

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
28th June 2007 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Baxter, Blessett (Chairman), Broughton, Dilks, Lindfors-Windsor, Neal, Pelling, (Vice Chairman) Wallis, Walsham and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka.

Open Forum

The Open Forum began early as Ian Prentice, who was unwell, had attended for item 5 which had now been referred due to the flooding problems in Lincolnshire. Mr Prentice expressed various concerns about the long term failure of LCC to make a decision about the future of the recycling centre. A member of the press attended. Cllr Dilks left the meeting with Mr Prentice for three minutes.

- 22/10 To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllr Auger (work), Cllr Barber (holiday), Cllr Helyer (work), Cllr Parr (holiday), Cllr Shinkins (personal commitment), Cllr Stevens (illness). PCSO Chris Clarke (holiday)
- 23/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**
None
- 24/07 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th May 2007.**
It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Wallis and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, and the Chairman duly signed them.
- 25/07 To appoint members to committees and representatives to outside bodies.**
An updated list is attached at **Appendix 1** to this document.
- 26/07 To receive an update from Cllr Lewis Strange and Richard Belfield on the recycling issues in Deeping St James.**
Cllr Strange had asked Martin Hands from LCC to attend the meeting on his behalf due to a family commitment. However, due to the floods in Lincolnshire, this had now been referred to the next meeting on 26.07.07. The Clerk reported that Mr Hards had confirmed that a consultation had been conducted with 1000 householders in the Deepings, and the results were currently being compiled and a full report would be available in July. Cllr Dilks was disgusted with the way the Parish Council had been treated. We had not been consulted, Cllr Dilks had not been sent any reports, and we had not had a copy of the survey. Cllr Dilks confirmed that he would be talking to the Chief Executive. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the survey.
- 27/07 To receive the Clerks Report.**
Community
The Methodist Church responded to our appeal and is happy to provide a site for a container for sand.
We were invited to an inspection site meeting at the crossing by Network Rail and sent our apologies as the LCC Highways authority were happy to comment on our behalf.
Agreed the location of the Millennium Wood sign with LCC and it is now in place.
Our thanks to Manor Fisheries for donating £35 towards the cost of the Annual Parish Meeting.
Several footpaths, hedges and verges have been reported to the principal authorities as overgrown, together with overflowing bins and littered areas. Several drains have also been blocked and reported. Another complaint has been received about the fast traffic on the bend in Park Road and reported to the PCSO.
In response to our "Waste Watch" article in the newsletter, we had two residents reporting dog fouling in the Knights Close and Church Walk areas. This was reported to the SKDC Street Scene wardens who were successful in issuing a Dog Fowler Notice on each site.
A site visit with a representative from the EA took place regarding the six foot high grass along the riverbank which has now been cut back.
Spoke to Michael Walker from Persimmon regarding trees and shrubs inadvertently removed from the old concrete site. Retrospective Planning being submitted with full replanting scheme.
Cllr Baxter asked about the AMPY site, and it was confirmed that we had already received the site plans showing the retention of trees.
Broken glass was reported to SK on the cemetery playground and also a complaint about the hedge that needs cutting.
The Annual Parish Walks are now complete and despite the rain on two evenings were well

represented. Our thanks to Steve Fisk for leading them, and we are now looking for a replacement Parish Paths Officer.

The Clerk confirmed that complaints could be made direct to the principal authorities by email and copied to the Clerk or the Clerk would report any problems.

Finance & General Purposes

The office printer/copier has been replaced and my thanks to Cllr Pelling for researching and obtaining the best deal.

The Internal Audit is now complete and the Annual Return duly signed.

The quarterly return has been made to HM Revenue and Customs.

Cemetery

Permission was refused for a request for a tablet stone higher than the agreed specification and this has been referred to the next Cemetery Committee for consideration.

Grass seed has continued to be sown in section E and is growing well with all the rain.

The lowering of the graves and re-seeding is ongoing.

Obviously, with all the rain it has been difficult to keep up with the mowing with the grass growing so quickly. The Community Team are continuing to remove weeds from the graves in the old cemetery, and will continue with the painting of the fence as soon as weather allows.

There are two funerals next week.

Cllr Wallis expressed his concerns about the glass on the cemetery playground area which was being used as a "youth shelter". This had been reported to SKDC. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the PCSO.

Playing Fields

The gates into the sports field and the fence have been vandalised again and SKDC have repaired the fence and welded the gates onto the post. We still have a problem with glass on the skate park and arrangements have been made to borrow the puffy/blower from MDTC to see if it picks up small fragments of glass. We have had complaints from skate park users regarding the nuisance caused by younger children in throwing stone and glass and making the area impossible to use safely. A site meeting has been arranged with the youths at the next committee meeting on 5th July.

Transport

We are working in partnership with SKDC who have delivered 3000 of their leaflets "Cleaner Motoring" to distribute to householders as this fits into our current campaign and will avoid duplication. This initiative was sponsored by DEFRA.

28/07 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr Wallis reported back on the on the Public Consultation on the Peterborough Statement of Community Involvement Submission Document and confirmed that it was mainly a summary of the consultation. Cllr Pelling confirmed that he was unable to attend the training on 03.07.07 and would contact LALC with apologies. Cllr Pelling confirmed that SKDC had now confirmed that the proposed litter campaign would take place in the week beginning 24.09.07 and would confer with the Clerk to confirm a programme of action for the week. Cllr Dilks suggested that the campaign could be extended and developed to show a "Pride in our Community". This was referred to the July meeting for further consideration.

