

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
27th September 2007 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

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

Open Forum

PCSO Chris Clarke attended together with a member of the press.

- 63/07 To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllrs Barber (holiday) Auger and Stevens (work) and Walsham (personal)
Cllr Dilks arrived at 7.40pm with apologies.
- 64/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any**
Cllr Pelling 9.1 Accounts – Personal
Cllrs Baxter, Broughton and Helyar 9.2 and 10.1 Allotments - personal
- 65/07 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th August 2007.**
Cllr Baxter queried Min57/07 regarding the voting and it was noted that he had abstained. Cllr Auger, having declared an interest, also abstained. 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.
- 66/07 To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke (Five minutes.)**
It was confirmed that the PCSO is currently covering the MD area as well as DSJ, and continues to visit schools and attend local events. Arrangements for the Shop Watch initiative are going well. Problems in the last month have included another shed break-in at the allotments, and further anti-social behaviour in the Leisure Centre car park and Thacker's Way.
- 67/07 To receive the Clerks Report.**
Enquiries this month have included overgrown grass on footpaths, the low locks bin still not being emptied which will be relocated and a larger bin provided by SK on Eastgate. A signpost that has appeared by the river was confirmed as not being SKDC's. The SK Area Inspector Phil Swinton is back working in the area again. The sand for the bin has been delivered, but without the sandbags. A road traffic incident resulted in the village sign being demolished and we have not yet had a response from the insurance company. A quote for refurbishment has been received from Tom Clare. The litter bins have been requested under SK's 2 for 1 offer. Melvyn Crooks has arranged to meeting with the Planning Committee in the Spring for further discussions on tree preservation orders.

Finance

The bank and budgets are balanced to the end of August. The second half of the precept has been received together with the LCC part of the grant for the youth shelter.

Cemetery

We have had two burials this month. The new water tap and path will be installed any day. The community team continue to paint the fence and are continuing to catch up with the weeding. I have met with Anthony Hardy regarding queries about the ownership of trees. It was noted that fly tipping has taken place in the cemetery field and it is recommended that letters are sent to residents. I have a meeting planned with the arbourculturalist regarding resident's queries about the Red Cedar and Plane trees in the cemetery. I also met with the SK Borough Surveyor and Cemetery Chair regarding the Topple Testing in the Cemetery. Once the unsafe monuments have been identified a local company will be approached regarding making them safe. A full report will be presented to the next Cemetery Committee.

Allotments, Footpaths & Open Spaces

Over two thirds of the allotment renewals have now been received. Two telephone calls have been received regarding helping with the Parish Paths and this will be referred to committee. There have been several complaints and problems with rats on the allotments. To clarify, Persimmon delivered concrete chippings onto the allotment for use on the far track and this caused various problems regarding possible fly tipping.

Youth & Community

The level of vandalism and litter is still noticeable in the skate park area. The rugby field fence has been cut again, and has been reported three times to SKDC, this has not yet been repaired. Our application to the lottery fund for additional skate park equipment will be reported in January.

Transport Committee

Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and I attended a presentation on speed activated signs produced by 3M and will be recommending to the committee that the LCC signs currently being considered in Goodsey Lane will be a better option if the scheme goes ahead. The bus shelter and roofs have been cleaned.

68/07 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

Matters still outstanding included organising Finance training for Cllr Pelling, the request to PCC to improve the signage to prevent lorries using the DSJ bridge. Cllr Parr is unable to become a school governor for Linchfield due to the time commitment. Cllrs Shinkins, Baxter and Lindfors-Windsor agreed to meet for further discussion about the action plan for the DMP as the meeting had been postponed and their recommendations will be reported to the October meeting. Cllr Pelling will confirm the strap line on the slap wraps. Cllrs Helyar and Neal will attend the meeting on 28.09.07 with the MP regarding the Travellers site proposals. Cllr Shinkins clarified our decision regarding the request by Persimmon Homes to name the new road on the old concrete site after a member of staff. It was reconfirmed that the historical and geographical approach was important, and the Council therefore stand by their decision.

69/07 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 1 to this document. All the recommendations were agreed.

Enc 1

70/07 To consider planning related issues:

- To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 20th September and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein as per the attached schedule.**

A Planning Committee was not held as plans had not been received.

71/07 2. To consider planning applications received since: It was proposed by Councillor Pelling, seconded by Cllr Neal and carried unanimously that the following recommendations be made:

SO7/1156/25	Mr A Copland 13 Eastgate Deeping St James	Demolition of existing workshop & erection of garage, workshop, store & gym. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
SO7/1233/25	Lisa Kent 10 Spalding Road Deeping St James	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two new dwellings. OBJECTION RECOMMENDED due to over intensification of the site.

