

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
26th July 2007 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

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

Open Forum

Three Lincolnshire County Council representatives attended together with one member of the public and PCSO Chris Clarke. Item 4 was therefore taken in the Open Forum Session. It was confirmed that LCC had not identified a site in The Deepings for a municipal recycling centre. Investigations found that the local commercial site did not match the current legal requirements for it to be used as a municipal site. Four other sites had been identified across the county. It was also confirmed that LCC would not provide a skip to replace the Bring to Vehicle Service that was withdrawn in December 2005, as they would be unable to provide a similar service across the parishes. It was agreed that further discussions would take place at County level. The Open Forum finished at 8.10pm and the representatives were thanked for attending and explaining the legal situation and recent consultation. They then left the meeting.

36/10 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Shinkins (work commitment due to attendance as council representative at meetings)
Cllr Helyer did not attend.

37/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr Pelling Item 10.2 & 10.7 Personal
Cllr Broughton Item 11.1 Personal
Cllr Baxter Item 11.1 Personal

38/07 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th June 2007.

Cllr Walsham confirmed that she had not been accepted as a Governor at Linchfield School as they were seeking a non-parent member. Cllr Neal agreed to put her name forward as a Parish Council representative. It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, and the Chairman duly signed them.

39/07 To receive a presentation from LCC concerning Recycling in the Deepings. (Cllr Lewis Strange, Richard Belfield and Martyn Hands)

Further discussion took place at this point regarding the latest free recycling facilities available at the Deepings Recycling Centre, including the considerably reduced price for a skip service to be made available on a Saturday Morning. The Clerk was asked to approach Market Deeping Town Council regarding sharing the cost of providing a service, and this item was referred to the next F&GP meeting.

40/07 To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke.

It was reported that the problems with parking in Bridge Street near had escalated again, and had proved difficult to police due to the limited powers of the PCSO and lack of police back up support. It was confirmed that the decision of increased powers for PCSO's was the responsibility of the Chief Constable. The Clerk was asked to mention the various parking restrictions in the next newsletter and to ask people to be more considerate. Further incidents in the Thacker's Way area were also reported. The PCSO confirmed that he had also met with the SKDC Crime Analysts and was working closely with them.

41/07 To receive the Clerks Report.

Community

The majority of enquiries this month have been about overhanging trees, shrubs and bushes onto the public highway. Any dangerous areas have been cleared. Clerk requested support to send letters to residents asking them to cut back to their boundary. Made contact with Tom Clare who is going to give us the quotes for the various options for refurbishing the village sign. Sand container has been received and will be installed shortly.

Cemetery

2 burials have taken place this month. The Community Team continue to paint the fence and have recently removed all the overgrown weeds from one of the paths ready for gravel to be delivered and laid.

Allotments Footpaths & Open Spaces

The grass at the allotment has been cut, and the potholes have been filled in.

Youth & Community

The Youth Shelter has been ordered, and delivery is expected at the end of August. Visited Whittlesey Skate Park, continued consultation with youths, investigation and submission of two applications to Sports England to their deadline of 21.07.07.

Finance

Completed all requirements for the submission of the Annual Return, and set up new monthly financial system balancing to the bank. Confirmed first three months all balanced. The new printer has broken down and an engineer has been called.

- 42/07 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**
Cllr Pelling confirmed that he would like to attend a future Finance Training session and the Clerk would make the necessary enquiries.
- 43/07 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting as per the schedule attached at Appendix 1 to this document.**

44/07 To consider planning related issues:

- 1. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 19th July and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 2 to this document.**

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens seconded by Cllr Barber and agreed with a majority vote to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that letters be sent to Mr Shipmen insisting that in compliance with the enforcement notice the foundations are also removed on the site at 72 Eastgate. It was unanimously agreed to immediately write to Persimmon regarding setting up a site meeting to clarify the retention of trees on the AMPY site, and also to write to SKDC and ask what the strongest action is that can be taken regarding the unlawful removal of trees and hedges on the old concrete site.

The Clerk was also asked to invite the arborculturalist to a future meeting for a discussion on TPO Policy.

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

SO7/0931/25

SO7/0921/25

SO7/0947/25

Mr P Crowson
12 Swallow Walk
Deeping St James

Mr & Mrs Goodlife
50 Horsegate
Deeping St James

Mr M Bessant
28 Bridge Street
Deeping St James

First floor side extension and erection of new garage
APPROVAL RECOMMENDED

Erection of Dwelling
OBJECTION RECOMMENDED due to over intensification and back land development of the site.

Single storey rear extension and alteration
APPROVAL RECOMMENDED

45/07 To consider financial matters:

1. To Approve and sign the Annual Return for Financial Year ending 31 March 2007.

The Chairman clarified that the Annual Report had already been discussed at previous F&GP meetings and was approved at the June meeting. It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Stevens and carried that the report be accepted, and the Chairman duly signalled it on behalf of the Council.

2. To approve accounts for payment as per the schedule attached at Appendix 3 to this document.

The Clerk clarified various payments, and then it was proposed by Cllr Auger and seconded by Cllr Stevens that the accounts be paid.

3. To approve the quote for £135.00 to renew the water tap and pipe in the cemetery.

Authority was approved, and the Clerk was asked to confirm that it would be protected from frost, and a percussion tap would be installed.