29/07 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 2 to this document.

30/07 To consider planning related issues:

- 1. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 31st May and 21st June 2007 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 3 to this document.**

It was agreed that all the recommendations be accepted.

- 2. To consider planning applications received since:**

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| SO7/0607/25 | Mr & Mrs R West Westside Nurseries Spalding Road Deeping St James | Extension to Garden Centre APPROVAL RECOMMENDED |
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31/07 To consider financial matters:

- 1. To approve accounts for payment as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 4 to this document.**

It was proposed by Cllr Wallis, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and carried that the accounts be paid.

- 2. To consider Grant Applications.**

Cllr Lindfors-Windsor declared an interest as a committee member.

It was proposed by Cllr Dilks, seconded by Cllr Pelling and carried that a grant of £200.00 be

allocated to the Deepings Friendship Club.

3. To report on and agree the Veolia Environmental Services Fees (formally Cleanaway).

The Clerk informed the Council that the fee per pick up had been increased significantly in April which she had queried together with an invoice for the transfer document. It was confirmed that a fee of £7.50 had been negotiated, and that this was still a good price compared to quotes received last year. The Council unanimously agreed to accept this.

4. To report and agree the annual payment to Lincolnshire Police Authority.

The Clerk confirmed that an invoice of £10,000 had been received from the Police Authority without a covering letter, and suggested that half of the grant be paid now, and the balance at the end of the financial year. This was agreed.

5. To agree the cost of a container for the storage of sand.

It was agreed that a 10cwt galvanised coal bunker be purchased for the storage of sand for sandbags.

6. To agree to transfer £97.50 allotment rent to the Hall Meadow Estate Account.

It was unanimously agreed to make the annual transfer.

32/07

To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:

1. To circulate the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th May 2007 attached at Appendix 5 to this document.

2. To receive the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 31st May 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 6 to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Baxter and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that the Internal Auditors report be accepted, that the Annual Return be signed at the July meeting, the pension proposals as recommended by LCC be accepted, and that appraisal reviews would take place in November.

3. To receive the minutes of the Transport Committee held on the 21st June 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 7 to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Baxter and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that investigations are ongoing with mobile activated traffic road signs, the necessity of cycle racks at bus stops and the proposals for a forthcoming road safety campaign. The leaflet "The Guide to Greener Motoring" had been received and would be delivered after the next newsletter.

33/07

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

1. To consider working party members for the Manor Court Enhancement. (Cllr Pelling)

It was agreed that Cllrs Blessett and Pelling would meet at Manor Court on Wednesday 4th July at 10am with community and SKDC representatives for further discussion.

2. To feedback on Code of Conduct Training (Cllrs Baxter & Broughton) Cllr Baxter gave a very full account of the presentation and disappointment was expressed that refreshments were not available and new Councillors Training (Cllrs Neal & Parr) Cllr Neal confirmed that no introductions had been made, there was no interaction or handouts. No refreshments had been available and it was a disappointing evening. and forthcoming training opportunities, representatives to be confirmed:

Councillors' Training Evening, Fosdyke, 18.07.07 7.00-9.00pm

Councillors' Training Evening, Toynton St Peter 18.09.07 7.00 – 9.00pm

Councillors' Training Evening, Woolsthorpe 25.09.07 7.00-9.00pm

Employment Seminar, Wrayby 02.10.07 7.00 – 9.00pm

Employment Seminar, Rippingale 16.10.07 7.00 – 9.00p

Finance & Risk Assessment Seminar Welbourne, 06.11.07 7.00 – 9.00pm

Burials Seminar Sudbrooke, 13.11.07 7.00 – 9.00pm

Chairmanship Training East Barkwith 20.11.07 7.00 – 9.00pm

In view of the feedback, attendance was not agreed at this time, although Cllr Wallis showed an interest in the Finance and Risk Assessment Seminar. Cllrs Baxter and Neal agreed to give feedback direct to LALC.

3. To Feedback on Working Parties (25.06.07):

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: The press left the room at this point and did not return.

a. CCTV

A report from the Working Party to be treated as A Private and Confidential Document is attached at **Appendix 8** to this report. It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Baxter and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein.

b. Footpaths

A report from the Working Party is attached at **Appendix 9** to this report. It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Blessett and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein.

34/07 To distribute the Code of Conduct Guide for Members (To be read prior to adoption at the July meeting) The Clerk distributed the Register of Interests Form and asked for it to be returned at the next meeting.

35/07 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

Concern was noted regarding the number of lorries coming over the bridge and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr Blessett drew people's attention to the excellent article in SK Today, and the Clerk was asked to write and thank Mrs Price for the editorial content.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 5th July 6.30 Allotments, Footpath & Open Spaces site meeting (Hall Meadow Road Allotments)

Thursday 2nd July 7.15 Youth & Community Committee site meeting (Woody Heights)

Thursday 19th July 7.00 Planning Committee in the Parish Office

Thursday 26th July 7.30 Council Meeting at The Institute

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett
26th July 2007