72/07 3. To report on the outcome of previous planning applications:

SO7/0910/25	Mr T Barnacle 2 New Row	Two storey dwelling to side of property APPROVED (pc approved)
SO7/0947/25	Mr M Bessant 28 Bridge Street	Single storey rear extension & alteration APPROVED (pc approved)
SO7/0778/25	Mr K Anderson Back Lane	Construction of agricultural building APPROVED (pc objected)
SO7/1007/25	Tony Cole 18 The Lees	Single storey extension & conservatory APPROVED (pc approved)
SO7/0985?25	Mr R Steele 36 Bryony Way	Two storey rear extension to dwelling APPROVED (pc approved)
SO7/0951/25	Mr P Crowson 12 Swallow Walk	First floor side extension & erection of garage APPROVED (pc approved)
SO7/0921/25	Mr & Mrs Goodliffe 50 Horsegate	Erection of dwelling APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS (pc objected)
SO7/0876/25 of	Lovett Properties	Erection of attached 2 storey dwelling & pair

	32 Broadgate	semi-detached 2 storey dwellings REFUSAL (pc refused)
S07/0901/25 rebuild	Mr M Goode 11 Broadgate	Single storey rear extension, demolish & garage with accommodation above REFUSAL (pc approved)
73/07	To consider financial matters:	

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

It was proposed by Cllr Shinkins, seconded by Cllr Parr and all were in favour that the accounts be paid.

2. To approve financial arrangements for emergency action for pest control at the allotments

Cllr Neal gave an overview of the problems experienced with rats at the allotments and it was suggested that the problem could be reduced if cereals were not grown. Cllr Broughton confirmed that a new product called Eradarat was being investigated by AA members as it was considered not to be dangerous to other animals. A further report and recommendations would be made at the next meeting.

3. To sign the Bank Mandate for the new signatories.

Cllr Stevens signature is outstanding on the new mandate.

4. To agree additional information required by Moore Stevens Accountants and obtain an updated approval of the revised figures.

The Chairman initialled the revised figures on the Annual Return.

5. To consider Grant Applications.

The request for funding the continuation of the computer facility at the Community Centre was discussed. It was agreed that a Library link up be investigated and to confirm if our support of this continuing facility would duplicate other local provision either planned or current. Cllr Dilks agreed to talk to the library service. Cllr Helyar agreed to talk with a local company he thought may be able to help. Confirmation was also requested regarding the current use of the equipment, and if the computers could be used for self help. It was agreed that the Council were very sympathetic to this request for financial help, and would revisit it when these queries had been clarified. They were no further applications for consideration.

Enc 2

74/07 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:

1. To receive the minutes of the Allotment, Footpaths & Open Spaces Committee held on 6th September 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 3 to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Pelling and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein, and agreed that the Allotment Association make enquiries about putting a membrane or wood chippings on Plot 32. It was also agreed not to erect "Private" signs, and for the committee to continue to make their own arrangements regarding inspections. It was agreed that the AA could provide the Clerk with an introductory letter, and that any boundary issues are taken up with the tenants. It was recommended again that we keep the existing agreement. It was also agreed to allow the AA to erect a hut on Plot 32.

It was agreed that £200 be spent on bulbs for the Millennium Wood.

It was recommended that £1700 be considered at the finance meeting when discussing estimates for 2007/8.

It was confirmed that the concrete chippings would be crunched down and used for further roadways on site.

Enc 3

2. To receive the minutes of the Youth & Community Committee held on the 6th September 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 4 to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Pelling and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein, and that £1166.87 be paid towards the Play Scheme. It was agreed to seek funding for the multi activity ball park through WREN, and that further considerations are made regarding employing a contractor for the maintenance of the Skate Park. It was agreed that together with the projected £20,000 for CCTV, £3000 be considered for maintenance together with funds for the future play scheme yet to be confirmed.

Enc 4

75/07 To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:

1. To report back on the AMPY site meeting (Cllr Blessett)

Cllr Blessett reported that it had been a very positive site meeting. It was agreed that LCC are approached regarding moving the 30mph sign back to the Hards Lane junction. Sycamore trees will now be planted on the public open space. It was confirmed that a valuable lesson had been learnt with the problems on the concrete site, and that Persimmon had been bypassed in the communication loop. Reassurances were given regarding better

communication with the AMPY site to avoid any future problems. Mr Crooks will be coming back to us with tree survey information. The Clerk was asked to clarify what sanctions can be given to companies who remove trees without permission. On the old concrete site, native trees will be reinstated with the hedges.

2. To report back on the Friendship Club for the Disabled and Age Concern meetings. (Cllr Lindfors-Windsor)

Cllr Lindfors-Windsor gave an overview of the meetings she had recently attended. It was agreed to ask the Friendship Club if they would like to promote their club in the next newsletter to increase membership.

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

a. CCTV (Cllr Blessett)

It was proposed by Cllr Blessett, seconded by Cllr Pelling and carried that under Standing Order 22d, the order of business be changed to allow item 11.3a to be discussed in closed session. A Private and Confidential report is attached at Appendix 5 to this report.

Enc 5

b. Footpaths (Cllr Pelling) This item was ongoing.

4. To give an overview of the "Pride in Our Community" Campaign.

The Campaign was discussed and a running order of the event is attached at Appendix 6 to this report.

Enc 6

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

It was reported that the Hards Lane Road sign opposite the Industrial Unit had been uprooted and was sitting on top of the grass verge.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday 30th September 2007 Youth Shelter Grant Presentation 10.15am at the Skate Park

Thursday 3rd October 2007 9.00am Youth & Community Committee in the Parish Office

Thursday 4th October 2007 7.00pm Finance Committee Meeting in the Parish Office

Thursday 18th October 2007 7.00 Planning Committee in the Parish Office

Thursday 25th October 2007 7.30 Council Meeting at The Institute

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SKDC HAVE AGREED TO ATTEND THE NOVEMBER MEETING REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE LEISURE CENTRE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett
25TH October 2007