

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
26th OCTOBER 2006 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Auger, Barber, Blessett (Chairman), Chambers, Lindfors-Windsor, Pelling (Vice Chairman) Stevens, Thomas, Wallis, Warrick, and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka.

Open Forum

PC Capp gave an update on the ongoing problems at the Thackers Way shops and briefed the Council on the recommendations in the Crime Prevention Officers report. The erection of goal posts on the open space away from the shops was supported. Arrangements for 31.10.06 had been organised with 10 officers on duty in the area.

66/06 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fisk and Lincoln (holiday) Shinkins, Dilks, and Helyer (work), and duly accepted by the Council.

67/06 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr Pelling 8.2/107 personal interest
Cllr Auger Item 7 Planning and Item 5 Manor Court enhancement
Cllr Chambers Item 9.1 Allotments personal
Cllr Warrick Item 8.3 Personal

68/06 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th September 2006.

It was then proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Thomas and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, and the Chairman duly signed them.

69/06 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

This was covered in the Clerk's Report.

70/06 To receive the Clerk's Report.

Cemetery

Two more Companies have been approached regarding the maintenance contract for the old cemetery, and so far no quote had been received. Church Walk should be resurfaced shortly. The Community Team are continuing to work and are currently removing vegetation from head stones. They have commented that the public are very friendly, and they have been thanked for what they are doing for the community. We have had two burials this month, and another Plot reservation has been issued.

Playing Fields

Huddlestone Landscapes have started work on the path, and are due to add another 6 tons of limestone to 'camber' the path to prevent it ponding shortly. The gravel 'drains' will then be spread along the sides. The edges of the bunds have been reduced satisfactory, and will be seeded. The vegetation on the rest of the bunds is well established. Contact has been made with contractors regarding a quote for the kissing gate, and the removal of a tree stump and extension of hard standing.

Finance

The Accounts have been approved and the end of audit notice displayed. The books have now been closed for the last financial year. The Estimates have taken up a large amount of time this month. Attended seminar given by Information Commissioner in Scopwick. The quarterly VAT return and the Inland Revenue returns have been done. The valuation officer has been in touch to review the business rate on the new office arrangements, and will be visiting shortly.

Allotments

Continued with ongoing correspondence and communication with AA, currently 21/2 vacant plots. Met with environment officer on site. Issues ongoing.

Community feedback

Fly tipping on Thacker's Way open space, youths lighting fires and interfering with the playground equipment. Bins overflowing. Maintenance operative asked not to drive on the open space. Have made contact with SKDC Anti Social Behaviour Team and discussed our joint interest and actions and am still waiting for the contact of the Land Lord at the Thacker's Way shops to enable communication. An abandoned car was reported. Contact has been made with PCC regarding the ongoing DSJ bridge maintenance. The utility record permissions in the locality of the bridge have now been returned. Funds have been identified for the project. Permission has been given from the PCC conservation officer for the project to go ahead, and consultation with the conservation officer from SKDC for his permission is being agreed. Please be assured this scheme has not

been forgotten just prioritised The Parish Council will be consulted about the proposals when permission is granted. Implementation of the scheme should be complete by Christmas 06. A site meeting has taken place at Manor Court with representatives from SKDC who are now costing the project on our behalf. It was confirmed that there is no funding available, but SKDC may be able to provide trees.

