 13<sup>th</sup> August for the Annual Raft Race, and that Deeping St James Level Crossing would also be closed for emergency repairs over 31<sup>st</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Cllr Barber commented that the land at The Mere had been sold and it was hoped that the developer could help the Rugby Club with their relocation.

**Dates of forthcoming meetings:**

**Planning Committee – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2006 7pm in the Clerks Office  
Council Meeting – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006 7.30 in the Meeting Room**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett  
31<sup>st</sup> August 2006