4. To approve the quote for £650.00 for footpath maintenance in the cemetery.

It was proposed by Cllr Dilks, seconded by Cllr Barber and carried that a membrane be laid on the path prior to the gravel and the quote was agreed and revised for expenditure of up to £1000.00

5. To approve the cutting of the cemetery hedge for £59.00.

It was unanimously agreed for the hedge to be cut by service team at a cost of £59.00.

46/07 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:

1. To receive the minutes of the Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee held on 5th July 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 4 to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Baxter and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein, and after discussion regarding further correspondence from the AA, to confirm that Community Plot 32 would be offered free of charge to the Allotment Association who would be asked to keep the plot in good order and use it for their forthcoming Allotment Show and Barbecue and as a storage area for bulk items. The Parish Council wished to retain ownership of the plot should they wish to use it as a community plot again in the future. It was also recommended that a member of the AA be asked to attend the next meeting at 6.30pm on 06.09.07 to raise any concerns which should be put in writing prior to the meeting. A ten minute slot would be allocated prior to estimates being recommended for 2008-9. Cllr Broughton had various queries which were referred to the next Allotment Committee in view of the time.

2. To receive the minutes of the Youth and Community Committee held on the 5th July 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 5 to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Parr and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained there, and to retrospectively agree to fully support the two applications to Sports England due to the deadline of 20.07.07. It was noted that quotes for the goal posts were in hand.

47/07 To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:

1. To report on the United Charities Meeting 11.07.07 (Cllrs Stevens)

Cllr Stevens gave a very comprehensive report and brought the council up to date with ongoing projects. It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling and carried that Mrs Precey be nominated as the third Parish Council representative. Cllr Auger abstained.

2. To report on the Community Support Panel meeting 16.07.07 (Cllr Wallis)

Cllr Wallis gave an overview of the recent meeting and confirmed that he had asked for a copy of the Terms of Reference. He was pleased to confirm that the channels of communication were working well, with items of concern being passed on to PC Capp. The majority of discussion had been based on anti social behaviour and road safety issues.

3. To report on the Deepings Local Forum Meeting 16.07.07 (Cllr Blessett)

Cllr Blessett reconfirmed what had been widely reported in the local press, and confirmed the attendees and proposed content for the meeting on 27.07.07. It was confirmed that the public consultation exercise starts on the 6th August and the Parish Council would obviously need to prepare a proper, fully considered response. Cllr Pelling proposed that in view of the forthcoming meeting, the Parish Council needed to reach a majority view on whether they supported the proposals to enable unity in the community. It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Broughton and **resolved** with nine votes in favour and three abstentions that "It is proposed by Deeping St James Parish Council that Market Deeping is not an appropriate location to have a gypsy and travellers site."

4. To report on the Rose & Sweet Pea Show 30.06.07 (Cllr Lindfors-Windsor)

Cllr Lindfors-Windsor gave a very positive report of the show and the opportunity to talk to the residents about Parish Council activities. It was confirmed that 25 people supported cycle racks at bus shelters in the village, although they were unsure what would be of the most benefit.

5. To Feedback on Working Parties and confirm dates for forthcoming meetings:

a. CCTV (Cllr Blessett)

Cllr Blessett confirmed that the next working party would be on 06.08.07 at 7pm in the Parish Clerk's Office at the Institute and PCSO Sue Burnett would be attending.

b. Footpaths (Cllr Pelling)

Cllr Pelling gave an overview of investigations and volunteered to experiment with the samples of anti graffiti remover. The next working party would take place on 27.08.07 at 7pm in the Clerk's Office at the Institute.

In view of the time, it was proposed by Cllr Blessett, seconded by Cllr Dilks and carried that Standing Order 1d be implemented to extend the duration of the meeting to 10.10pm to conclude business. This was agreed.

c. Manor Court Working Party – site proposal plan enclosed (Cllr Blessett)

Cllrs Auger and Lindfors-Windsor declared an interest as local residents. It was agreed that having consulted with representatives from Manor Court and the local businesses the plan was now different to the plan first envisaged and we would therefore need to consult with other local residents to enable the scheme to move forward. Cllr Blessett would be contacting members to arrange the next working party meeting.

6. To report on the Big Lottery Fund Children's Play Programme (Cllr Shinkins)

Previously discussed at 46/07.2. The Clerk would circulate the applications.

7. To discuss the concerns and actions of heavy lorries using the Deeping St James bridge. (Cllr Blessett)

The Clerk had contacted PCC and this was ongoing.

48/07 To Adopt The Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct Order 2007 and to sign the Register of Interests Form.

This item was referred to the August meeting in view of the new code specifically for Parish Councils which would now be circulated. Register of Interest Forms for the new Code was outstanding from Cllrs: Auger, Baxter, Helyer, Neal and Wallis. Please return to the Clerk by the next meeting at the latest.

49/07 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

Cllr Stevens requested that a joint committee with Market Deeping be set up, and the Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the new Town Clerk.

Cllr Pelling asked for the Litter Campaign to be an Agenda Item for the next meeting.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 9th August 2007 7.15 Cemetery Precept Committee Meeting at The Institute
Thursday 23rd August 2007 6.30 Transport Precept Committee Meeting at The Institute
Thursday 23rd August 2007 7.15 Planning Committee in the Parish Office
Thursday 30th August 2007 7.30 Council Meeting at The Institute

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 23RD AUGUST AT 6.30. PLANNING WILL NOW TAKE PLACE AT 7.15PM.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett
30th August 2007