

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1st MARCH 2007 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Blessett (Chairman), Chambers, Fisk, Helyer, Lincoln, Lindfors-Windsor, Pelling, Stevens, Thomas, Wallis, Warrick and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka.

Open Forum

Four members of the public attended together with a representative from the Press. Representation was made to the Council regarding anti-social behaviour in the Spalding/Millfield Road area. The Clerk was asked to consult with the principal authorities regarding pathway ownership and the continuing litter problem and this would be an agenda item for the next meeting. Concerns were also expressed regarding the old BP site outline planning application.

125/07 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Barber (holiday), and Auger, Dilks and Shinkins (work). Cllr Lincoln did not attend. Cllr Helyer arrived at 8.00pm. Cllr Chambers left the meeting at 8.02pm and returned at 8.06pm.

126/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr Pelling Item 8 Accounts 161
Cllr Chambers Item 10.2 Allotments

127/07 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th January 2007.

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

128/07 To receive a Radio Transmitted Digital CCTV Demonstration from Taurateg (Paul Digweed, Business Development Manager and Chris Howlett, Regional Manager - 30 minutes).

A presentation and demonstration was made as per the specification received. It was confirmed that the suggested hardware could support nine cameras. The RF option would be subject to an engineering survey at a cost of £350.00. Cllr Warrick offered the use of the Church Tower if necessary to help with the signal. The Clerk was asked to consult with SKDC and obtain a third quote. CCTV would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

129/07 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

The Clerk was asked to talk to the Community Team regarding litter picking and to consult with SKDC regarding the provision of an anti-graffiti kit. The distribution of the newsletter was discussed.

130/07 To receive the Clerk's Report.

Thanks to The Chairman for taking care of things in the Clerks absence.
The service engineer had to be called out to mend the printer. The office telephone has now been out of order for six weeks and it is hoped that the line will be repaired tomorrow. The Broadband facility was not working for a week. A complaint has been lodged with BT and negotiations are in hand. Calls are currently diverted to the Clerk's mobile telephone.

Cemetery

The Community Team have started painting the galvanised fence in the Cemetery. Thanks to Cllr Barber for purchasing the supplies.

The removal of the playground foundations at the cemetery will take place as soon as the ground is dry enough. One funeral has taken place since the last meeting.

Playing Fields

The tree stump has been removed. The kissing gate has not been Installed as the contractor has not responded to any communication. A new contractor and quote will have to be found.

The Grant Application for the Youth Shelter was submitted to LCC and the decision will be made within the next three months.

Finance

The quarterly VAT return has been submitted. The computer files have all been backed up on An external hard drive. The Meeting Room hire has been increased from £10 to £15 per

131/07 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting:

- Cllr Helyer declared an interest and left the room at 8.55pm and returned at 9.00pm
It was proposed by Cllr Fisk, seconded by Cllr Stevens and carried that the Planning Committees recommendations are supported. Enc 1
This is attached at Appendix 1 to this document.
- 132/07 To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2007 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:** Enc 2
The Minutes are attached at Appendix 2 to this document.
- 1. To consider planning applications received since:**
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- 133/07 To consider financial matters:**
- 1. To approve accounts for payment.**
It was proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Chambers and carried that the Accounts be paid. Enc 3
The Accounts are attached at Appendix 3 to this document.
- 134/07 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:**
- 1. To receive the minutes of the Playing Fields Committee held on 1st February 2007.** Enc 4
The Minutes are attached at Appendix 4 to this document.
It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Thomas and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that £2,000 be carried over from the 2007/8 budgets to cover the cost of a Youth Shelter should the Grant not be rewarded.
- 2. To receive the minutes of the Allotments Committee held on 1st February 2007.** Enc 5
Cllr Chambers declared an interest and left the room. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Fisk and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and that as requested, the tenants who had not signed the contract be issued with a Notice to Quit as advised by LALC. It was proposed by Cllr Warrick and agreed that the decision about the Greenhouse be delegated to the Allotment Committee.
The Minutes are attached at Appendix 5 to this document.
- 135/07 To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:**
- 1. To receive a report from the Code of Conduct presentation held on 29.01.07 (Cllrs Lindfors-Windsor and Wallis)**
Cllr Lindfors-Windsor was disappointed with the content of the presentation and felt that it was an opportunity for other representatives to discuss their own code of conduct problems. Cllr Wallis said that it had positively confirmed that we were not experiencing similar problems.
- 2. To receive a report from The Deepings Local Forum meeting held on 29.01.07**
A representative did not attend.
- 3. To receive a report on the SKDC changing planning regime. (Cllr Helyer and Blessett.)**
It was explained that the Planning Panel had been disbanded, and planning decisions are now being officer led. If a Councillor did not agree with the decision, they had to give their reasons in writing within a week. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to the Planning Authority to ask for clarification of the new regime.
- 4. To receive a report about the Planning Training on 13.02.07 (Cllr Pelling)**
Cllr Pelling gave an overview of the presentation which had been given by "Planning Aid" an organisation who offers free planning advice. The planning system, policy, strategic planning and material considerations were covered, and the benefits of a Parish Plan were discussed. It was confirmed that SKDC would write a Local Development Framework in the absence of a Parish Plan, and the Parish would have no input. A Parish Plan may give more weight to planning, but it can still be disregarded by the planning authority.
- 5. To report on the forthcoming Play Scheme (Cllr Lincoln)**
Cllr Lincoln was not at the meeting – referred.
- 6. To receive a Report on the Churchfield Close site visit on 14.02.07 (Cllr Blessett)**
Cllr Blessett reported on the successful visit and the Clerk was asked to write and thank those concerned. It was noted that Larkfleet Homes had expressed a desire to consult with the

Parish Council at an early stage of any future design to enable any thoughts and aspirations to be taken into account.

7. To receive a Report on the SK Play Forum meeting on 12.02.07

A representative did not attend.

136/07 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to contact Andy Alan at SKDC for an update on the Leisure Centre.

It was requested that CPSO cover and litter be agenda items for the next meeting.

It will not be necessary to hold a Planning Meeting on 8th March 2007.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Finance and General Purposes – Thursday 8th March 7pm in the Clerks Office

Planning – Thursday 22nd March 2007 at 7pm in the Clerks Office

Council – Thursday 29th March 2007 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.45pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett
29th March 2007