- 71/06 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting:** Enc 1
This is attached at Appendix 1 to this document.
- 72/06 To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 19th October 2006 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:** Enc 2
It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Pelling and carried that enquiries are made regarding the purchase of the open space between houses 19 & 21 in Allen Close, and to confirm the Policy of SKDC on this matter. It was then proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Pelling and carried that the report be accepted.
The report is attached at Appendix 2 to this document.
To consider planning applications received since:
SO6/1384/25 Mr G Button 59, Broadgate Lane, widening of existing and formation of new vehicular access.
Approval was recommended.
- 73/06 To consider financial matters:**
To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2006 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein. Enc 3
The Estimate of £65,655 was agreed by the Council and it was then proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Pelling and carried that the report be adopted.
The report is attached at Appendix 3 to this document.
- 1. To approve the cost of material for the skate park.** Enc 4
Included in item 2.
 - 2. To approve accounts for payment.** It was then proposed by Cllr, Auger seconded by Cllr Chambers and carried that the accounts be paid. This is attached to Appendix 4 to this document.
 - 3. To consider the use of the Council Photo Copier by United Charities at 5p per copy.**
Cllr Warrick declared an interest. It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Warrick and carried that this be accepted.
- 74/06 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:**
- 1. To receive the report and recommendations from Cllr Thomas from the Allotments Committee held on 12th October 2006.** Enc 5
Cllr Chambers declared an interest. It was then proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Stevens and carried that the Council supported the Allotment Association's enquiry regarding erecting a greenhouse for use by all tenants on Plot 32 and this was referred to a future meeting when the size of the greenhouse is confirmed. It was proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and carried by 7 votes in favour and one against, that a budget of £1000 be considered for the next financial year. It was then proposed by Cllr Barber, seconded by Cllr Thomas and carried that all other recommendations be accepted.
 - 2. To receive the report and recommendations from The Clerk from the Playing Fields Committee held on 12th October 2006.** Enc 6
Concerns were expressed regarding the continuing need for CCTV and it was agreed to review this. The Clerk agreed to consider possible grants and would also approach the Crime and Disorder Partnership. Copies of the REKK youth shelter brochure are to be circulated to all members. It was then proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Stevens and carried that the recommendations be adopted.
 - 3. To receive feedback from Cllr Dilks regarding the meeting on 18.10.06 about ongoing Recycling issues.**
The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had taken place and circulated the comments provided by Cllr Dilks who was asked to give a report at the next meeting.
 - 4. To receive feedback from Cllr Chambers regarding the production of the new Parish Footpaths Map.**
Ideas for distribution and promotion were discussed and Cllr Chambers confirmed that the majority of funding would come from LCC and agreed to consider the front cover and distribution by the next meeting. It was agreed to invite Market Deeping and Deepings Hertiage to support the project.
 - 5. To receive feedback from Cllr Chambers regarding the consultation draft Lincolnshire Rights of Way improvement Plan.**
No further comments were necessary.
 - 6. To receive feedback from the Police and Community Forum held on 03.10.06. (Cllr Wallis).**

Cllr Wallis discussed the main elements of the meeting, Road Safety and Temporary Signage. It was suggested that we look at the Road Safety Partnership website to see if we could link it to our own.

7. To receive feedback from the LALC Chairmanship Training held on 17.10.06 (Cllrs Blessett and Pelling).

Cllr Pelling advised members that it was acceptable to receive Agendas by email and Councillors who were happy to receive them in this way should email the Clerk confirming this. Suggestions were made to reduce the amount of time spend on correspondence. It was agreed to look at Matters Arising and the Clerks Report at the next review of the Standing Orders in May 2007.

8. To receive feedback on the Freedom of Information Seminar held on 19.10.06 (Parish Clerk).

The Clerk attended a three hour presentation on the Publication Scheme given by a representative from the Information Commissioner's Office. This was very opportune as our own scheme is due for review and will be an Agenda Item for the next F&GP meeting in December when a few minor amendments will be discussed by the committee.

9. To discuss the requirement for temporary speed signs at Broadgate Lane. (Cllr Wallis)

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Chambers and carried that investigations be made into the cost of having temporary signs installed in Broadgate Lane as they can generate data and this will confirm if there is an ongoing problem.

75/06 To receive the proposed meeting schedule for 2007.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Barber and carried by seven votes to one that the proposed dates be accepted.

Enc 5

76/06 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

Dates of forthcoming meetings:

Cemetery Committee – Thursday 16th November 2006 at 6.30 in the Clerks Office

Transport Committee – Thursday 16th November 2006 at 7.00pm in the Clerks Office

Planning Committee – Thursday 23rd November 2006 7pm in the Clerks Office

Council Meeting – Thursday 30th November 2006 7.30 in the Meeting Room

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.15pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett

30th November 2006