

**DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2007 at 7.30pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllrs: Barber, Blessett (Chairman), Chambers, Dilks, Fisk, Helyer, Pelling, Shinkins, Stevens, Wallis and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka.

**Open Forum**

A local resident addressed the Council on behalf of some of the residents of Cartmel Court which was adjacent to the proposed planning application for flats in Bridge Street. Disappointment was expressed regarding the Parish Council's recommendations for the proposed location of the flats on the outline planning application. It was agreed that the resident would be notified when the full application was received and be invited to attend the meeting to enable further discussion.

PCSO Wright thanked the Parish Council for their support in providing CCTV at Thacker's Way. It was confirmed that the Police also supported the proposed Youth Shelter, and the Council confirmed that they would be further investigations prior to consultation with the Police.

**105/07 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lindfors-Windsor (Meeting), Warrick (family commitment) Lincoln (family bereavement), Thomas (illness), and Auger (work).

**106/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**

None

**107/07 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2007.**

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

**108/07 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**

Great sadness was expressed regarding recent deaths in the village, and condolences were offered to local families. It was proposed by Cllr Dilks and seconded by Cllr Shinkins that the Parish Council writes officially to offer their sympathies. Concerns were expressed regarding setting a precedent for the future and the possibility of causing further upset by omitting to write to another local family. It was therefore put to the vote by a show of hands. Four were in favour, four against, with one abstention. The Chairman Cllr Jim Blessett, in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch 12 paragraph 39 (2) then made the casting vote and was not in favour of the proposal.

THE PROPOSAL WAS NOT CARRIED.

**109/07 To receive the Clerk's Report.**

**Allotments**

There has been a further break in at the Allotments. A new Allotment Association Committee has been formed. Alex Chambers is the Chairman, Jon Cox is the Treasurer, and Hillary Gentle is the Secretary. A list of Plot Holders has been sent to the Allotment Association and the PCSO as requested omitting tenants who did not sign the data protection clause.

**Cemetery**

We have had two funerals since the last meeting, and two further reservations where Grants of Burial Rights have been issued. The Community Team attendance was cancelled due to the supervisor's annual leave. The removal of the playground foundations at the cemetery has not proceeded due to the costs involved. I have therefore obtained a quotation from a local builder for a fifth of the price in order to move things on as we only have one burial space left in the second row. Further discussion is currently taking place with SKDC.

**Playing Fields**

The tree stump has been removed and the kissing gate will be installed shortly prior to the hard standing. The gate and posts through to the rugby field have been damaged and have now been removed by SKDC. Cllr Fisk and a working party have planted five trees in the park area.

**Finance**

The fireproof safe has been delivered, and the old minute books and cemetery records are now safely stored in it. The precept notification has been returned.

## Community

The bin at low locks was reported as overflowing and the maintenance operative has been emptying it subject to confirmation from SKDC. Our Area Engineer is still working in Stamford.

**The Clerk was asked to contact SKDC to ensure the bins are emptied regularly.**

PCC has confirmed that the bollards will now be installed before the end of March. A meeting was held with Mick Start regarding the Alcohol Criminal and Justice Act 2001 to clarify the areas. This is a separate agenda item. Cllr Warwick called in to introduce the Bishop of Grantham. A site meeting was held with Cllr Blessett and a CCTV provider. The Play Scheme meeting was postponed due to illness. In Cllr Lincoln's absence, the Clerk confirmed that Play Schemes would go ahead at both schools this year and that Cllr Lincoln had also found a suitably qualified NVQ3 leader. This would be referred to the next meeting.

**110/07 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.

**111/07 To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:**

A meeting had not been held as no applications had been received.

### 1. To consider planning applications received since:

SO6/1593/25	Mr & Mrs Day 33 Broadgate Lane Deeping St James	Erection of Bungalow (outline) Amended Plan <b>APPROVAL RECOMMENDED</b>
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### 2. To report on the outcome of Previous Planning Applications:

SO6/1445/25	127, Eastgate Deeping St James	REFUSED <b>PC APPROVED</b>
SO6/1455/25	51, Fraser Close Deeping St James	PERMISSION GRANTED <b>PC APPROVED</b>
SO6/0929/25	18, Church Street Deeping St James	PERMISSION GRANTED <b>PC APPROVED</b>
SO6/1128/25	Former concrete works Spalding Road	PERMISSION GRANTED <b>PC APPROVED</b>
SO6/1500/25	7, Linchfield Road Deeping St James	PERMISSION GRANTED <b>PC APPROVED</b>
SO6/1502/25	6, Ascendale Deeping St James	PERMISSION GRANTED <b>PC APPROVED</b>
SO6/1575/25	35, Linchfield Road Deeping St James	PERMISSION GRANTED <b>PC APPROVED</b>

**112/07 To consider financial matters:**

#### 1. To approve accounts for payment.

It was proposed by Cllr Shinkins, seconded by Cllr Chambers and carried that the Accounts be paid.

Enc 2

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

**113/07 1. To receive feedback on the Marking of the Remembrance Service (Cllr Stevens).**

Credit was given to Market Deeping Town Council for an excellent event which spanned a three week period, was well organised and took place with dignity and decorum. A discussion followed regarding Deeping St James being a larger community who should have their own Remembrance Service. It was agreed that the Peace Memorial had been a joint project, and that this event was now well established in the community, and brings the whole Deepings Community together. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to make a larger contribution to the event be it financially, offering assistance in various ways, perhaps organising the afternoon tea and making it more of an occasion. The Clerk was asked to write to Market Deeping Town Council extending our congratulations and offering assistance to help with future events.

- 114/07 2. To receive feedback on the Town & Parish Councils Conference (Cllrs Barber & Warrick)**  
Cllr Barber confirmed that this had been an excellent event with good short sharp presentations and successful workshops where officers noted the comments put forward by the Parishes.
- 115/07 3. To receive feedback from Cllr Dilks regarding the meeting on 01.12.06 about recycling.**  
Cllr Dilks gave an overview of the many communications that had taken place over the last year, the meeting in October 2006, and his sincere disappointment that he had now received an email confirming that formal discussions and consultation would now take place. It was agreed that this was unacceptable, as it would probably be another year before anything else happened. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk write to Cllr Strange and the LCC Officer Richard Belfield requesting that they attend the next Parish Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 where together with a Market Deeping Town Council Member, they could be apprised of the views of the people in the Deepings community.
- 116/07 4. To discuss the supply and storage of sand bags (Cllr Dilks)**  
It was confirmed that the Environment Agency had everything in place pending a potential flood risk, except for the storage of sand bags which needed to be in Church Street near to the risk. So far, help requested for local storage had been refused. An appeal for storage was to be made in the forthcoming newsletter. It was also agreed to approach The Waterton Arms and the Methodist Church to see if they could help.
- 11707 5. To consider litter picking in the village (Cllr Fisk)**  
It was proposed by Cllr Fisk, seconded by Cllr Dilks and carried that the Parish Council purchase six litter grabbers and six pairs of protective gloves to aid the existing supervised voluntary litter pickers in the village. It was agreed that a full risk assessment would be carried out.
- 118/07 6. To receive a report from Cllr Lincoln on the forthcoming Play Scheme arrangements.**  
Referred to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007.
- 119/07 7. To receive a report from Cllr Blessett on the River Welland Flood Management.**  
Cllr Blessett gave an overview of the Scoping Report for the River Welland Catchment Area Flood Management Plan. This gave a summary of the present risk with possible future scenarios and how they propose to overcome the highlighted problems. Cllr Blessett agreed to complete and return the questionnaire and to circulate the report to other Council Members.
- 120/07 To review and confirm the Cleanaway collection arrangements at the Millennium Wood.**  
It was unanimously agreed that the existing arrangements were very successful, and that the Cleanaway bin should continue to be stored at the Millennium Wood. Councillors all agreed that the Wood was now well established and it was proposed by Cllr Shinkins and carried unanimously that the Clerk investigate the cost of a wooden finger post – “Millennium Wood” to draw people’s attention to this valuable community asset.
- 121/07 To consider Provisions for Combating the Alcohol Related Disorder Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.**  
It was agreed that the report made to The Deepings Town Centre Partnership in June 2006 still stood, and the area’s effected are Thacker’s Way shops and open space, Manor Court shops and open space, Woody Heights, Linchfield Road and the Cemetery and Churchyard areas.
- 122/07 To consider the forthcoming CCTV installation. (Cllr Blessett)**  
Cllr Blessett gave an overview of a recent site meeting with Tauratec and it was agreed by Council Members that a site demonstration be organised.
- 123/07 To appoint The Chairman to “Act as the Clerk during the Clerk’s absence to deal with any emergencies and call forthcoming meetings”.**  
It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Blessett be Acting Clerk during the Clerk’s absence.

**124/07 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.**

Cllrs Pelling and Barber would attend the Planning Workshop on 13.02.07 and the Clerk would try and secure another place.

It was confirmed that Cllrs Stevens and Lincoln would attend the Deepings Local Forum Meeting on 29.01.07.

It was confirmed that Cllrs Barber, Lindfors-Windsor and Wallis would attend the Code of Conduct Training on 29.01.07.

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Playing Fields - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 6.30pm in the Clerks Office

Allotments – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 at 7.15pm in the Clerks Office

Planning – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 at 7pm in the Clerks Office

Council – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room

The Clerk will be on Annual Leave from 06.02.07 – 23.02.07 Inclusive. The Parish Office will be closed except for meetings, and Cllr Blessett will deal with any funerals and emergencies.

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

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2007